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State recruits volunteers to help food distribution

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Counties are always looking for volunteer help for surplus food distribution, according to an official of the state Department of Social Services.

The department receives surplus farm products from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to distribute to poor families, according to Joseph Watson, DSS food assistance office planner.

"Each state receives a percentage of products based on the number of unemployed and food stamp households in the state," Watson said.

South Carolina receives 1.5 percent of all the nation's surpluses, he said.

Each county holds food distribution four times a year, Watson said. Richland County will be distributing surplus cheese, butter and flour Nov. 16-22.

Commodities will be distributed Saturday at Hopkins Center, Eastover Town Hall, Spears Creek and Ballentine Park beginning at 9 a.m.

The program is managed chiefly through volunteers, Watson said.

"It takes a great deal of physical labor just to move the program," he said. "It's a question of physical storage. Our office does not deal directly with products except in this area, and we don't have any warehouses."

"The state has to ship it in one day and give it out to the county the next."

In addition to physical help, the office needs help interviewing clients a few weeks before the distribution date, Watson said.

"The only standard for receiving the food is income," Watson said.

Households with incomes ranging up to 13 percent more than the poverty level are eligible to receive surplus cheese, butter, flour, honey, corn meal, rice and dry milk, Watson said. Eligibility requirements are set by the federal government.

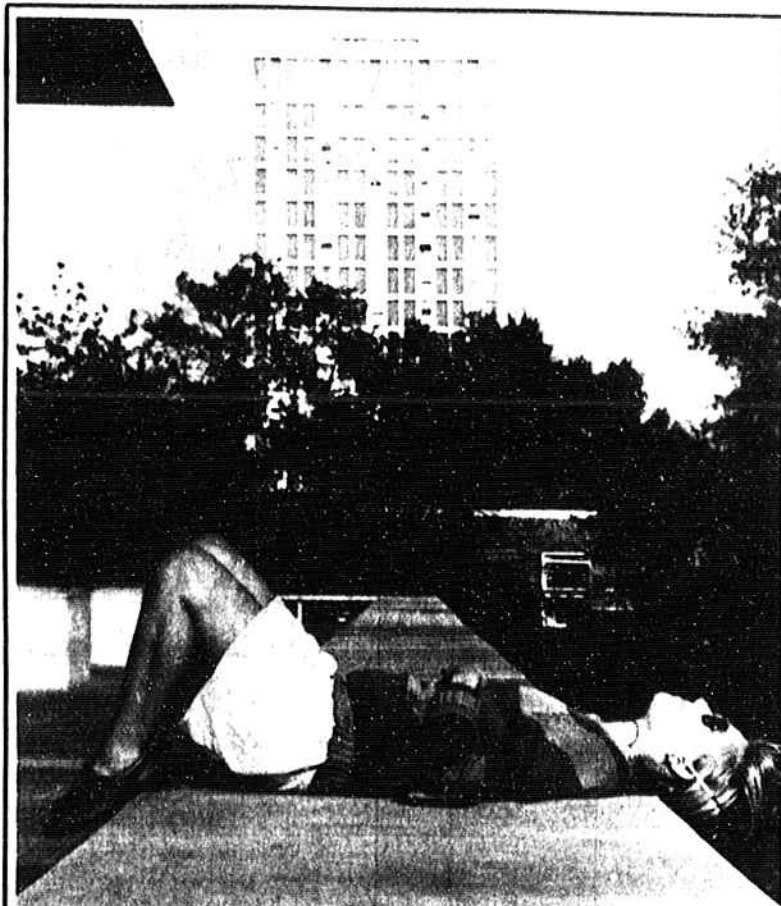
Two-thirds of S.C. recipients are single-parent families or elderly couples, he said. About 75 percent are food stamp clients.

Richland County has anywhere from 7,000 to 11,000 people applying for the program, said project developer Jean Funderburk. "It varies with each distribution."

Richland County's next distribution date will be in February, Watson said.

He said most counties hold training sessions to teach volunteers what to do. "We need everything from stoop labor to people to do paperwork."

Students interested in the program can contact the state DSS office. "We can always link them up with someone who can use them," Watson said.



Over the brink

Sophomore Paige Millhouse takes a break from campus concerns as she enters her own world on the wall behind the Thomas Cooper Library.

Illiteracy in blacks discussed at forum

By SANDY LANG
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The number of functionally illiterate blacks, and the implications on the future of the nation's blacks, were discussed at a forum at USC on Tuesday night.

"We should be concerned about the future of our black race. Its fate is on the line if 47 percent of us cannot read," said Catherine Thomas, director of the state's Assault on Illiteracy Program.

Almost half of all black adults in the United States are functional illiterates, according to the 1980 census.

Thomas was one of four panelists who spoke at the forum on the AOIP, sponsored by Sigma Gamma Rho sorority.

Thomas said the first step in ending illiteracy is to "arouse awareness of the problem and show the need that should be addressed."

She compared the illiteracy dilemma to a person who is physically hurt and needs someone to nurse him back to health.

"The illiterate is in pain," Thomas said. "He's bleeding to death."

Other panel members were James Floyd, AOIP's national oversight committee chairman; Willie Rogers, adult and continuing education director for Richland School District II; and Sylvia Parks, immediate past president of the local AOIP chapter.

"The most rewarding experience I ever had was watching a 60-year-old lady take a shot at reading for the first time," said Rogers, who has worked with the AOIP for the past 15 years.

Rogers said he is very concerned about the adult illiteracy problem. "I understand that we must focus on the improvement of education for young people, but it is also very important to improve the plight of adults."

"To improve the apple on a tree, you must treat the tree first."

