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Construction began Sunday on a Habitat for Humanity house.

BUILDING COMMENCES ON HABITAT HOUSE

Construction highlights week of campus volunteer, service programs

Sydney Smith
FOR THE GAMECOCK

Coldwell Banker employees began construction on a Habitat for Humanity house on Sunday on Greene Street.

Coldwell Banker provided the \$50,000 required for supplies and raw materials. Coldwell Banker, Columbia Metropolitan Magazine and Robert House Construction sponsored the house.

USC students can sign up for building shifts today through Thursday. Morning shifts are from 8 a.m. to noon, and afternoon shifts run from 1 to 5 p.m.

Brittany Jones, president of USC's chapter of Habitat for Humanity, said the group expects around 450 to 500 students to help build the house. After it is built, it will be taken to Rockgate Community in Lexington, an area comprised of habitat houses.

Families chosen to receive habitat houses are required to put in "sweat equity" hours, working on other habitat houses as part of payment for their house.

Jones, a third-year visual

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TOUGH RETURN

Spurrier's cock 'n' fire offense falls to Georgia in classic SEC clash

Stephen Fastenau
NEWS EDITOR

ATHENS, Ga. — Steve Spurrier was not the most popular man in this college town Saturday — to say the least.

He was cursed at tailgates. He was booed as he entered Georgia's Sanford Stadium, booed as his name was announced and his image was booed every time it appeared on the stadium's video screen.

With the chorus of 90,000 red-clad fans singing its displeasure for a coach that went 11-1 against the Bulldogs in his 12 years at Florida, Spurrier's much-anticipated return to the SEC was under way.

While the outcome of the game wasn't quite what the Evil Genius had in mind, Georgia's 17-15 victory was a far cry from the 18-point spread placed on the game.

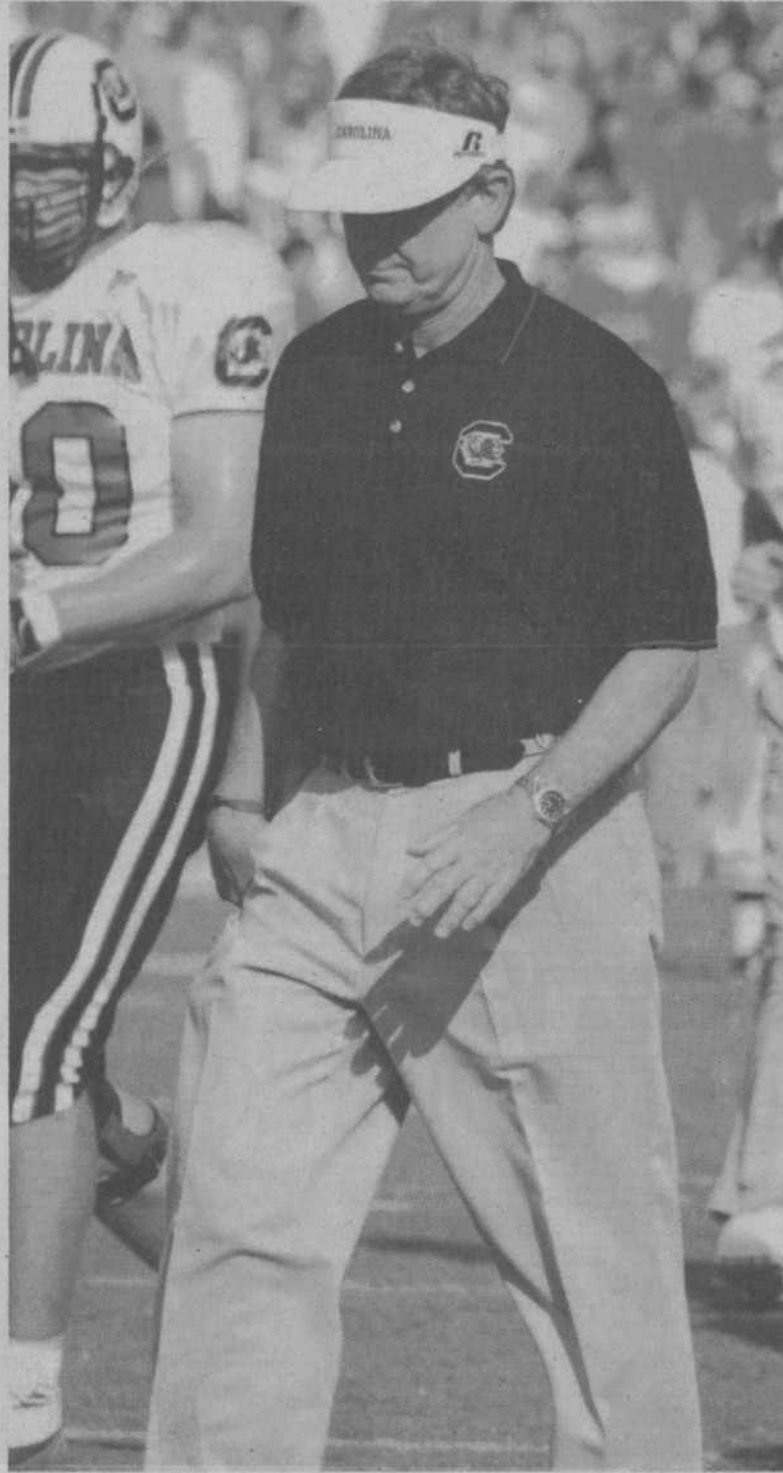
"The effort was there," Spurrier said. "Obviously the little things here and there made us a loser."

