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CRIME REPORT

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16**  
**Lost property, 8:35 a.m.**  
 Lot D, 800 Greene St. The victim 29, said she lost her key ring.  
*Reporting officer: J.M. Simmons*

**Larceny of laptop and video projector, 5:33 p.m.**  
 BA Building, 1705 College St. The complainant, 23, said someone removed a Dell 1150 laptop computer and an Epson projector.  
*Estimated value: \$4,500*  
*Reporting officer: J. DuPre*

**Lost property, 6:15 p.m.**

Blatt P.E. Center, 1328 Wheat St. The complainant, 20, said while walking she lost her blue, LG8100 cellular phone.  
*Estimated value: \$150*  
*Reporting officer: M. Davis*

**Larceny of iPod, 7:15 p.m.**  
 Humanities Classroom Building, 1614 College St. The victim, 19, said someone by unknown means removed a white 40 GB Apple iPod, a black leather iPod case and a white pair of earphones.  
*Estimated value: \$395*  
*Reporting officer: C. Knoche*



CAROLINA BRIEF

Landscape receives 'Green Star' award

USC has earned a "Green Star" Grand Award for its landscape-management program and has been designated an Arboretum by the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta.

The Green Star program is a nationally competitive program, sponsored by Landscape management magazine and the Professional Grounds Management Society. The annual awards program brings national recognition to grounds that are maintained with a high degree of excellence and recognizes individual efforts that result in quality landscaping.

USC relies on a computerized inventory of all campus trees and geographic-information systems technology to manage existing trees and to plan for the planting of future trees and maintenance. USC has a tree-selection guide that is used by landscape architects and other grounds personnel when landscaping is planned for the campus.

Carolina's historic Horseshoe is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

THIS WEEK @ USC

**TODAY**  
 Alan Walters Senior Percussion Recital: 5:30 p.m. School of Music 206

Ronald A. Davis Tuba/Euphonium Studio Recital: 7:30 p.m. School of Music 206

**TUESDAY**  
 USC Symphony Orchestra: 7:30 p.m. Koger Center

Tracy Wright, "Student, Faculty, and Program Use of Electronic Portfolios": 2 p.m. Thomas Cooper Library 412

\* If you'd like to have your organization's meetings put on the calendar, please e-mail gamecocknews@gwm.sc.edu

HOP



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Freshman Brittney James finished first in the long jump Saturday. USC's squad posted seven regional qualifying marks — four on the women's side and three on the men's.

SHOOTING • CONTINUED FROM I

bouncers. He then went to his car, returned with a handgun and began shooting, an incident report said. More than 20 rounds were fired into the building, ceilings, windows and the crowd, McCants said.

"My heart started racing, and I dropped to the ground as soon as I heard the shots," said Joe Sneed, a second-year media arts student who witnessed the shooting. Sneed said he saw people running as if they were trying to follow a fight, and then shots rang out and "everybody dropped to the ground."

Sneed saw one man with a bloody face and two cars with broken windows once he exited the building. He said people who escaped assumed the windows had been shot out, they ran from the parking lot back towards the building.

According to a police report, bouncers at the party said that after the suspect fired the first shots, he ran outside and was joined by three people. But McCants said that they are investigating only one other gunman. She said they are "actively pursuing leads," but haven't released the suspect's name yet. He is a black male, 6 feet 2 inches

tall, about 195 pounds, and appears to be in his early 20s, she said.

A representative from Parkway Properties, Inc., the owner of the building, estimated more than \$28,000 damage to the exterior and interior windows, mirrored ceiling and other parts of the building.

All victims but White had been released from treatment as of late Sunday afternoon. No further information was available on White's condition. The other reported victims were Leyland Williams, 24, of Norcross, Ga.; Matthew Goodman, 17, of Columbia; Darrian Hodges, 19, of Columbia; and Tanyeka Jacqueline Miles, 23, of Orangeburg.

Earlier reports said the party was sponsored by a fraternity, but it was sponsored by an individual event planner. Fliers for the party said Greeks could get into "Greek Fest '06" free before 10:30 p.m. Between 120 and 150 people were at the party when the shooting happened, McCants said.

Fraternity council president Justin Runager, a second-year business student, read about the shooting Sunday and was worried that a USC fraternity was involved.

"It's a tragedy," Runager

said. "I'm just glad that hopefully we can clear the name of Greeks because it wasn't a Greek-run party and that no fraternity men or women were hurt or shot in the process of this."

Emanuel Thompson, president of Alpha Phi Alpha, said none of his fraternity's members were at the party.

Student Life Director Jerry Brewer said the party had no affiliation with USC or any of its fraternities.

"Not many of our students attended it at all," he said.

Though McCants said shootings have happened at Columbia clubs before, she wasn't sure if there had ever been a shooting with this many victims. Police were at the scene within moments of the shooting because they were in the area and heard gunshots. Parkway Properties has owned the Capitol Center for four years and often rents out the lobby of the 25-story building for parties and receptions. Hooker said nothing like this has ever happened at one of the company's buildings.

"It's the first time we've had anything serious like this," he said.

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PANEL • CONTINUED FROM I

settlement area for Latinos, with no multigenerational community," Lacy said. "That means that new immigrants cannot rely on knowledge that gets built up over time."

The pilot study Lacy is conducting follows a non-random sample of 25 women who have been in the U.S. 10 years or less. The average age of the women was 33, and on average they had received eight and half years of education, although some had no education whatsoever.

They had been in the U.S. an average of six years, and 90 percent were married or living with a male partner. All but one woman had children, and

all but one said she spoke English above a level of "very poorly".

Lacy said their research has shown them that Latina women are relying on a weaker tie network to navigate the difficulties of immigration.

"Women seem to be learning more useful information through weaker tie social networks," Lacy said. "A weaker tie network is comprised of people you would not call friends, but acquaintances. They could be another Latino met at church, or at an English class. Usually other Latinos, but it might be another Spanish speaking person. That's the key."

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ECUADOR • CONTINUED FROM I

which included Nicolas Castro, helped reform Ecuador's constitution

Workers' rights and other social programs have been a staple of Ecuadorian politics, and Veronica Castro will speak about labor laws Tuesday.

"The labor laws of my home country protect the employees more than the employer," she said.

In Ecuador, an employer must provide financial compensation to a worker laid off within a certain number of months after being hired.

"Though those laws

exist, however, it doesn't mean we aren't concerned with productivity," Castro said. "The Ecuadorian constitution believes in the well-being of its citizens."

The conference will take place in the SG Senate chambers on the third floor of the Russell House. There will be an open forum after the conference. A portion of the conference will be recorded and televised on the Ecuadorian satellite channel, Canal Uno, which is broadcast to several prominent universities.

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