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Up-and-Coming Band: Walrus Garden is a three-man band with a unique sound that is relatively new to the Columbia music scene. Since its formation one year ago, the band has been polishing an expanding repertoire of original tunes by a spending hours in the practice room and recording studio and playing gigs around USC and Clemson. Tonight the band will be playing in the Battle of the Bands at Rockafellas'.

Band members are Ed Parker, Harry Conner and Diamond Dave Sprouse. Their first release, "Cucumber," has received the attention of Fox 102's garage tapes and can be found at both Manifest and Peaches.

World's Largest Human Logo: More than 1,200 college students pushed and pried their way to the front of the line this month to participate in a world record-setting event this Spring Break in South Padre Island, Texas. At stake: the right to be a part of the world's largest human logo.

In clusters of kids with red and white t-shirts, the students stretched across the Padre sand to form Sprint's familiar diamond-shaped logo and the name "Sprint." The logo and company name were underscored by a group of students who formed a fancy swirled line.

The logo and its underscore set the world's record for the largest human logo.

"We were overwhelmed by how much participation we got from the students," Dave Schmeig, president of Sprint's Consumer Services Group, said. "We were thrilled to see so many people eager to stretch nearly half the length of a football field to create Sprint's name and logo across the sand."

Down-Home Fun Comes To Riverbanks Farm: Springtime is here, and it's time for Fun on the Farm at Riverbanks Zoo Saturday, March 21. There will be square-dancing, cow-milking, quilting, wool-spinning and butter-churning all day with live banjo and fiddle music at noon and 2 p.m. See the zoo's year-round farm animals, plus some new bunnies, wander through the spring vegetable garden complete with scarecrows and edible flowers, and learn more about farm life through educational exhibits.

Free Life Fulfillment Class: John M. Howell will be teaching a free introductory course in Life Fulfillment Training today. The class is sponsored by The Evolve Foundation, a non-profit organization. A donation is requested, plus a charge for the book and tapes that accompany the class. Howell received his doctorate in English from USC and also has taught at the university.

Business Administration freshman Brandon Bennett is qualified to stay in The Roost. He plays football at USC.

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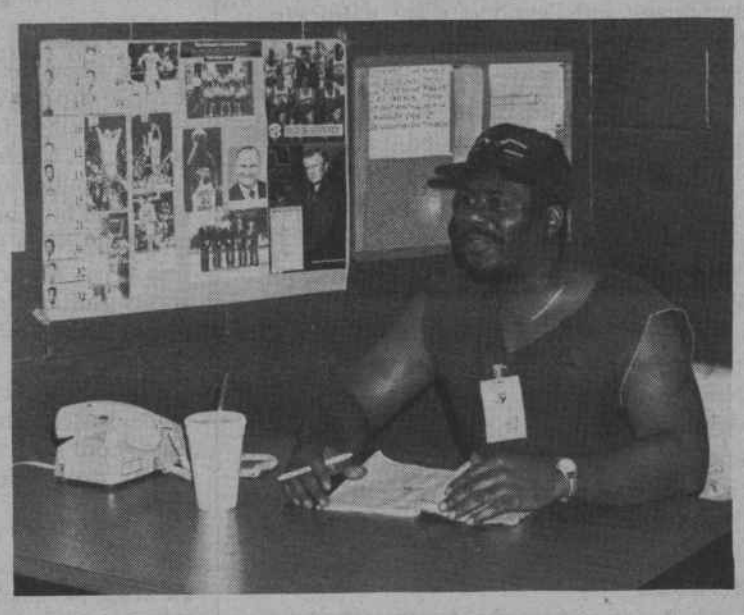
LIFE AT THE Roost

Athletes at the dorm say they don't get special treatment



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RA Clifton Burns, a Community Awareness staff member at The Roost, keeps watch over the people entering the building.

By MELINDA WALDROP
Staff Writer

In 1996, housing in The Roost residence hall will be open to all students because of an NCAA integration regulation.

For now, however, it remains an athlete's domain. Tucked away on Heyward Street, on the southernmost end of south campus, it also remains slightly mysterious and greatly misunderstood.

True, it offers spacious living quarters, with four people sharing two bedrooms, a bathroom and a living room area. True, it does have its own cafeteria and parking lot. But life at The Roost is not spent rolling in the lap of luxury.

"Everything we get, we earn," freshman football player Luther Dixon said. The offensive lineman went on to describe a day that begins with a 5:35 a.m. run, continues with class, lunch and weight lifting and winds down with a mandatory study hall. And that's just in the off-season.

