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## Street proposals to be reviewed in public hearing

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A public hearing will be held next week by the special Student Government Association (SGA) committee investigating the current proposals for Green, Sumter and Bull streets.

The purpose of the hearing will be to permit students to express their opinions regarding the proposed changes for Green, Sumter and Bull streets to the committee. The committee will then be able to make a student-supported recommendation to Vice President of Operations Harold Brunton of what should be done to Green, Sumter and Bull, according to committee

chairman Barry Alford.

The hearing has been set for 3 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 8. It will be held in the Russell House Theatre.

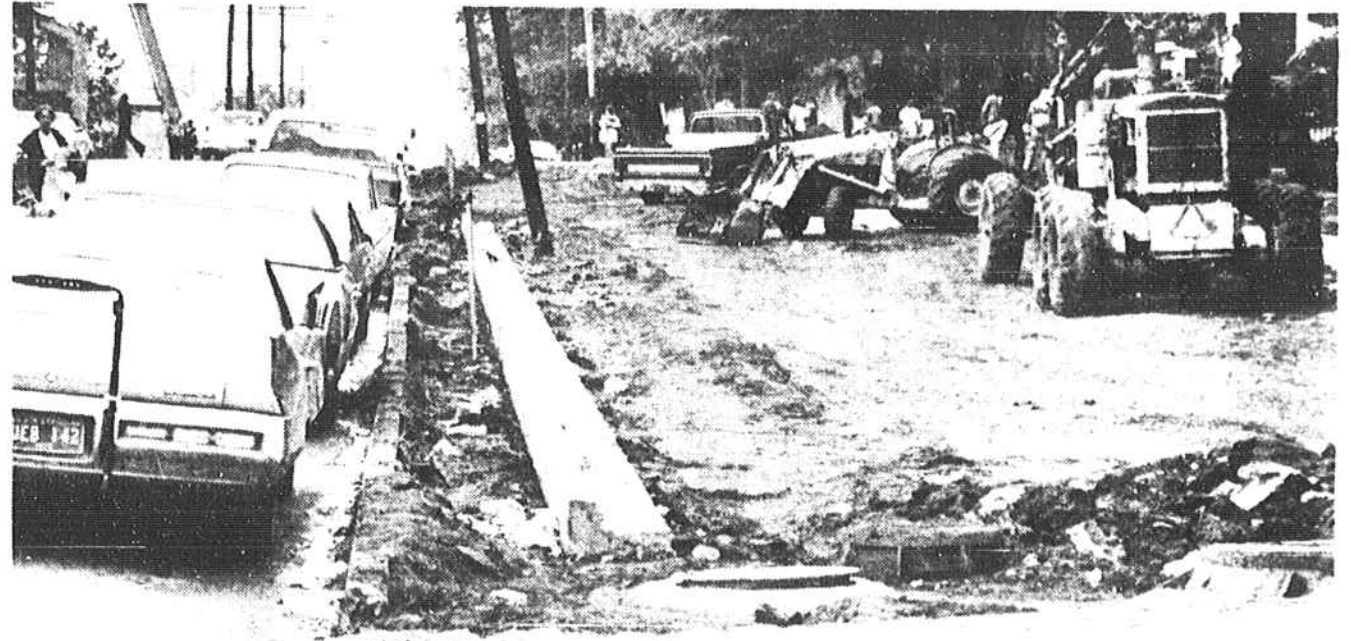
AFTER THE HEARING, the committee will do one of three things: approve the current plans, suggest alternative plans or recommend that everything be left the way it is now. Alford said the committee's recommendation will depend upon the attitude of the student body toward the proposed changes.

Alford said he hopes a large number of students turn out to express their opinions at the hearing, and hopefully they will have a good understanding of what

the proposals for the three streets involve. If they come in with a general understanding of the plans, we'll be off to a headstart, he said.

BASICALLY, with regard to Green Street, the plans call for the widening of the street by 10 feet on both sides, the construction of a 20-foot wide landscaped median down the middle of the street, and the elimination of parking on the street. Also, utility and phone lines will be placed underground should Green be widened. Even if it is not widened Brunton has suggested the lines be put under ground anyway, according to Alford. The changes

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## Sparks fly at debate on abortion