Georgia fans had 1995 fresh in their memories, a year in which Spurrier put up 52 points against the Dogs, the most in Sanford Stadium history. With revenge fresh in the minds of ticketholders, Georgia coach Mark Richt said all week he wasn't out to get Spurrier.

The only defeat Richt had experienced at the hands of Spurrier came in 2001, when the Gators beat Richt's Bulldogs by a modest 14 points.

Richt was true to his word. A 2-

SPURRIER ● 4



Katie Kirkland / THE GAMECOCK
USC coach Steve Spurrier walks on the field during Saturday's 15-17 loss to the Georgia Bulldogs at Sanford Stadium in Athens, Ga. Carolina is 1-1.

Pentagon rally remembers 9/11, fallen troops

Rumsfeld lays wreath at Arlington National Cemetery

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It was a demonstration unlike legions of others in the capital. The T-shirts were Pentagon-approved, signs were banned and Cabinet secretaries, usually the target of protest, cheered on the throngs.

Thousands walked Sunday in remembrance of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, in tribute to U.S. troops abroad. By their presence, marchers endorsed the worldwide fight against terrorism that began after airliners slammed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field four years ago.

U.S. soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan and other outposts watched on video links as the crowd shouted, "America supports you." References to the politically divisive Iraq war were muted, but support for President

Bush's policy was, for many, a subtext of the day.

His voice breaking, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld noted during a wreath-laying at Arlington National Cemetery that the children of some of the 184 victims killed inside the Pentagon and aboard hijacked American Airlines Flight 77 on Sept. 11 were in his audience.

"They will likely want to know why this terrible thing happened," he said. "It's hard for free people to comprehend the mix of extremism and hatred that leads terrorists to murder innocent men, women and children. But perhaps we can tell them this: Throughout human history there have been those who seek power through fear and mass murder but eventually all of them — every one — has fallen."

In a city more accustomed to

RALLY ● 4

Senate begins Supreme Court hearings to confirm John Roberts as chief justice

Bush's nominee would become court's 109th judge

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It has been 11 years since a chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee banged his gavel to open hearings on a president's nominee to the Supreme Court.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., today convenes several days of hearings on President Bush's nomination of John Roberts to become the 109th justice on the high court and the 17th chief justice.

