

USC BRIEFS

Phone Friend program to aid latchkey kids

In countless homes around the country, children of working parents go home to an empty house where they must pass the hours alone.

To help some lonely latchkey children cope, a USC professor is starting "Phone Friend," a hot line for primary grade children in the Columbia area.

Funded by the Central Carolina Community Foundation, the service is patterned after a hot line offered by USC's Coastal Carolina School of Education for children in Horry and Georgetown counties.

"If little ones are alone, frightened or just need a friend, we want them to call their 'Phone Friend,'" said Dr. Robert Bowman, associate professor of educational psychology at USC. "Getting children to talk about what's bothering them, frightening them or just reinforcing that someone cares is the main point of 'Phone Friend.'"

The pilot program will be offered from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. weekdays through Dec. 20 and resume in mid-January until the school year ends.

Student volunteers in USC's College of Education have been trained to listen and talk with the children and pick up any hint of trouble. "If they need help we can't provide, we'll call someone who can," Bowman said.

Although "Phone Friend" is not a replacement for the emergency 911 service, USC hot line operators will call 911 or direct a child to call the number in an emergency.

Stickers carrying a picture of USC mascot Cocky with a phone to his ear urging children to "Call your Phone Friend" and the hot line number, 777-6170, are being distributed to Richland District One elementary schools.

If the program gets the response that Bowman anticipates, it will be promoted in other Columbia area school districts next year.

"We're certain there's a need out there for this service, so we want to reach out and let kids know that a friend is just a phone call away," Bowman said.

Homecoming celebration to occur Friday

Cockfest has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. Friday at Williams-Brice Stadium.

The event will be held in connection with Parents Weekend and the Saturday USC-Florida State football game.

Traditionally held Homecoming weekend, Cockfest was cancelled because of heavy rain and flooding.

Cockfest will feature appearances by comedian Paul Rodriguez, the USC marching band, the coaches, football players, cheerleaders and Cocky. The event will end with fireworks.

Comedian Henry Cho will emcee the festivities.

Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and \$7 for a family ticket (two adults, two children). They are available at Carolina Coliseum box office, the Round House ticket office and the fourth floor Russell House business office. Tickets also will be available at the stadium beginning at noon Friday. Tickets purchased for the original Cockfest date will be honored.

More information can be obtained by calling the student life department at 777-5780.

Foundation donates \$126,273 to family center

The Cindy and Evan Nord Family Foundation has contributed \$126,273 toward the Center for Family in Society at USC.

The Nord family have contributed a total of \$206,733 to fund operating costs and program development for the center. Their philanthropic gifts have benefitted many programs in South Carolina since they moved to Columbia from Ohio in 1979.

The Center for Family in Society is a community partnership involving volunteer organizations and public agencies. Its goal is to enrich families through research, education and service directed to improve family function, said Dr. David Saunders, senior associate dean at the USC School of Medicine and chairman of the USC Presidential Task Force planning the center.

"We have chosen to help the Center for Family in Society because it is one of our areas of interest," Cindy Nord said. "Over the years, Evan and I have been active in working in the areas of early childhood education and child abuse and neglect. In my work with the Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, I have seen the problems of dysfunctional families.

"I'm interested in bringing the expertise that the university has to offer to the community, and the challenges in the community to the university," she said. "There is important research going on at USC that can benefit the community."

Tip-off

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and been accepted to USC, said the informative sessions and tour have helped him prepare for next year.

"It is something beneficial to my future career," Hanna said.

Student Government President Stephen Benjamin closed the Car-

olina Tip-Off with a speech encouraging the black students to come to USC.

"I tried to give them a sense of

reality and prepare them (for the future)," Benjamin said.

The next Carolina Tip-Off will be held in the spring.

Service

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dividual volunteers and a number of student organizations that now do projects, plus the fact that resident halls now have agencies," she said.

Since McGrail's groundbreaking move at USC, many other colleges are now beginning to follow the trend. At North Carolina's A&T, students are trying to develop a volunteer program. One student volunteer from the school said, "We have gotten in touch with different agencies throughout the (Greensboro) area and with students.

"Now, we're trying to keep student interest up while we continue to organize the student with the agencies in a collaborative manner," he said.

The biggest problem now is try-

ing to get students who are majoring in other fields besides social work and psychology to volunteer.

"They just don't see where it can help them any when it really can," he said.

Volunteer Coordinator for Family Shelter Rebecca Smith said, "We had an engineering student come in to volunteer. He didn't feel comfortable with what we gave him to do. So he asked us if we needed anything done that related to his major. We just happened to need a room redrafted, so he did that.

"I've also had some students volunteer to write for grant money rather than talking on a hotline or talking to battered women," she said.

With the increased attention being placed on volunteering, a class on volunteering has been offered at USC for the past year and a half through the Department of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Administration, even though students from any major can take it.

Its professor, Tom Van Dyke, said, "I try to get students involved with community service. Hopefully, their corporations will be able to donate money and food. But the first problem is to get people aware of the homeless. And hopefully students will donate their time to organizations. I think my students will be more willing to help out."

Regina Owen, a HRTA senior, said would try to encourage her employees to volunteer.

Another HRTA senior offered another option. "I'd maybe refer the homeless who came to the hotel to a shelter or let them stay for a night at my cost. But I'd have to worry about my image as a businessperson. I plan to continue to volunteer and act as a referral to help them find a place to stay," Diane Kiadell said.

Van Dyke sponsored a workshop at the two-day conference in which approximately 75 students attended. McGrail stated that the conference's chance to turn annual would "depend on the evaluations. We would like it to be annual."

Roy Davis, the assistant director of Career Planning, said, "Employers are putting a very strong emphasis in volunteer work."

SAACURH

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This is the first year the delegation has been classified as large, and last year they won Best Spirited for a Small Delegation.

Other winners were the University of Florida for Best Display, the University of Central Southern for Most Spirited Small Delegation, and Georgia Southern University for Most Spirited Small Delegation.

SAACURH is an affiliate of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls.

This is the first time South Carolina has been host to SAACURH, although USC hosted the South Carolina Residence Hall Association this past year.

SAACURH will be held in Charlotte next year.

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Building will take place:

Tuesday, Oct. 30:
4:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 31:
4:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Thursday, Nov. 1:
4:00 pm - 1:00 am

Judging will take place Friday, Nov. 2 at 12 noon.

If your organization would like to become involved, call the Campus Activities Center at 777-5780 for more details.

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\$2.00 USC Student
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\$7.00 Family

Transportation:

Buses will be leaving from Russell House and Bates House every 15 minutes from 6:30-7:30 pm and returning to these locations after Cockfest.

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