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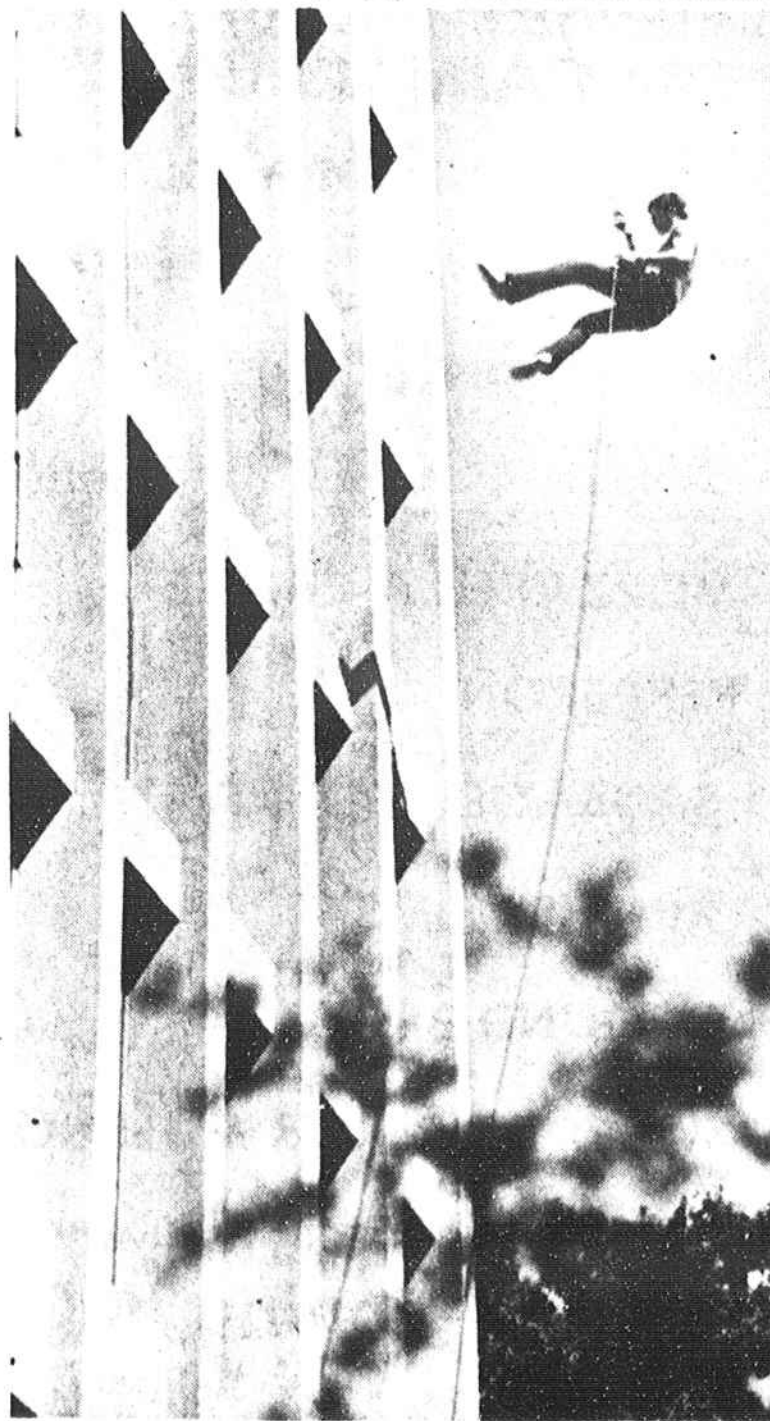
"Anyone who wishes to express an opinion is entitled to three minutes," said Kerry Northrup, moderator of the British Union Debate. "Whether or not you get to use your three minutes is entirely up to the audience."

"We would also like to remind you," he continued, "to refrain from making references to one's family." Everyone laughed good-naturedly.

BY THE time the fist-shaking, mud-slinging session was through however, this supplement to a classroom program resulted in genuine ring-around-the-collar for many frustrated students. People were taking the American version of Parliament's traditional House of Commons debates seriously.

The debate, coordinated by Dr. Lynn MacCauley and sponsored by the Carolina Forensic Association with the departments of Theater and Speech, centered on the issue, "Resolved that abortion is, in reality, murder."

"The topic was chosen from a survey of Theater 140 classes," Northrup said. "When I first heard what the issue was going to be, I was dismayed because it seemed to be such a worn out subject." But once the room was vacant and fumigated, he acknowledged, "I was surprised and impressed at the amount of emotional response it got."



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The great escape

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## USC to seek \$65-million

From staff reports

A request for \$65.2-million in state funds for the fiscal year 1976-77 to operate USC's nine campus system with projected enrollment of 33,500 students was approved Tuesday by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

The request, when submitted to the Commission on Higher Education, represents a 3.7 per cent increase over the \$63-million request for the current fiscal year.

THE BOARD of Trustees, which approved the budget in principle Sept. 13, authorized the executive committee to act for the full board when complete enrollment figures were available.

USC President William H. Patterson said the request of state funds for the main campus is \$159,000 less than was requested for the current fiscal year.

The request for state funding of regional campuses is \$2.3-million more than was requested for the current fiscal year.

"THE REGIONAL campuses will require a greater appropriation because of a 21 per cent increase in enrollment since 1974 and because three of the campuses--Aiken, Spartanburg and Coastal Carolina--have reached four year status," Patterson said. "Four year programs by their very nature require more funds than do two year schools."

The \$65.2-million state appropriation request will be augmented by \$34.9 from federal funds, student fees and other revenue sources to provide a total operating budget of \$100.1-million for fiscal year 1976-77. The current total nine-campus budget of \$87.9-million. The current state budget of \$53.9-million, which includes enrollment adjustments, was appropriated by the South Carolina General Assembly.

Board chairman T. Eston Marchant said the committee took no action on a letter from U.S. Sen. Ernest F. Hollings, urging the Board of Trustees to hold a special public hearing to "clear the air" on the law school controversy.

Marchant said he advised the committee of his reply to the letter. The committee decided to defer action until the ABA investigation "is behind us," he said.