Some questions and answers about how the process is expected to unfold:
Q: What has Roberts been doing since Bush nominated him?
A: Roberts has met with Senate

leaders, members of the committee and other senators. He also has brushed up on constitutional and legal issues that may come up at the hearing. He has reviewed committee members' pet issues and his own record as a lawyer and federal appeals court judge.

Roberts was nominated on July 19 to replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. After Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist died on Sept. 3, Bush decided that Roberts should lead the court, renominating him on Sept. 5.

Roberts helped carry Rehnquist's casket into the Supreme Court building for the public viewing last Tuesday and attended Rehnquist's



Dennis Cook / The Associated Press
Judge John Roberts, left, meets with Sen. Ken Salazar, D-Colo., on Capitol Hill on Friday to discuss Roberts' nomination to be Chief Justice of the United States.

funeral on Wednesday.

The last confirmation hearing for a chief justice was for Rehnquist, which ran from July 29-Aug. 1, 1986. Rehnquist's confirmation vote was 65-33 on Sept. 17, 1986.

Q: Who is on the Senate committee?
A: Ten Republicans and eight

ROBERTS ● 4

Ophelia puts Carolinians on high alert

Katrina-wary residents brace for Category One hurricane off coast

The Associated Press

WILMINGTON, N.C. — Hurricane Ophelia sat nearly stationary off the coast of the Carolinas on Sunday, taunting coastal residents made wary by the destruction that Katrina caused along the Gulf Coast.

The storm was more than 200 miles from land with sustained wind of nearly 75 mph, but it was piling up heavy surf that challenged surfers and pounded the beaches. A tropical storm warning was issued Sunday evening from Cape Lookout south to the South Santee River in South Carolina, and a hurricane watch remains in effect from Cape Lookout to Edisto Beach.

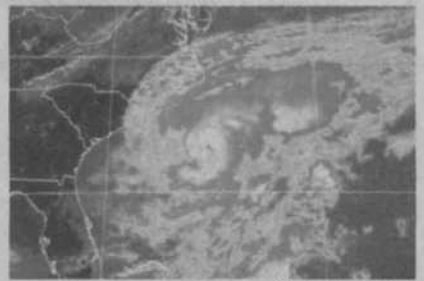
Warning of the possibility of coastal flooding, Gov. Mike Easley sent 200 National Guard soldiers to staging centers in eastern North Carolina and ordered a mandatory evacuation of fragile Ocracoke Island on the Outer Banks, reachable only by ferry.

Near Wilmington at Wrightsville Beach, lifeguards with megaphones ordered swimmers out of the water.

"They are saying they don't want anyone to even touch the water," Kathy Carroll, 37, of Wilmington, said after abandoning an attempt to body surf in the waves. "Now I know how a flounder feels. I was getting tossed all over the place."

Some people stocked up on

STORM ● 5



The Associated Press

An infrared satellite image of Hurricane Ophelia is seen at the National Hurricane Center Saturday in Miami. As of 5 p.m., the center of Hurricane Ophelia was approximately 230 miles east-southeast of Charleston. Ophelia is traveling north near 2 mph, with maximum sustained winds near 80 mph.

Council unveils 'healing wall' for evacuees

Service group sponsors to help USC campus, evacuees communicate

Gina Vasselli
FOR THE GAMECOCK

As New Orleans dries up and relief efforts continue from Houston to Charlotte, small gestures are made to communicate empathy toward evacuees living in shelters around the Midlands.

The Carolina Service Council is sponsoring a Hurricane Katrina "Wall of Healing" for the USC community in conjunction with the Habitat for Humanity house construction this week.

"We were brainstorming on different ways we could help the evacuees and someone said it'd be a good idea to let the students and staff express how they feel about the tragedy," said Kelley Cox, president of the Carolina Service Council and a fourth-year psychology student.

Cox said the wall is a place for

WALL ● 4