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Columbia gets Acid Center

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Under the sponsorship of the Columbia Urban Service Center, an Acid and OD Center will be set up in Columbia within the next two months.

"All the set up lacks now," Al Pitts, former USC student said, "is money and that is on the way. We'll be set up in a regular house near the center of the city, hopefully around Taylor Street, where we will be central to USC, Benedict, Allen and most of the high schools. We don't want to be too far from anyone.

"The place will be manned by freaks and straights and on the staff we'll have a psychologist, a psychiatrist and three medical doctors on call.

"There are three ways a person can come in," Pitts said. "He can walk in of his own accord, a friend can bring him in or if he calls us, we will go out and fetch him.

"Presently, we have an agreement with the police. Unless a criminal offense has been committed, they will bring anyone found strung out on drugs to the Acid Center and no charges will be lodged. At the Center, no questions will be asked except for a first name or nickname and what you think you took, which in some cases is different from what you did take. From there we will simply try to talk them down in a non-threatening environment. We want them to know they are okay. In other words we will show a little concern.

Pitts said that no records would be kept at the Acid Center, except those necessary for research such as the number of cases, the type of drugs used, the age of the person brought in, his sex and race. Should drugs be brought onto the premises, they would be confiscated and turned over to the police, but no information would be given as to where the dope came from, he said.

The Center has a budget of \$40,000 for the first year, Pitts said, "this is not going to be any diddley-bop thing." In addition to the professional men on the staff, there will be a director, three assistant directors and 42 staff members, he said.

"The center will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with at least three people on duty at all times. If there is a problem such as an overdose or any kind of medical problem one of our doctors will be called in," Pitts said, "and we are setting up relations with the Columbia Hospital Emergency Room for really bad cases.

"So far we have the endorsement of SLED, the Richland County Sheriff's department and the Columbia Police."

In addition to the Center, a Referral Service and a "Gray-hair Squad" are planned to deal with problems which may arise in addition to the drug overdoses, bad trips or freak-outs.

"Nobody will hassle anybody coming in or going out," Pitts said. "Among your redneck grits, this thing is going to go over like a lead balloon, but if trouble makers show up, we'll simply call the police and have them arrested for trespassing. It will be private property."

Air gripes; questions about Campus Shop

Students will have a chance to air gripes and questions about the Campus Shop today at 2:00 p.m. in the Commons Room.

Vice-president Harold Brunton and Douglas Fitzgerald of Auxiliary Services will appear as part of the forum provided by the Commons Room committee.



Selling books to stores is expensive proposition

Editor's note: The following article is reprinted from The Idaho Argonaut and was written by John Foley.

Have you ever walked out of the bookstore after selling back a book and felt like killing somebody? Was that somebody a little man with a wad of one dollar bills in his hand and cynical smile on his face? You call him several names, none of which will be printed here, but he's really George Hillagass, one of over 20 book buyers employed by the Nebraska Book Company.

When George buys a book from you, he supposedly pays you 50 per cent of your cost of the book if the book is to be reused here at the University of Idaho, or he gives you the book jobbers wholesale price of the book. That price seems to run between 25 and 30 per cent of the cost of the book.

The books that can be reused here at Idaho are then purchased by the Bookstore at George's cost. The remaining books are shipped back to Lincoln, Neb. and redistributed to other campuses where the book is still being used.

The books that remain behind are marked up 50 per cent by our bookstore and sold back to students at 75 per cent of their original cost.

The National Association of College Stores took a survey several years ago of book buying policies at 390 college book stores. It found that 288 of the stores bought at 50 per cent and resold at 75 per cent which is what our store is doing here. It is also found that 113 of the stores did not buy books

back from the students at all.

Richard Long, the manager of the Idaho Bookstore said that he "cringes" when he sees students forced to accept very little money for their expensive books but he can see no other alternative to this problem. He did say, however, that the student is likely to get more

money for his books if he saves them until spring, and then sells them back to the bookstore. The bookstore is more likely to know in the spring which books the

University will retain, and George will give you at least 20 per cent more for those special books.

Candidates

Senate passes rules

By GLENDA MILLER
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New rules for candidates running for elected office as passed by the Senate on Feb. 10.

A.) All candidates are responsible for knowing and understanding ALL campaign rules.

B.) The use of posters are strictly forbidden. A poster being defined as any material attached to the property of the University of South Carolina or to any other public property.

C.) No campaigning will be done that disturbs classes.

D.) There will be no campaigning within fifty (50) feet of the poles on election day or run-off day.

E.) Each candidate is responsible for the actions of his supporters.

F.) A compulsory meeting of all candidates shall be held on the Thursday following nominations from 5-6 p.m. in an appropriate location in order to place one's name on the ballot and to explain rules and procedures for the election. Failure to attend will

automatically disqualify a candidate unless a representative is present. Distribution of campaign material can begin the Monday following the meeting.

G.) Any campaign material such as handbills, notices are not to be distributed in conjunction with any school or department publication. This rule does not apply to paid advertisements in the Gamecock, WUSC, Etc.

H.) No one person shall be a candidate for or hold more than one major office. Major offices include President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary.

I.) If, in the discretion of the Election Commission, anyone is after investigation willingly disobeying the rules as outlined by the commission, they will be given one written warning. If a second violation occurs, the candidate must appear before the Commission who will then decide if the candidate should be dropped from the elections or not.

J.) Results will be announced and posted by the Elections Commission as soon as determined.