

USC Future Committee to sponsor discussion

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USC administrators are encouraging students to voice their concerns about the future of the university at a hearing Dec. 11.

The meeting, which lasts from 1-3 p.m., will be in Calcott Auditorium and was created by the University Future Committee.

A major reason the committee is conducting this meeting is to determine how an impending 12 percent budget cut within the next three years should be handled, according to Student Government President Tom Young.

The 12-member committee, which consists of faculty and staff, created the program in an unstructured format to allow students to volunteer their perceptions on the future of the university.

Young, who serves as the student representative for the committee, said, "We have to learn from the students what is a priority on the list."

Priorities must be made within each college as to what is important for continuity, he said.

Provost James Moeser said, "This will give the students an opportunity for a direct voice."

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Some universities have set aside special seats for the children of alumni, but if the person's parents graduated during the 1940s they would have to be white because most universities didn't accept minorities then.

Those seats exclude anyone who isn't white.

"Some people only want to focus on what's benefiting white women and people from minority ethnic groups," Dark said.

"Affirmative action is necessary to take steps to be inclusive."

He said some people are uncomfortable competing with people of color and white women. "It's hard for them to acknowledge that we have skills and abilities," he said.

"Remember, at one time in history African-Americans were considered three-fifths human."

"And somehow if a black person makes it, we aren't seen as 'like the rest,'" he said.

Reenea Harrison-Cook, coordinator for academic affairs for South Carolina Honors College, said, "Women and minorities will always have to work harder than white, male counterparts, because there are people who feel we only get positions because we are minorities or because we are women."

South Carolina Honors College Dean William Mould said the college actively seeks qualified minorities for admission, but no

one is given anything.

"Affirmative action as it pertains to women isn't addressed because women make up slightly more than half of the population in the honors college," he said.

Dark said most affirmative action jobs are held by white women, but USC has a mixture of males, females, blacks and whites.

USC President John Palms has a vision for the university that's more than numbers and statistics, he said. "We want USC to be a public institution that offers opportunity."

Dark said that by the year 2000, about 85 percent of new entrants to the American workforce will be members of minority ethnic groups and white women.

"We need to learn how to get along," he said.

Reverse discrimination is a misnomer because people who don't have anything can't take away from people who do, Dark said.

"Anyone can be prejudiced, but blacks can't be racists," he said.

"Some media and insecure people have misguided the general public on affirmative action. I don't believe in quotas, but I do believe in goals. I hope one day affirmative action will work itself out of business, and we'll be able to look at women and minorities and handicapped persons and the skills they bring," he said.

"We're doing better, but we have a long way to go."

'Lending a hand'



Lea Clayton/The Gamecock

Sophomore psychology major Mary Lou Buzzetti talks to junior exercise science major Kelly Smith during Saturday's Carolina Cares food and clothing drive on Green Street in front of Russell House.

NewsBreakers

International

Yeltsin retains powers after vote

MOSCOW — Russian lawmakers gave President Boris Yeltsin a "D" in economic reform Saturday, but they also handed him a key political victory by voting down amendments that would have narrowed his powers to hire and fire his cabinet.

The Russian Congress of People's Deputies, the supreme legislature that gathers more than 1,000 members in the Kremlin twice a year, resolved that the past year of radical reforms under Yeltsin "did not serve the interests of most people."

It called the cabinet's performance "unsatisfactory," wording that boded ill for acting Prime Minister Yegor Gaidarm, who is expected to be tapped by Yeltsin to be full prime minister when the congress reconvenes Monday.

In secret balloting, the Russian president's opponents fell short of the two-thirds vote needed to require Yeltsin to get the congress' approval for cabinet appointments.

Nation

Treasury leader will be Bentsen

WASHINGTON — President-elect Bill Clinton picked Sen. Lloyd Bentsen to be his Treasury Secretary, a move designed to send the political signal that the deadlock between the White House and Congress is over and to assure the financial markets of a calm, steady hand on the nation's economic levers, Clinton advisers said Saturday.

But these advisers, in Washington and in Arkansas, also said the selection of the Texas Democrat and the fact that the top candidates for the directorship of the Office of Management and Budget also come from Congress indicated how, after 12 years of Republican presidents, Congress is the only realistic place to turn for experts who have dealt with pivotal matters like taxes and the budget deficit.

Clinton apparently set aside concerns that Bentsen might be more valuable as chairman of the Senate finance committee.

State

SRS valuable site for environment

COLUMBIA — The Savannah River Site nuclear weapons complex boasts one of the most ecologically pure and valuable wildlife preserves, despite containing areas for chemical and radioactive waste disposal, an ecologist said recently.

Ecologists attribute the wildlife preservation to the isolation at SRS, a 300-square-mile area near Aiken virtually sealed off from most humans. Large areas contain no roads, no power lines or even footprints.

"This area is so tightly protected you can see it clearly in a satellite photograph," Whitfield Gibbons, a senior ecologist at the SRS Ecology Laboratory, told The State newspaper.

The laboratory is an arm of the University of Georgia. Researchers since 1951 have been studying plants and animals at the nuclear weapons complex operated by Westinghouse Savannah River Co. for the U.S. Department of Energy.

USC

USC, GM team up to honor volunteers

USC and General Motors Corporation are teaming up to recognize three students who have demonstrated their commitment to helping others.

The 1992/1993 General Motors Volunteer Spirit Award is in its sixth year and provides individuals, faculty, student clubs, and community organizations the opportunity to nominate students to receive well-deserved recognition for their service.

General Motors sponsors this award on 40 college and university campuses across the country, and has recognized more than 400 students to date.


All USC students are eligible to apply for the award. The students must submit an application, along with two letters of recommendation to the Office of Community Service Programs and Student Life. Applications are available across campus.

Summer Jobs!

Need a break from the books




this summer . Need to work but

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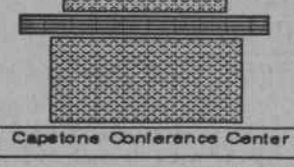
available to work with conferences

and  camps. Includes \$195.00

a week salary, reduced housing and a


limited meal plan . Applications

available January 11, 1993 at the

Capstone  Conference

Center, lobby level of Capstone House.

Deadline for applications

is February 15, 1993. 

Congratulations to the following students who have been placed in co-op jobs for the spring semester as of December 11.

Darnell Salley	BI-LO
Eric Zabka	BELLSOUTH
Dharmesh Patel	DUPONT
Christine Ducanay	BI-LO
Jenifer Estrada	BI-LO
Craig Rickabaugh	BECHTEL
Jonathan Fowler	BELLSOUTH
Karen LaPoint	RICHLAND MEMORIAL
Lynn Nguyen	THERMAL CERAMICS
Jenifer Eitel	THERMAL CERAMICS
Robert Sanchez	ALLIED FIBERS
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Glenn Kelly	UNION CAMP
Jonathan Epting	F.N. MANUFACTURING
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Marylou Buzzetti	WALT DISNEY
Corbie Doizer	WALT DISNEY
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Lenore Hazzard	WALT DISNEY
Sunil Dharma	MILIKEN
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