



From left, Dontae Huskey, John Anderson, Jennifer Salane, Dan Fenner and Amy Zhang, participate in the Teen Forum on Wednesday at Addam's Bookstore.

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DORM FEE INCREASE IRKS RHA

Officers claim Housing raised activity fees without permission

From staff reports

A recent increase in the residence hall activity fee and the addition of an "educational" fee by USC Housing has the student-run Residence Hall Association frustrated with a decision it claims was made without its approval.

The previous activity fee was \$15 for some of the smaller dorms, while larger dorms were \$20. With the new increase, every dorm requires a \$20 activity fee. In addition to the activity fee, a \$30 amount was placed on top as an educational fee, said Tim Coley, a member of the Housing staff.

The RHA constitution gives the organization's senate the right to increase the activity fee. The document expresses that the senate "will regulate the maximum and minimum levels of the housing activity fee."

RHA President Terrill Wilkins said the senate discussed the possibility of raising the activity fee in the spring, but only by \$5. The purpose of the increase was to cover "beginning of the year" costs incurred early in the semester, Wilkins said.

In the end, senate members decided they couldn't justify the increase, and it was not put to a vote.

"My job is to carry out the will of the senate," Wilkins said. "Housing asked for our advice and we expressed our intent to Dr. Coley. We were frustrated because we felt housing went over our heads."

Coley was unavailable for further comment Tuesday evening.

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Photo special to The Gamecock
Tim Coley of USC's housing office says the fee increase included \$30 for "education" purposes.

Students find voice with forum

International youth radio program comes to Main Street bookstore for an hour's worth of intense debate

Justin Chapura
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The Teen Forum Show radio program broadcasted live from Addam's Bookstore on Wednesday, kicking off its search for a new panel member.

The topic, legal drinking age, was vigorously debated by the seven-member group, who cited everything from voting statistics to the debate over legal marijuana to make a case for their argument. Several passing students became engaged in the debate and also voiced opinions to the panel on the air. "We talk about pretty much whatever

is current," said Jennifer Salane, a second-year electronic journalism student. Salane joined the program last January.

"Often it's about things like the war in Iraq or the tsunami when that happened, and sometimes it depends on where we broadcast from."

"Mostly we cater to 15- to 21-year-olds," said Justin Turner, a fourth-year electronic journalism student and the Teen Forum Show's producer and affiliate relations manager. "But I would say parents are 75 percent of our audience."

The show airs as part of the Andy Thomas Radio Network, a popular state-

wide program.

"We interview people for a couple of months, try them out on the radio. We're always looking for new, young talent," Turner said.

The current panel has four USC students, one College of Charleston student, and two students from local high schools. Turner said the relationship between the show and USC has always been strong, but it's not a deciding factor in choosing a new member.

"Sometimes we have more high school students than USC students, but we look for the most talented person first," Turner said. A regular wave of applications usually brings in 400 to 500 applicants.

The show's seven panelists run the gamut of ideologies; third-year theatre

student Dan Fenner describes himself as a dedicated Democrat, while John Anderson, a second-year history and religion student, says he is a "consistent conservative."

Anderson says he and Salane hold down the center-to-right opinions for the group. In the end, Turner says, the goal is to accurately reflect what the typical group of teenagers thinks about the issues.

The forum is making stops at several regional universities in the fall. It will visit USC Aiken in October, as well as Appalachian State and Clemson in November.

Anyone interested in applying should contact Turner at 803-319-8417.

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Target decks out freshman living space

USC, retail powerhouse team up to furnish dorm room

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Two first-year Honors College students came to USC to a fully decorated room by Target.

First-year pharmacy student Tabitha Harris and first-year theater student

Mallory Morris, roommates, won a raffle sponsored by Target for the Capstone Scholars program.

A partnership between USC Housing and Target led to a raffle for incoming freshman in the new Capstone Scholars program.

Harris said she was shocked when she received the call that her new room was being fully decorated with accessories donated by Target.

"It was a total surprise, Harris said, "I didn't even know there was a contest."

"I'm really happy with what they gave us," she continued. "The beds were a bright color with throw pillows to match - hers is purple, blue and green. Mine is

every color of the rainbow."

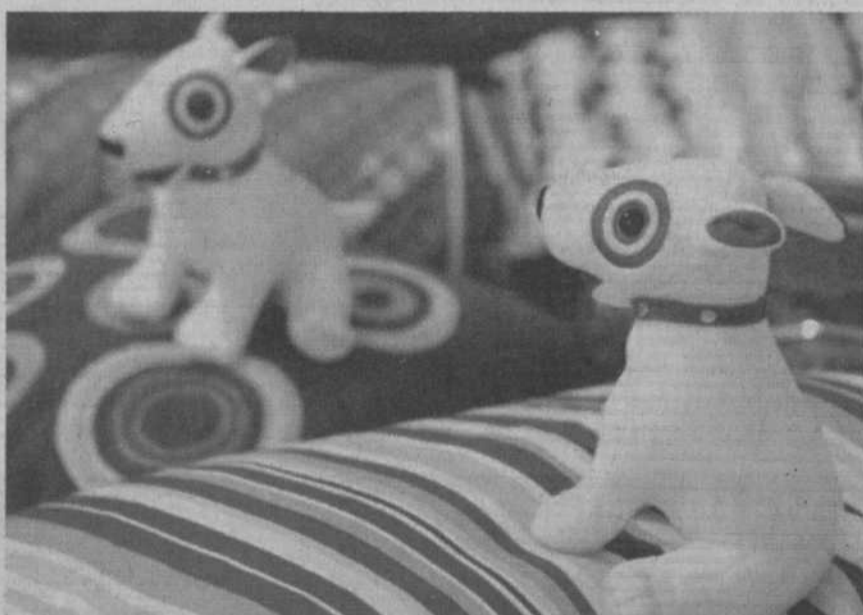
Harris and Morris had no idea what the room was going to look like. The only accessory they had to purchase was the bed sheets.

Joe Fortune, assistant director for housing administration and undergraduate assignments, said that the collaboration between USC and Target has been a year in the making, and that the partnership is likely to continue.

"We hope that Target has the funding to come back again next year and do more than just one room on campus and expand the program if we can," Fortune said. "We want it to mirror our partnership with the University Bookstore."

University Bookstore has sponsored decoration of two rooms on campus for freshman orientation. This year, the two new rooms were located in Preston and Bates House.

"We've had this partnership with the bookstore for three years," Fortune said. "But this is



A pair of Bullseye Dogs, Target's mascot, sit on new pillows and sheets in Honors College students Tabitha Harris and Mallory Morris' Capstone room.

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first year they have sponsored a raffle."

USC alumni and Target executive team leader Caroline Keener congratulated the two students when they arrived on move-

in day Saturday.

Keener and her staff provided the accessories and everything a student needs

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Study finds loneliness causes most college blues

Sarah Storer

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NORFOLK, VA. — Freshman year of college can be a difficult time. First-year students are faced with balancing classes, outside jobs and sometimes children. Many freshmen are living on their own for the first time, with a roommate they might not know, in a city they might have never been to before. The increased loneliness and stress first-year students feel is known as the "Freshman Blues."

According to a study published in the May issue of Health Psychology, the "Freshman Blues" may also decrease health.

"Lonely students had less robust immune responses to the flu shot than other students," researchers said.

The study was done at Carnegie Mellon University, using 37 male and 46 female freshmen. Each received a flu shot at a university clinic, then was asked to fill out questionnaires on their health behaviors. For two weeks, starting two days before they received the flu shot, the students recorded their moods — including feelings of stress and loneliness — four

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