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4,000 students sign visitation petition

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Despite a proposal to relax the ban on opposite-sex visitation in Douglas and Burney dormitories, USC student John Byrd is not impressed.

Neither are nearly 4,000 other USC students.

Byrd said students continue to sign a petition protesting the changes in the university's visitation policy.

"My concern is with the students. I'd like to see the visitation policy back in the hands of the students," Byrd, history senior and petition coordinator, said.

Byrd wants the petition to bring attention to how students campus-wide feel about visitation, he said.

In addition to signing the petition, students signed surveys expressing their views on the visitation policy, he said.

A petition presented with a survey is more effective because you get an idea of the opinion of the students, he said.

Some university officials and security guards have also filled out the survey, but declined to sign the petition, he said.

"If something isn't done soon, students will be stuck with a visitation policy they don't want; they will be unhappy here; and the university will lose a lot of money in admissions next year," Byrd said.

The Student-Trustee Liaison Committee voted Thursday to relax the visitation policies in Douglas and Burney dormitories.

Since the beginning of the semester, no females have been allowed past the lobby of Douglas and no males have been allowed upstairs in Burney.

The liaison committee voted to support a student-sponsored compromise to set aside one floor in each dormitory for students that want no opposite-sex visitation, while

giving the other floors traditional, limited visitation privileges.

Byrd said, "The liaison committee has taken a step in the right direction, but not the step we're looking for."

"In the past," he said, "each residence hall voted for its own visitation policy. Not all dorms voted for full visitation. There were four or five different plans on campus."

Of the nearly 4,000 signatures on the petition, almost 50 percent are from off-campus students.

"Everyone is concerned about visitation. People living off campus have friends living on campus, and they want to visit them," Byrd said. "The petition is not about sex or morals, it's about students' rights."

More students are financing part of their education and many are going into debt to do so, he said. These students feel it is against their rights to limit visitation.

Since the petition began, Byrd has been bearing the expenses to run the operation, which amounts to over \$240, he said. His fraternity, Delta Upsilon voted unanimously to sponsor the project, and Byrd will be reimbursed for his expenses, he said.

"The fraternity felt the same way John did. I was one of the ones that wanted to start the petition, along with John. In order for the petition to work, we had to be sponsored by a group to provide the funds," said David Wilson, marketing senior and Delta Upsilon member.

Byrd would like to get as many signatures as he can and present them at the next Board of Trustees meeting, scheduled for later this month, he said.

"I expect the board to listen. Not just to students' gripes, but listen to what students want. Students want to vote for their own visitation policy," he said.



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USC students sign the petition and survey against the university's visitation policy enacted this semester. Tables were set up on the second floor of the Russell House and moved to Greene Street in front of Russell House.

Students give time, money

Campus responds to call for help

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It still seems like yesterday since Charleston was ripped by Hurricane Hugo, but USC students have reacted positively by offering time, energy and money to aid victims.

USC student Fred W. Collins, who is also a member of the National Red Cross, was an active part of the relief effort in Charleston.

Collins, who is on the National Disaster Services of the Red Cross, describes the effects of Hugo as an "ultimate nightmare." To his knowledge, he was the only USC student on the Red Cross National Disaster Team, he said.

More than 1,000 people are still homeless, and more hungry people are being discovered, Collins said. It will take about five months to restore Charleston to a decent state, he said.

"I expected the damage to be nominal," Collins said. "I expected the media to blow it 10 times out of proportion. The damage done was so devastating until it could not be exaggerated or 'Hollywood-ized,'" Collins said.

Initially, Collins was assigned to Beaufort and Jasper counties, but was reassigned to the Charleston area by the Columbia Red Cross after the hurricane's path was determined, he said.

While there, he was also responsible for helping in Folly Beach, James Island, John's Island and the indigent community of Wadalamaw Island, he said.

The disaster team is scheduled to be there for six weeks, Collins said. Collins plans to make more trips to Charleston, but, being a student, he also plans to study, he said.

"After I finish here, I will resume as a full-time student," he said.

If there is some beauty in all the damage, it is seeing people unite and work together, Collins said. "When you have a disaster, it doesn't matter what class, race or color you are." The victims have become "a family of survivors," he said.

"Everyone became primitive for a while because they had to," he said.

Gail McGrail of the Office of Community Service Programs said she is pleased with the help students are giving.

"The students at USC are wonderful with the time and energy they gave," McGrail said.

Student organizations and greek organizations have helped with the contributions of money and canned goods, McGrail said.

