LETTERS

Homecoming... Scare bomb

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is in reference to your opinion writers Chuck Cromer and Terry Dugas, whose "poor planning and questionable talent" was evident in their fashionable way of giving a truthful view of homecoming 1974. (Oct. 14, Issue 14) Perhaps their falsehoods in their article that it is impossible to cover them in a concise manner. Before we will attempt to cover them in detail.

To start with, the writers stated that homecoming was barely noticeable was probably because the writers were not in attendance at any of the activities as "insignificant." Go only knowing where the estimate of 200 people at the "Night of Gold" came from, when in actuality there were over 2,000 people there.

Dugas was the only one to show his face all throughout. He was present at cockfight and attended it in a capacity as an employee of student. His view of the performance that night was from inside the dugout behind the stagen on the football field. This evidence was given to him from the sound man long before the show began. He realized he would not be able to get a correct figure, which was well in excess of 2,000 and not 2,500 as reported. So he can come round about town boys make any kind of judgment either. It is well in excess of 2,000 and not 2,500 as reported.

Dorm guards should be given a procedure to follow in the event of a bomb. It is then possible that the building should be cleared before the bomb is to go off, not after. We should be clear of the immediate area. Proper authorities should be notified. Adjacent buildings should also be cleared to protect those residents.

A bomb threat should not automatically be considered and treated as a prank.

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Column provides

hearty laugh

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to express my gratitude to Mr. Bill Outlaw, providing me with one of the heartiest laughs I have enjoyed in years. His reply to the article written by Chuck Cromer and Terry Dugas concerning the recent Homecoming activities must go down in the annals of humorous writing as a classic.

As I turned to the editorial page, searching in vain for something worthwhile to read in the Gamecock, I was immediately struck by the name of Mr. Bill Outlaw. His large bold type with the title "Comment" underscoring his name. Surely, anyone so proud of his name and title must be an intelligent fellow with something worthwhile to say; it would require a great deal of conceit to make such a show and not possess the requisite abilities to back it up.

But, alas, such proved not to be the case. It seems to be Mr. Outlaw's opinion that things would be better around Gamecock Country if only people would go back to "the day we were," concerning ourselves with the important issues of the day, such as how many people attended Cockfest and the need for greater attention to be paid to the election of a Homecoming queen.

After all, are not high school pep rallies at a university to be appreciated? Is it not a rare and sought-after commodity, known as "school spirit"? Certain sections of critics are demanding that the annual Greek and Alumni party is tantamount to treason. How dare we "seek the approval of our fans" and write such rubbish and then have the nerve to print their opinions so as to be put in Mr. Outlaw's eyesight? I hope for the sake of the freedom of the press that the Outlaw who wishes to see theAbove the line, "Mr. Outlaw's is not the name Bill Outlaw who is listed as the Editorial Page Editor. The climax of the gen-
tlemen's article was his candid admission that he was a member of a fraternity and had said that the caption was necessary. Mr. Outlaw's article has "Freddie Frist" written all over it.

Looking beyond the absurdity of Mr. Outlaw's values, the tragedy of the situation comes to the surface. A vast number of undergraduates at this institution do not possess the slightest intellectual interest. This is a party school, they will tell you, and they are proud of it. Until this attitude changes, all the buildings, professors, programs and facilities in the world will not make USC a notable institution of higher learning.

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