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University Housing renovates dorms

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USC Housing Services has several dorm renovations planned for this summer, and several of the projects are already underway, according to University Housing officials.

Renovations are planned for most campus housing. Bates House and Bates West, Capstone, South Towers, the Horseshoe, and the Towers are all scheduled to be updated this summer. Some of the USC family housing units are also being updated.

Some returning students will find major changes in their living environments when they return in the fall. Some of the improvements that are planned include new furniture, wallpaper, carpeting, as well as smaller changes such as shower heads and closet doors.

According to figures provided by Housing Services, about \$150,000 is being spent on plumbing refinements at Patterson Hall and the Towers.

Carpets are being replaced at some Cliff Apartments at a cost of almost \$480,000.

Bates House is being waterproofed at a cost of nearly \$77,000, and about \$71,000 is being spent on painting the interiors of Bates House and other apartments and residence halls on campus.

Tile replacements and lighting refinements are also being done to several campus buildings at a total cost of nearly \$115,000.

The biggest expenditure is the \$665,000 which is going toward the replacement of furniture in student rooms in Douglas, LaBorde, and Moore dorms in the Towers area.

The list of renovations which started the Monday after classes were finished for the spring semester will continue until the day before the fall term begins.

According to Housing officials the length of the renovation period is due to an increase in funds Housing Services received.

"In the past, Housing Services has had about \$5.5 million to spend on housing renovations, but over the last three years that amount has risen to the current \$1.2 million," said Linda Saad, director of Housing Services.

According to Saad the money housing received is not covered by USC tuition. It is totally dependant on housing fees, and at present about 5 percent of housing fees goes toward renovations. That figure was obtained by taking the monetary value of 1 percent of the value of the building to be renovated.

In the past, more money was allocated toward building housing facilities because there was a great demand for dorms as the children of the baby boom generation entered college.

Now, however, the number of students entering college has declined, and the buildings which had been neglected have fallen into disrepair, according to Saad.

Housing Services is now turning its attention to all of the necessary repairs, and over the past few years has been trying to update the buildings in need, Saad said.

Many of the renovations are being done by hired contractors who make bids on the various projects. However, other renovations are done by housing maintenance staff members. This also includes students hired for the summer to do minor electrical repairs, carpentry and painting in the Bates and Towers areas, said Robert Harman, assistant area manager for University Housing Services.

Housing Services is trying to make sure that all of the renovations will be completed during the summer break so that students will not be inconvenienced when they return.

If problems arise, however, some of the renovations could run into the fall term. If this happens, Housing Services will try to keep renovations from interfering with students schedules, Saad said.



Dorm renovations outside the Towers area. New furniture is being unloaded for the dorms.



Some people never get a break.

Janitorial staff cleans the Towers area during the summer sessions.

USC Career Center offers guidance for students, alumni

By JACKI MARTIN
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University students at every level from confused freshmen to newly graduated Ph.D.s to career established alumni, will find career guidance and employment assistance at the USC Career Center.

The center offers a range of services which, in the private sector could cost more than \$100 an hour. The full package of services is worth thousands, but is available at no charge to undergraduates, and for a nominal fee for alumni.

Linda Salane, director of the center says, "Ideally, students follow a logical progression through the center's services as they go through school."

Freshmen often benefit most from one-on-one counseling with the center's Ph.D. counselors, who administer a battery of tests that help establish career direction by evaluating the students values and personal strengths. Last year the

center tested more than 600 students.

"The key to job marketability upon graduation is the work experience gained during school," says Salane. "The center actively solicits co-op jobs in different fields, typically offered to students on a part-time or alternate semester basis."

Internships, summer jobs, and volunteer work is also available. Approximately 600 employers recruited on campus last year, and 1200 more contacted the center with requests for employees.

Over 3000 senior took advantage of the services offered to graduating students. The center offers the seniors workshops in resume writing, job-search strategies and interviewing hints to help them find a job.

Beth Bodie, a senior in Business is one of the students who attended the resume workshop, and she feels it was time well spent.

"I attended the resume writing workshop because I thought that a really good resume would help me

find a job in December. I'm glad that I went, it really helped me in writing a resume on my own and I feel confident that I'll find a job," Bodie said.

This fall the center will offer BADM 300, a one-credit course designed to help juniors plan a job-search strategy. The course will be opened to all students and will be required of Business majors.

All services are available to alumni, but are geared toward job or career changes. The fee for the entire package for alumni is \$50, or \$15 per workshop. Alumni can also subscribe to a bulletin which lists mid-level job openings.

"Each week the Career Center mails important information about job markets to each college of the University and receives feedback from the schools," Salane said.

The center also initiates brainstorming sessions involving employers, faculty and students to gain perspective on career issues.

Department offers writing internship

By LISA PYE
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USC's English Department is offering a new internship course in technical and business writing to qualified students of all majors.

Tom Waldrep, Director of the Internship Program for the English Department said, "The new seminar course (ENGL 608X) will locate internship positions in selected firms in the Columbia area and will assist qualified students in applying for these positions."

