



The band Mind's Eye will perform at Rockafellas' tonight at 8 p.m.

Band has unique sound

Mind's Eye to perform

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Mind's Eye, a Columbia-based band with a diversified touch with the lyrics of its songs, will perform at Rockafellas' tonight.

The band's music is unique — a blend of country, funk, heavy metal and pop.

"Our music is widespread demographics. It's just as our name, Mind's Eye, implies. It's creativity in the brain, and therefore we center our music around the creativity of the group. Our music is bizarre and different, sort of diverse," lead guitarist John Huiett said.

"I think people are tired of the same old music, the same old rhythm. That's why our band tries to be different in every aspect of our music. We try to compose lyrics that will not bore a person," said Kristi Kurt, a junior at USC and the group's singer.

Most of the songs the band per-

forms are original works, and the group practices hard to attain its unique sound. It generally practices three times a week, usually beginning at midnight and sometimes going through the entire night.

"We practice so late at night because each band member has a day job, therefore the only time when all of us can really get together is late at night. It's amazing because sometimes we practice the entire night because we want our music to be real good for our shows," bass player Scott Kimmell said.

The long hours of practice pay off for the band members because the band now usually has a monthly gig at Rockafellas'. The band is attracting more people at each of its shows, but members say there's always room for more.

"We want our fans to come out. Bring your friends or just bring anybody you can find. No matter

what type of music you like, we will play it. It's going to be a blast of a good time," Kimmell said.

Minds Eye, formed in January 1988, has performed in Atlanta and Myrtle Beach and at the recent Carolina Cup festivities in Camden. Its five members, Gary Atkinson, Richie Bates, Huiett, Kimmell and Kurt, attribute the longevity of their band to their friendship. Even though they have encountered a few spats, they've still been able to stay together.

"I think if there weren't any arguments within the band, then there would not be a band. Sometimes by having these arguments, we grow stronger. It's just part of being a band," drummer Richie Bates said.

The group also credits its manager Sean Shealy for its success.

If you want to hear this progressive, diversified band perform, check them out at Rockafellas' tonight at 8 p.m. Cover is \$4.

Kayaking near zoo thrilling

By WILLIAM DOMINICI
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Maneuvering through powerful currents and over standing waves is a kayaker's idea of fun.

Jamie Greiner, a third year journalism major, and other kayakers gather on the Saluda River behind the zoo to practice their sport.

"I'm an adrenalin junkie," Greiner said. "The Saluda is a good place to work out on white-water technique and have some fun."

The Saluda River, fed by Lake Murray, has a stretch of rapids called the "Mill Race" that, depending on water levels, can be unimposing or dangerous.

Rivers are rated on a class system. A class one river has small, regular waves and clear passages. It would be appropriate for someone floating in an inner tube. A class five river, however, can be considered life threatening, Greiner said.

"The class system goes to six, which is for experts only, with the distinct possibility of dying," Greiner said.

A kayak is a highly maneuverable, closed boat. The kayaker's legs fit snugly in the boat, and the opening is covered by a neoprene spray skirt. The spray skirt

allows the kayaker to right himself without sinking if capsized, with a technique called an Eskimo roll.

"Ideally, the kayak is an extension of the paddler's body," Greiner said.

Students interested in kayaking

should contact the Mountaineering and Whitewater Club. The club has its own boats, and members can use them for no charge. They can also contact a local paddling club, the Palmetto Paddlers, through Adventure Carolina or the River Runner.



Ken Holmes kayaks on the Saluda River.

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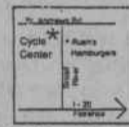
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