Residence hall director Chris Boyle agreed with Dixon. He said the athletes have curfews imposed by coaches and weekly room checks. He shrugs off the notion that Roost residents enjoy a unique living situation.

"There isn't any difference in day-to-day living," Boyle said.

Rules are not more lenient at The Roost than they are at other residence halls. Boyle said that many rules are, in fact, stricter than elsewhere. The Roost's visitation policy decrees oposite sex visits over at 11 p.m. on weeknights, 2 a.m. on weekends, and allows no overnight visitation.

One distinguishing characteristic of The Roost is that many Roost residents are receiving scholarships. Dixon is attending school on a full scholarship, while Gregory is the recipient of a three-fourths award, which pays for all expenses except room and board.

Dixon explained that the scholarships are renewable from year to year if the athlete signs a letter of intent each year.

A feature unique to the residence hall is The Roost's cafeteria, which is overseen by dieticians, trainers and weight coaches. The carefully planned menu has both benefits and drawbacks.

Gregory describes a typical day's fare as consisting of spaghetti, meat and fish. "We have chicken almost every night," he said.

The Roost also boasts the Academic Enrichment Center, a new facility next to the residence hall that opened Feb. 24. The center is staffed by academic advisers and counselors and provides students with computers and other study aids.

Boyle said the major difference between The Roost, at three years old, is that it is newer than other residence halls. He stressed that things are not any easier at The Roost than they are in other residence halls, adding that Roost residents must pay for their cable like everyone else.

Dixon agreed. "We go through more than the average student," he said. "I'd love to switch places with them just so I can get some rest."

The American Gladiators

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Popular Television show looking for Columbia athletes to compete in upcoming Carolina Coliseum competition

AMERICAN GLADIATORS Live on Tour!

Tryouts in Columbia for The American Gladiators competition:

What: Tryouts for eight of Columbia's finest athletes to compete against The American Gladiators.

When: March 26 at 5 p.m.

Where: Williams Brice Stadium

From Staff Reports

The American Gladiators are coming to Columbia.

The Gladiators — Gemini, Ice, Nitro, Zap, Laser, Blaze, Tower, Diamond, Viper, and Jazz — are coming to Columbia to challenge the area's best athletes in an evening of live, head-to-head bouts and one-on-one feats of strength and agility.

The 7-Eleven convenience stores will present The American Gladiators Live Tour at the Carolina Coliseum April 12.

Tryouts for the selection of eight of Columbia's finest athletes to compete against The American Gladiators will take place at 5 p.m. Thursday, March 26 at the Williams-Brice Stadium.

Each hopeful must pass a battery of strength, mobility and endurance tests to qualify for selection. The athletes who will be selected must excel in pushups, the hand-bike, the 40-yard dash and make a favorable showing in pick-up games of "powerball" and "jousting." Four male and four female Contenders and two male and two female alternates will be selected from the tryout participants.

The Gladiators are issuing this challenge to all comers, from ex-college football, track and wrestling stars, bodybuilders, fraternity and sorority athletes, to weekend sporting enthusiasts.

Any male or female who is in good physical condition, 18 years old or older and who enjoys active competition is welcome to try to meet the challenge.

For additional information about the tryouts, call 779-1900 or The American Gladiator Hotline at 212-956-5430.

The local contenders will battle the American Gladiators in six events during the two-hour Live Competition at the Carolina Coliseum April 12.

The touring American Gladiators are all stars of the Number One Syndicated telvision hit "American Gladiators," a series in which Gladiators compete against amateur Contenders in various endeavors. The American Gladiators Tour is traveling the country and pitting the athletic talents of the Gladiators against local athletes in more than 70 U.S. cities during the next four months.

Tickets are on sale at the coliseum and at all SCAT outlets. Ticket prices are $12.50 and $15.50. Call 777-5111 or 777-SCAT to charge.

T-shirts for sale

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Chris Duncan sells t-shirts for Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Awareness Days in front of the Russell House Tuesday. B-GLAD Week runs through Friday.

B-GLAD WEEK

Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Awareness Days

March 18	Open Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Student Association meeting, 8:30 p.m., Russell House 202
March 19	Heterosexual Guide to Homosexuality, an open forum, 2 p.m., Russell House Theatre
March 20	Lunch in support of gay and lesbian rights, 11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m., Russell House Patio, no cost
March 21	Picnic, 1-4 p.m., Sidney Park, no cost
March 21	Dance, 8 p.m., Golden Spur Security Provided

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