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CAUGHT IN THE RUSH!



Members of Lambda Chi Alpha (above) enjoy Monday night's rush activities. An Alpha Tau Omega fraternity member welcomes a visitor.

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Campus fraternities are gearing up for the week-long process of rush, which began Monday and will end Friday.

While the activities vary slightly among fraternities, all are prepared for a long, event-filled week.

Monday night kicked off the week with open rush.

As Brett Gough, Sigma Alpha Epsilon president, explained, this is a night when students can visit any fraternity they choose.

"The purpose of rush is to orient pledges socially, academically, philanthropically, and athletically to the university," Gough said.

Gough said about 90 percent of pledges are freshmen, with a few sophomores and juniors also rushing.

SAE's open rush continued until Tuesday night.

Wednesday night will mark the beginning of the selection process. Rushees will attend an invitation-only cookout Wednesday and a coat and tie affair at the Koger Center Thursday.

After Thursday night, the deliberation begins. Gough said the brothers of the fraternity discuss each rushee in order to choose the best possible candidates.

"We're looking for true gentlemen," Gough said. "We want people who will be best for the fraternity."

SAE bids will be sent out by Friday.

Chi Psi President Kevin Beach describes a similar rush schedule. Students attending open rush Monday night were entertained by Jim LeBlanc, a popular local singer, while enjoying a barbeque. Open rush concluded on Tuesday night with wings from Drake's Duck Inn.

Wednesday and Thursday nights are closed rush, with a cookout planned for Thursday. Beach said the rushees invited back would be personable and laid back.

"We want the kind of young man who will suit us best," Beach said.

Beach also said many pledges rush to find a group of people with the same interests and styles.

Chi Psi pledges are also mainly freshmen. Beach said the fraternity's size is a plus in attracting new pledges.

"We're large enough to be competitive in intramurals, but small enough that everyone knows each other," Beach said.

Chi Psi also features an alumni mentor program where each mem-

ber is paired with a mentor during his senior year to help find a job.

"It's like a home away from home," Beach said.

Kappa Sigma President Jason Sutton said they also follow a similar rush schedule.

Closed rush begins Tuesday night, as Kappa Sigma members decide who to invite to the formal gathering at the Alumni House Wednesday. The number of rushees is then cut again for an invitation to a casual meeting Thursday in the Kappa Sigma lounge.

Sutton points to good moral standing and a solid background as characteristics Kappa Sigma looks for in a pledge.

"We like to take freshmen and sophomores because they have more time to contribute to the fraternity," Sutton said.

Sutton said Kappa Sigma, which finished first academically among fraternities last year, is expecting to pledge 20 to 30 men.

"A lot of guys get to school and want to be a part of something special that will help them now as well as later in life," Sutton said.

Bids for Kappa Sigma will be decided Thursday night, and rushees have until noon Friday to accept or reject the bid.



The USC Marching Band practices Friday afternoon for the upcoming season. Lea Clayton/The Gamecock

Yearbook staff seeks excellence, diversity in upcoming edition

By STEPHEN BROWN
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Garnet and Black yearbook editor Eric Glenn has a tough job ahead of him in building a staff capable of providing an accurate chronicle of the Carolina community.

"It seems like the yearbook has been reduced to a public relations tool for the university," Glenn said. "I like a yearbook to be a historical analog of the year at USC. We, as a staff, want to cover everything, good and bad, in order to stir the memories which might be easy to ignore."

The staff hopes to encourage an increase in sales by including what Glenn terms "more daring, 90s

kind of material." Less than 10 percent of the student body purchased annuals last year.

Having a more diverse staff with a wide range of artistic viewpoints will help remedy the subscription slump. The staff promises to get rid of mundane stories which have not worked for a long time and to include eclectic design coupled with dynamic photography to keep readers interested from page to page.

Glenn hopes to sit down with the new staff and have a group brainstorming session.

"We can share what we've seen in newspapers, in magazines and even in dreams," he said.

Glenn will contribute his photography editor for *The Gamecock* and *Portfolio* staffs.

The first meeting of the *Garnet and Black* will be at 5 p.m. in Russell House, room 307. The staff invites anyone with fresh ideas or any original work to attend the session.

Some staff positions are still open, and Glenn encourages a diverse group of students to attend. "If you have an original, fresh, or new thought, we want to see it," he said. "We need people who aren't afraid to put their ideas out on the table and do something daring."

With fresh staff members on board, Glenn said, "This yearbook will be like nothing you have ever seen."

Five Points, area merchants sponsor hurricane benefits

By LEE CLONTZ
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Local merchants are banding together for two Hurricane Andrew benefits this week.

The first benefit is today and Thursday in front of OfficeMax at 607 Bush River Rd.

The benefit, which will last from 5-9 p.m., is sponsored by the Jaycees and Dutch Square Area Concerned Citizens.

School supplies, canned goods, and clothes will be accepted.

The second benefit is sponsored by the Five Points Merchants Association and will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Labor Day.

People are asked to bring canned goods, diapers, toiletries or any amount of financial assistance.

Any person donating over \$1 will earn a coupon good for 20 percent off merchandise at Deals, Oops!, Benetton, Sunglasses 'N Things and Sharky's Pizza.

Flashing, underage drinking targets for police at Monday's Guns N' Roses, Metallica show

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Columbia law enforcement officials have made final security preparations for the Faith No More, Metallica, Guns N' Roses concert.

Carl Stokes, director of the Division of Law Enforcement and Safety at USC, called an administrative meeting Thursday to make sure everything is in place.

Judges, solicitors and law enforcement officials met Monday for the final time in Williams-Brice

Stadium to pull everything together and hand out assignments. "We plan to take all violations of the law into consideration," Stokes said.

Included in those violations is the proposal by Janice Kraft to have women who flash their breasts

arrested at the concert. Kraft is a Republican candidate for House District 72.

"I'm confident that things will stay under control," Kraft said, "but the concert shouldn't be held so close to a residential area. There are houses only a mile from the

stadium, and I'm sure the noise would keep them awake."

The area surrounding Williams-Brice Stadium will be patrolled by police and handled similarly to football games, with police looking for underage and disorderly drinking.

Metal detectors will be used to scan concert goers for weapons.

The concert is scheduled to end at about 2 a.m., and police will be patrolling the roads for possible DUI offenders.

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