Parks said that meager efforts have been made locally to stop illiteracy, but that much help is needed in the form of volunteer tutoring.

The Columbia Literacy Council offers a free training program for people who would like to be tutors, Parks said.

"If you can read, you can teach someone to read," she said. "Very often the people we help are people with ability who simply have missed the opportunity or haven't yet had the opportunity to learn to read."

While Parks said that a few local churches offer tutoring programs for the illiterate, Floyd said he would like to see more support from the church.

"I think it's ridiculous for black churches to be closed Monday through Saturday when 47 percent of black adults are illiterate," he said.

The AOIP involves 84 organizations across the nation, including the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the NAACP, church groups and Masonic organizations.

While the AOIP has thousands of members in its member organizations, Parks said they aren't all active.

To these people, Floyd added: "Like Uncle Sam says, we need you."

USC's Young Democrats get pep talk from legislators

By STEPHEN C. GUILFOYLE
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Divestment, education and economic development were discussed by two state representatives and a state senator-elect at a special Young Democrats meeting Tuesday night.

"I think it is a very serious mistake of the (USC) board of trustees not to be sensitive to the issue of the (Educational) Foundation and divestiture," said House Majority Leader Alex Harvin.

Harvin said problems with educational foundations have arisen in the past, citing their land purchases in anticipation of university expansions and their supplements of university administrators' salaries.

"There is a real movement in the state for bringing the educational foundations under some kind of control as opposed to no control at all," Harvin said.

Sen.-elect Kay Patterson said a number of bills sponsored by Sen. Theo Mitchell

will bring the issue of apartheid and divestment to the state's attention in the next legislative session.

Rep. Timothy Rogers mentioned a bill pending in the House concerning divestment of state agencies.

The meeting was one of a series of forums in which Democratic state representatives and senators travel from college to college addressing Young Democrats across the state.

Citing himself as an example, Patterson said that through education, a person can break the poverty cycle.

"You don't have to come from the big white house on the hill to be successful," he said.

Patterson said the Educational Improvement Act of 1984 is working very well so far.

"We intend to see that our children get educated properly," he said. "The state government is putting a whole lot of money into secondary and higher educa-

tion, and we intend to get our money's worth."

Patterson said that by 1989, all students in South Carolina will be required to take an exit exam four times; if they don't pass it, they will receive a certificate instead of a diploma.

"It will test basic skills of reading, writing and arithmetic," he said. "If they do not pass, it means that they have spent four years in a high school without learning anything. You either learn something or get out of the way."

Patterson discussed other legislation designed to increase educators' standards. Students wishing to major in education will have to pass basic skills tests before entering such colleges.

"Students fail to pass these exams because they don't read," Patterson said. "I don't mean what you read for your classes, but something to read when you get finished with your classwork."

Rogers talked about economic develop-

ment and said the EIA has been cited by industries as a major inducement to locate in the state.

He said South Carolina is trying to reduce the trend of exporting its brightest students to other states.

"It was Democratic leadership that brought about EIA," Rogers said.

Rogers said the major issue for students now is economic development in the state. He said the fastest-growing industry in South Carolina is tourism and a number of job opportunities are beginning to open up.

"We have a clean, enticing environment in South Carolina," Rogers said.

He urged the Young Democrats present to vote in their own self-interest, saying the Democratic Party is the party with the vision for the future and the courage to act on that vision.

Harvin said the state Democratic Party is more willing to listen to the young.

Clemson lottery: Everyone got tickets

By PAULA WETHINGTON
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Tickets for the USC-Clemson football game are still available, and a second lottery will be held to allocate remaining student tickets.

About 3,000 to 4,000 tickets remain to be allocated, according to Student Government President Pro Tem Rodney Brown. The sign-up for the second lottery will be Monday in the Russell House lobby.

Except for those who did not fill out their lottery sheets properly, everyone who entered the first lottery will receive a ticket. Tickets from both lotteries will be distributed Tuesday, Nov. 19 and Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Elephant Room at the Coliseum.

Because tickets will be distributed at random, organizers insist there will be no advantage for students who camp out and get tickets early. But students who wish to sit together can pick up tickets together.



USC employee Catherine Vanuch distributes North Carolina State football tickets to Gene Hutto, Rosanne Williams, Chris Watson and Paul Steinberg.

Students had to enter a lottery to obtain tickets to the Clemson game next week.

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Senate continues consideration of Spur

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The Student Senate task force assigned to the Golden Spur is continuing work, Rules Chairman Rodney Brown said at Wednesday's meeting.

Brown reminded the senators that the single purpose of the task force is to decide if the senate will or will not allocate \$60,000 to the proposed Student Activities Center. It was not designed to review other options, such as putting in a non-alcoholic student lounge.

He said one of two things could happen if they decide not to allocate the funds. "The

money could be sent back to the Finance Committee and reallocated, or nothing would be done with it. If we don't allocate it now, we would have to wait until next fall to allocate it," he said.

Also, tickets for the Clemson-Carolina football game were discussed, and a second lottery for the remaining student tickets was announced. Athletics, Community Affairs and Off-Campus Student Relations Chairman Mike Gillen said about 7,500 students signed up for the lottery.

Unless a student made a mistake on the computer sheet in the first lottery, he is

guaranteed a ticket. The next lottery will be held Monday in the Russell House lobby. Between 2,000 and 3,000 tickets are left.

Gillen said block seating will only be held for those who signed up in the first lottery. "I urge people to attend the game because there has been a lot of student apathy. The public is attending the games and the students are not," he said.

"The number of seats allocated to students have not been picked up. I am against giving the seats back, but if the students do not go to the games, I don't have a strong case," Gillen said.