"The outstanding aspect of this particular internship program is that these honor students not only gain three hours college credit, but they are also paid good salaries for their writing skills. Thus, both the corporations and the students benefit," Waldrep said.

Students will work eight to ten hours per week for twelve to fourteen weeks at the sponsor's place of business performing business or technical writing tasks which the sponsor has assigned.

Waldrep said, "The internship program will prepare students for the transition from college to career and will be a valuable addition to their resume."



Tom Waldrep

"In addition to working for the sponsor," he said, "Students will attend periodic conferences and monthly seminars that will provide instruction and guidance for performing the internship."

Internal reports, user manuals, and explanatory booklets are examples of writing projects the intern may do.

"Students gain on the job writing experience as well as developing personal working relationships within an office structure," Waldrep said.

Interns will begin work by the first week of September and work through the first week of December. Wages and work hours will be decided upon by the student and the sponsor.

Before enrolling in the class, students must have successfully completed a course in advanced composition, business writing or technical writing. They must also have a 3.0 GPR and the permission of the instructor.

In order for a corporation to participate, the corporate sponsor must offer a part-time internship position which includes a substantial amount of writing.

Also, the corporation must provide an immediate supervisor who will assign and evaluate the student's work and report the students progress to Waldrep.

The English Department is planning to offer the program during the fall and spring semester. Students seeking a writing internship should contact Tom Waldrep at 777-2512.

Fund supplements budget by private donations

By AMANDA F. COLSON
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A new "individualized" contact program is dramatically increasing private support at USC.

The program involves sending letters to graduates of each college which are signed by prominent graduates of the college. The letters are followed by a phone call from current student.

The student discusses all aspects of being a Carolina Alumni including personal contributions and answers questions about Alumni Association membership and Alumni activities.

According to Alumni Annual Fund Director, Penny Parker, "This reaches alumni the most."

The new program is bringing impressive results. "At the time we started the program, we had three percent alumni support. We raised that to six percent and we've raised that to 12 percent," Parker said.

The Development Office sends out 2500 letters every week to graduates of particular colleges. For example all the of the College of Pharmacy graduates are contacted in one campaign.

The student caller mentions the letter in the follow-up call which tends to improve alumni response. "It was amazing to me that people were excited and anxious when we called them," Parker said.

The University has raised \$850,000 in pledges and cash

through the phone program alone, Parker said.

In order to staff the program, the University operators a year-round Telecenter. The center employs a full time director and 60-70 students.

The students are given extensive training in how to solicit donations and answer alumni questions. "We negotiate for a level that's comfortable for them to give," Parker said.

Parker refers to the Alumni Annual Fund campaign as "an education process." Many alumni are not aware of the expansions and improvements that have been made at USC since they've graduated, she said.

Also, many alumni do not realize that less than 50 percent of USC's budget comes from government support making private support a necessity.

Donors may specify how their money is to be used. They can donate to their specific college or to a scholarship fund. Their donation can also support facilities such as the library or areas of development.

Donors can sometimes receive a tax deduction from their gift.

Parker said that the new program is so successful that other Universities and colleges are considering adopting a similar program. "They want the secret too."

Job opportunities for women not equal

By JILL AREHEART
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Although the job market for women is improving, equality has not yet been achieved.

"Women in the work force are not regarded as equal to men, and that's something that hasn't changed a lot in many years," according to Sue Rosser, director of women's studies at USC.

However, there have been definite advances made. "There are clearly more women working outside the home, and that's a trend that is here to stay," Rosser said.

Women now make up 44 percent of the U.S. work force, with nearly 70 percent of women in the age group 24 to 54 working outside the home.

"As more women enter the work

force, many are proving that they can do as well or better than men," Rosser said.

Gail Wright, public information director for the S.C. Wildlife Department, is the first woman to hold that position.

Even though there are few women in her field, Wright feels she is respected and treated equally.

"I am fortunate to work for an agency that looks at the job you do, not your sex or race," Wright said.

Wright also said that the men she worked with listed to her ideas as much as they do anyone else's, and that hers were being used just as often.

Despite improving conditions for women overall, however, in 1987 white females made only 70 cents for

every dollar made by white males.

"One of the main problems," Rosser said, "is that the job market is gender-stratified. Jobs such as nursing and teaching that have traditionally been held by women do not pay as well as comparable, male-dominated occupations."

Scholastic Update Magazine says, "The National Commission on Working Women reports that 77 percent of all employed women work at clerical, sales, service, or factory jobs."

According to Business Week Magazine, in 1986 the hourly wage for nursing aides (88 percent of whom were female) was \$6.05; \$3.55 below the U.S. average wage. The average wage for truck drivers, only

three percent of whom were female, was \$8.72.

Rosser said that although factors other than discrimination do contribute to the wage gap between the sexes, discrimination is still the main factor. "Even when a woman has been in the work force as long as a man, she tends not to progress as rapidly," she said.

In 'The Economic Emergence of Women' author Barbara Bergman cites research that evaluates factors thought to be important to career success.

The research shows that such factors as a person's education, training, work experience, attitude toward work, and absenteeism explained only 45 percent of the wage gap between men and women.