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FACE OFF



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Peter Lenzo's ceramic sculpture titled "Face Jug" sits among other pieces at the 50th annual USC Student/Faculty Art Auction at McGee Auction Gallery in West Columbia Tuesday night. The event was sponsored by the Department of Art in the College of Arts and Sciences. Proceeds from the auctioned works are divided between the artists and the USC Art Scholarship and Gallery Fund.

State

School choice bill fails to pass subcommittee

An effort to give parents a state check or tax credit to send their kids to private school died in a House subcommittee Tuesday, disappointing school choice advocates.

The Educational Opportunity Scholarship Act was targeted toward low-income parents whose children attend underperforming schools. It failed despite supporters, including Gov. Mark Sanford.

Nation

Duke lacrosse players arrested in rape case

DURHAM, N.C. — Two Duke University lacrosse players were arrested on rape charges Tuesday in a scandal that has raised questions of race, class and the privileges college athletes.

Reade Seligmann, 20, of Essex Fells, N.J., and Collin Finnerty, 19, of Garden City, N.Y., were arrested in the attack of a stripper at a team party at an off-campus house on the night of March 13.

World

Bus plunges off cliff, killing 57 in Mexico

VERACRUZ, Mexico — An overcrowded bus veered off a highway emergency ramp and crashed through a metal barrier Monday, plunging more than 650 feet into a ravine. Fifty-seven people were killed, including a 13-year-old boy.

Only three people survived the plunge. Two were in critical condition and one, an 8-year-old girl, was stable, according to hospital reports.

Weather Forecast

TODAY	THU.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
High 71 Low 57	High 86 Low 62	High 84 Low 64	High 86 Low 62	High 83 Low 60

CRIME REPORT

MONDAY, APRIL 17
Suspicious activity,
10:02 p.m.

West Quad,
438 Main St.

The victim, 19, said someone used his password to sign onto AOL Instant Messenger.

Reporting officer:
T. Brewster-Gooding

Cleary act, 10:50 p.m.
2400 Block
of Devine St.

The complainant, 21, reported that five black males presented a weapon, took his wallet and demanded his PIN number.

Reporting officer:
T. Brewster-Gooding

TUESDAY, APRIL 18
Attempted

strong-armed robbery,
1:15 a.m.

Capstone,
902 Barnwell St.

The victim, 19, said someone approached him as he was exiting the building and asked him for his wallet. The victim refused and the subject punched him.

Reporting officer:
A. Mitchell

Cleary act, 2:55 a.m.
College
and Harden streets

The victim, 20, said someone approached him from behind and shoved a hard object into his back, demanding the victim's wallet.

Reporting officer:
J.M. Simmons

CAROLINA BRIEF

Engineering school appoints new dean

Michael Amiridis, chairman of the department of chemical engineering, has been selected to be the engineering dean starting July 16.

Amiridis has been a member of the faculty since 1994, and his research on nanostructured catalytic materials has received over \$10 million in funding from the National Science Foundation and the U.S. department of energy, among others.

He has received numerous accolades acknowledging his excellence in teaching, including the Excellence in Teaching Award from Mortar Board, Michael J. Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Award, Michael J. Mungo Graduate Teaching Award and the Samuel Litman Distinguished Professor Award. Amiridis has won the Mortar Board honor three times.

His research has also won acclaim, including the CAREER Award from the National Science Foundation.

Amiridis takes the reigns from Duncan Buell, who has been the interim dean since 2005.

THIS WEEK @ USC

TODAY

Society of Women Engineers meeting: 5:30 p.m., Russell House 348

Jazz Clinic with guest artist Shelly Carroll, saxophonist: 7:30 p.m., School of Music 206

THURSDAY

Senior Party 2006 — Carolina Alumni Association: 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m., East side of Williams-Brice Stadium

SATURDAY

USC Student Composers Concert: 8 p.m., School of Music 206

Want your organization's meetings to be on the calendar on Page Two?
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Police Bulletin

USCPD is seeking
your assistance.

Recently, there have been several armed robberies and attempted robberies near campus. If you have information regarding these incidents, call university police at 777-4215.

Suspects: Three black males, 18-25 years old.

Victims from two incidents said three black males approached them and produced a handgun, demanding money, keys, personal identification numbers and wallets. Both victims were struck by the suspects, who then fled on foot.

For additional safety advice and tips, contact Lt. Kenneth Adams at 777-0855 or adamskl@gwm.sc.edu. Report suspicious activities to university police at 911 or 777-4215.

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in the fall.*

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24 Hours

During Exams!
(Apr 17 – May 3, 2006)

Students, Staff, and Faculty need to
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