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What sort of guy reads The Gamecock?

He's a real animal, one who thinks nothing of strolling around in the buff. But an intelligent type who demands to be informed, always sniffing out the news. You will never find this fellow barking up the wrong tree.

Opposition mounts to Green Street proposal

By TOM COONEY
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Working in opposition to the University's proposed Green Street plans, the Student Senate Residence Life Committee released a report last week listing six objections to the Green Street proposals.

Cited in the report were objections to the removal of Green Street parking; the proposed 20-foot wide median; the wrought-iron fence that is planned to be run down the median, and the widening of the street by 20 feet.

The committee warned that the proposed Green Street plans might be the first step toward making the street open to four lane traffic, as opposed to being the first move toward the street's closing.

RESIDENCE LIFE Committee Chairman Dave Wilsford said that after discussing the Green Street issue thoroughly in committee since the beginning of the semester, "We were getting more and more evidence of support for the opposition to the (Green Street) plan as we went along."

Wilsford also stressed a point made in the report. "While the proposals for Green Street are not desirable, there's no reason to sack the plan for Longstreet (or Sumter Street)."

Under the combined plan for Green and Sumter Streets, the east or Russell House lane of Sumter Street would be closed to traffic between Devine and Green Streets. The street's west lane would be widened approximately five feet to accommodate two-way traffic.

Asked what direction his committee will take in the next few weeks, Wilsford replied, "We have decided to wait and see what develops with the special committee formed by (Student Government Association President Steve) Hill."

The eight-member committee, composed of Senators, members of the SGA executive branch, and from the student body in general, to study the Green Street issue. Hill has said he will back whatever recommendation the committee makes, whether they approve the proposed plans, come up with alternate plans or suggest that Green Street be left the way it is now.

USC VICE President for Operations Harold Brunton will sit in on all the committee's meetings. Brunton has reportedly said that he is open to all suggestions from students with regard to the planned changes for Green Street.

The Residence Life Committee report also declared as an alternative to present plans for Green Street that, "If the City of Columbia refuses to close the street, it is hoped that . . . it will not pursue the median plan."

"In lieu of this, it is felt that other more acceptable alternatives will be developed," the report said. "One such suggestion should include not widening but narrowing the street with the addition of landscaped walks and areas on either side, rather than in the middle."



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In this type of contest, defeat is sweet

By BILLY COX
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Spencer Whetstone is not a household name, and may never be, for that matter. But for brief moment last Thursday afternoon, Spencer captured the imaginations and the thrills of about 100 awed Carolina students. He ate a chocolate pie in 41 seconds.

Whetstone took his place in history by virtue of a presentation by the University Union's Special Programs Committee. It was the Union's second Pie-Eating Contest in as many semesters and was held on the Russell House patio.

A Union spokesman indicated that the contest would be one of many short-term events to be held this year, aimed at attracting students between classes. Such features, he noted, would be easy to plan

and fun to participate in.

Scheduled for a 12:30 deadline, it first appeared that the contest would go over like the proverbial pregnant hippo in the pole vault. Under dark, threatening skies, Union officials were fruitlessly begging passersby to enter.

Time and time again they explained that the contestants could choose between either lemon or chocolate pie, that the winner would receive two hours worth of free pool-sharking in the game room and that there was no entry fee.

Most students were skeptical. When one prospective contestant was informed that pumpkin pie, his favorite, was not among the eibles, he turned away, saying that "sugar causes insomnia" and muttered scientific explanations thereof. He, and others, moved on.

As time was running out, and curious spectators were crowding in to see what would happen. Suddenly, Big Spencer Whetstone emerged from the masses to a chorus of cheers. Slowly, more got the nerve to follow.

"ANYONE ELSE?" cried the official after all but one of nine pies were manned. Jodi Petersen, a healthy-looking blonde who had been eating an ice cream cone, smiled seductively and stepped forward. After a hardy round of encouragement, the stage was set.

It did not take long. Those who had wanted to use forks and keep it neat were almost immediately out of it. The more serious students of the art went to work in down-home fashion. Handful after gooey, sticky, sloppy, slimy handful went plastered into cheeks, noses and chins. Some of it actually went down, too.

Heads and shoulders above the others, however, was Spencer. He simply bent over, dug it out, and shoved it into the bottomless pit. Non-stop. In 41 seconds.

"AS YOU can see," he said, "I've been training considerably. I haven't had any breakfast, either, so that helped a lot."

He then revealed the secret of his success--"the Pool's Mill Gouge. It's just a process of loosening the pie around the edges of the plate and slamming it into the mouth. It's easy."

For others, defeat was sweet. Petersen shrugged and remarked, "I just wish I hadn't eaten lunch. I've had experience with this before, though. I finished second in high school once."

But then, everyone finishes second to the Pool's Mill Gouge.