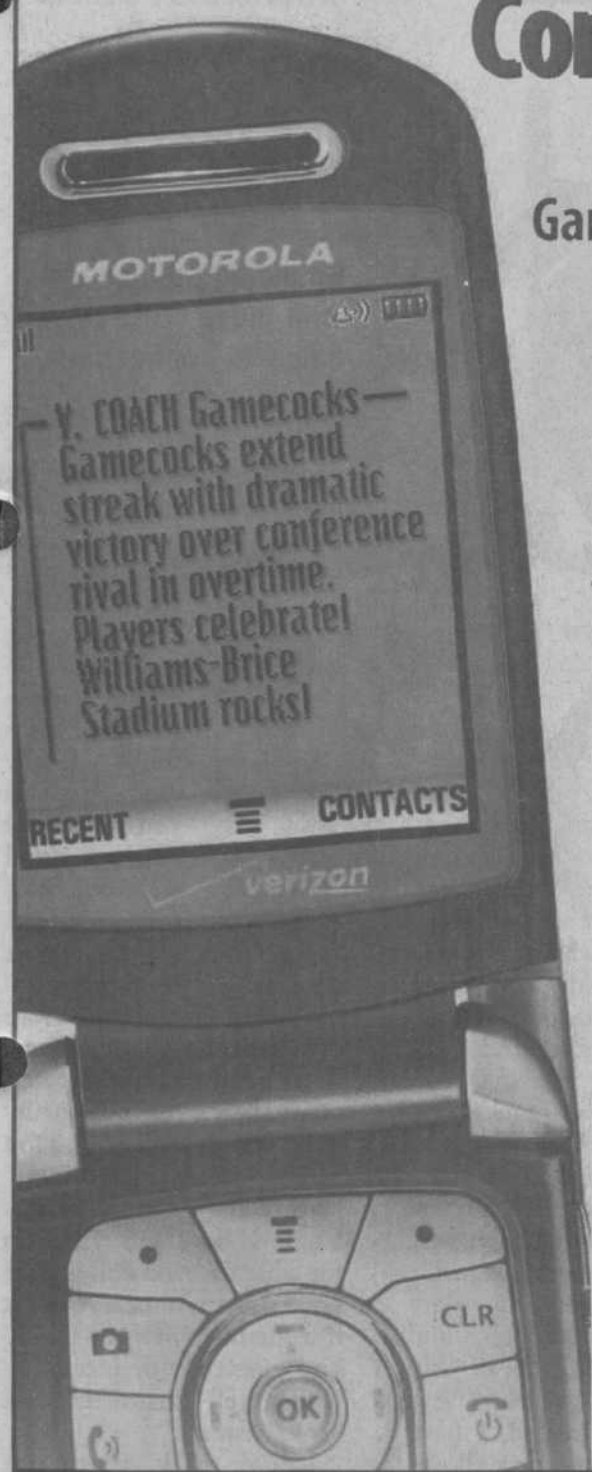


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right to give you a minimal education, I say that is a paradox, and it is unfair."

"Does anybody in this room want their child to have a minimal education?" Washington asked.

Washington doused his speech in religious rhetoric, which rang with the audience.

"God said 'Love me with all thy soul ... and love thy neighbor as thyself. God didn't say love me at a minimum level!'"

An intimate one-on-one conversation with Coretta Scott King was recalled by Washington, in which Coretta spoke of a telephone conversation between King and her husband a few days before his assassination in Memphis, Tenn.

"He said, 'I know that we've made a lot of progress in the world, Coretta ... yet still I want to do something different.' Martin really believed that at the start of the movement that if we could get some laws changes, we could change America... but in 1968, he said 'When I get back to Atlanta, I want to preach on the subject of love. That's the next level of the movement.'"

Notables attending the program responded

positively to Washington's speech, and reiterated the message of love, altruism and better education.

USC President Andrew Sorensen said it is "terribly important that we pass along to subsequent generations the enormity of (King's) gifts and the incredible inspiration of his spirit."

Sorensen also spoke of more aggressive recruiting of African-American and minority students, professors and administrators as part of USC carrying on King's legacy.

First-year law student Bakari Sellers, a member of the Black Law Students Association who presided over the program, spoke about the holiday and the program on behalf of his organization and his community.

"I think Jesse's message was very inspirational. (But) this day, this weekend, it's more than that to most of us. We need that type of message so we can press on," Sellers said.

"The first thing we need to do is continue to attain the highest level of education, and you don't need to necessarily do that in a school system," he continued.

Sellers said preparations for the program began in October, and although less

than 500 people attended the speech, the "message was powerful, and it'll become something bigger next year."

Student Government President Justin Williams, a fourth-year public relations student, said it was "up to each of us to interpret Dr. King's message." Williams tied in his presidential agenda to forwarding King's ideals.

"Because Student Government loves the students ... I believe everything we're doing — from the bus trip to Auburn, from pushing the grade forgiveness program ... — are efforts above (what's expected). Those issues are going to benefit the student body."

The university's official events for the holiday continue Friday with a breakfast at The Zone restaurant at Williams-Brice Stadium. The official kickoff for the holiday's Service Day activities will start at 9 a.m. Monday, and at 6:30 p.m. a gospel performance featuring several churches and musical groups will take place at the Koger Center.

The kickoff will begin the myriad service projects being undertaken by a variety of student organizations.

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comment because of the ongoing nature of the investigation.

Deputy Director of Field Services Major Eric Grabski said students should be conscious of their surroundings while parking.

"Students should park where it's well lit and keep valuables out of sight," Grabski said.

USCPD conducts regular patrols of all parking lots and garages.

With the new break-ins, this semester's total is well on its way to meeting or exceeding last semester's statistics. Since Jan. 4, 15 cars have been vandalized. In the fall 2005 semester, 38 auto break-ins were reported.

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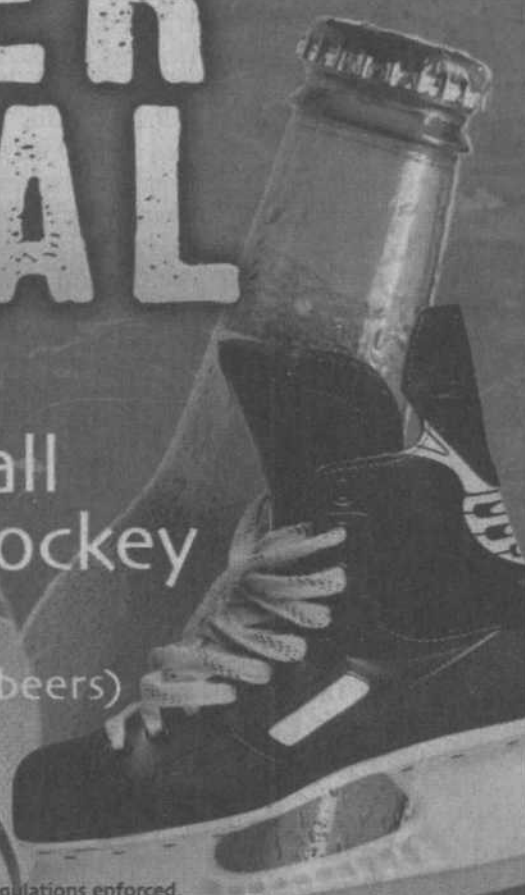
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