$100 reward offered by alarmed students

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A $100 reward is offered to any student catching someone pulling false fire alarms in Preston Hall. Dorm residents are offering the reward in an attempt to eliminate false fire warnings which have alarmed residents since last fall. Also, residents have requested University Housing to install glass coverings on the hall's alarms.

There were nine false alarms in Preston last semester and four

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might have because of his close association with the Athletic Department. "If I had gotten up there and spoken, they'd have felt that everything I said had already been put in my head," he said, "I felt it would be better to let people not connected with the Athletic Department speak."

Painter works closely with Booce in distributing the student tickets. Booce, Ray Faircloth, athletic ticket manager, and Jordan said Thursday they favored a "first come, first served" system.

Jordan said of that system, "We could do it in a half day. You could cut down on the expense of having people come in and work."

Faircloth said he was against another proposal made by students after the Notre Dame pick-up. "Some students," he said, "think the entire Coliseum's seats should go to the students and if they don't pick them up, to the public. But you can't work that way."

He gave the Gamecock Club as an example of the need for non-student tickets. "If a guy gives a full scholarship to get season tickets," Faircloth said, "You've got to give him something.

have been pulled this term. "It's no laughing matter," Paul Sandbury, dorm senator, said. "We have been awakened at 2 a.m. several times."

The reward will be paid after the witness testifies against the prankster, residents said. The accused must be prosecuted before any reward can be offered and such a reward would come from the combined dorm government funds of Woodrow and Preston halls.

Preston residents requested glass coverings for alarms after the number of false alarms in nearby Woodrow were greatly reduced when such covers were installed. "Woodrow had experienced the same problem until covers were put in at Thanksgiving but then, no more alarms have occurred there," Sid Griffin said on behalf of Preston residents.

University Housing has not responded to the requests for coverings, Griffin said. Sudhi Sohoni, area manager of Preston, told hall advisors installing covers on alarms would be too expensive, Griffin said.

Sohoni would not comment on the matter Friday and Joseph Barnes, associate director of Housing, was unavailable for comment.

George Mitchell of physical facilities in Housing, whose office installed the glass coverings in Woodrow, said, "Synthetic coverings we put over alarms in Woodrow cost about $18 each. Since we installed them in Woodrow the number of alarm pullings has been reduced but four of the coverings have been torn up. We tried covers on trial basis in Woodrow. Any move to put them in Preston could come from Mr. Barnes."

One Preston hall advisor said, "We have had so many false alarms that many residents now sleep through them."

"If we have a real fire someone may be trapped since only about 100 of the 300 students in the dorm go out on alarms any more."