Columbia Hall sent residents to Sumter to a children's home to clean up and offer support, McGrail said. Two vans of students went to Charleston to clean up. About \$4,000 was donated at the USC-Georgia Tech football game, she said.

The Homecoming committee will be selling tickets

Campus police respond to 82 call box pranks

By ANTHONY HODGE
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Eighty-two prank calls have come in from the newly installed call boxes, but USC police department has started crackdowns on call box misuse.

"The yellow call boxes at various points on USC's campus are for emergency purposes only, and pranksters should think twice before pressing the call button," said Danny Baker, vice president of law enforcement and safety.

The boxes are used as permanent sentries, Baker said, a direct 24-hour-day line of communication to the police department.

People feel better because of the call boxes, he said.

There have been two apprehensions in connection with misuse of call boxes, according to university police reports.

A man was detained Sept. 18 after two people observed him pushing a call box and called University Police. When the two spotted the man, he smiled and walked away, the witnesses said. He was then stopped and detained by the two until the police arrived.

"I thought it would make the traffic light change much quicker," the police report quoted the man as saying. He also commented on how quickly the police responded to the call box alarm.

On Oct. 1, Desmond Chitty of 1530 Harden St., was arrested and transported to Richland County De-

partment and charged with falsely activating an emergency call box.

The police report indicated that charges were brought against Chitty because he had no emergency or need for emergency police services.

Chitty said, "I just wanted to see if the box worked."

Baker said, misuse of call boxes is a violation of S.C. State Code of Laws 16-17-570, which could result in a fine or jail sentence or both.

Anyone arrested will be tried in General Sessions

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TEDDY LEPP/The Gamecock

And the winner is . . .

The homecoming queen finalists sit and answer questions on the Russell House Patio Tuesday. "Meet the Queens" was an event sponsored by the 1989 Homecoming Commission.

Physics causes problems, not always Murphy's law

By KELLY C. THOMAS
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Toast!
It's morning — breakfast time — and you want toast. And what's better on toast than jelly?

Of course, anyone who eats toast and jelly knows that it can be one of the messiest things they'll ever eat.

The scenario: the toast has just popped up and you're smothering it in grape (or apple or strawberry or whatever) jelly.

Suddenly, Fluffy (or Rover) runs under your feet. You lose your balance, and the jelly-toast plunges to its doom (or your doom, whichever way you prefer to look at it), landing jelly-side down, as usual.

You stoop to wipe up the gooey mess and mumble something about Murphy's Law — anything that can go wrong will, right? Not this time.

USC physics professor Ron Edge, who did an in-depth study of the jelly-side down phenomenon, has found that luck has nothing to do with which side of the bread hits the floor. And there is no truth to the myth that

the jelly makes the top of the bread heavier, and this weight pulls it down, he said.

"Actually, almost any flat object larger than a coin that is pushed off the table will land upside down," Edge said.

Edge conducted experiments using a book about the size of a piece of bread, pushing it off the table again and again to see how it fell, he said.

He also experimented with slices of bread and, once, even slid a piece of jellied bread off the table and onto the floor, he said.

"I didn't use jelly more than once, though," he said. "It's just too messy to have to clean up all the time. I don't remember what kind I used, but I did try it once."

What actually happens, Edge said, can be easily explained by simple physical laws.

As the piece of bread is sliding off the table, and before it goes into free-fall, a torque force begins to tip it — kind of like a see-saw, Edge said.

This force could cause the bread to flip

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Kissinger visit gives students chance to experience history

By KELLY C. THOMAS
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USC students will have the chance to become a part of history Thursday night, a Carolina Program Union spokesman said.

CPU Ideas and Issues Chairman Marty Taylor said Thursday's lecture by former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger will give students a chance to interact with

someone who has influenced the nation in a major way.

"Even though some students may not agree with the things Kissinger did or things that were happening when he was secretary (of state) — you know, Vietnam and all that — but it's still good to have the opportunity to meet someone like Kissinger," Taylor said.

Kissinger will discuss many of the major issues facing the United States and the world — terrorism, the drug lords, events in Eastern Europe and other topics, a USC press release said.

Taylor said the discussion will be a one-on-one experience, with Kissinger taking questions and comments from the audience.

"USC is really lucky to have him speak here," Tay-

lor said. "I'd like to see all of the 2,000 seats available filled."

Tickets for the event are \$1 for students with USC ID cards and \$2 for the general public and are on sale at the Coliseum, Russell House and Longstreet Theatre on the USC campus and also at Taylor Street Pharmacy and all Sounds Familiar stores in Columbia.