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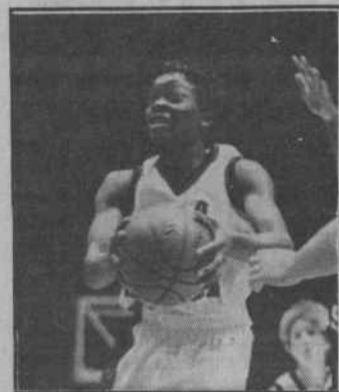
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Stress blowout to be held Friday at Blatt P.E. Center
The Solomon Blatt P.E. Center will sponsor its semi-annual Stress Blowout on Friday from 7 p.m.-midnight. Activities will include sumo wrestling, door prizes, music, food and much more. The event is free and open to all USC students.

Leadership Fitness Series sponsors last workshop today
The Leadership Fitness Series will sponsor its last workshop for the semester from 4-5 p.m. today in RH 303. The topic "Dealing with Stress" will be led by Lisa Mohn and Sam Ekert.

Support group forming for students with HIV or AIDS
A group of students is forming a support group for other students with HIV or AIDS. The group, Positive Living, is for people between the ages of 18 and 29 years old. Confidentiality of group members is assured. For information, contact Laurie or Lisa at 777-8248.

Scholarships available for Alpha Lambda Delta members
Alpha Lambda Delta members who are planning on attending graduate school may apply for a \$3,000 scholarship. The application deadline is Friday.

Lecture to be held today
Students are invited to an afternoon lecture by Mary Galvin on "Creolization in Colonial South Carolina" at 3:30 p.m. today in Gambrell Hall room 151.

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Moeser to leave USC for Nebraska

MARTHA HOTOP Asst. News Editor

USC Provost James Moeser has been offered the position as chancellor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The position still must be approved by the Nebraska University Board of Regents, but that approval is expected to come at its Saturday meeting. Moeser was in Nebraska today for the official announcement.

"While we hate to see Moeser leave, we are all excited and proud for him," said USC President John Palms. "He has been an energetic and forceful provost and has worked to enhance the academic character of Carolina."

Moeser came to USC in 1992 to accept the position of Vice President of Academic

Affairs and Provost. At the time Moeser applied for USC's provost position, he was one of about 180 applicants. Before coming to USC Moeser was on the music faculty at the University of Kansas for 20 years and served as the dean of the College of Arts and Architecture at Penn State University from 1986 to 1992.

Don Greiner, vice provost at USC, served on the committee that interviewed Moeser in 1992. During that interview, Moeser was asked about his future career plans.

Greiner said he knew from that interview that Moeser aspired to be president of a flagship university. Greiner said that despite Moeser's eventual intentions to accept a position as a

university president, USC hoped to keep him for at least five years.

Moeser was chosen by University of Nebraska President L. Dennis Smith over two other finalists: Provost John Kozak of Iowa State University and Provost George Thomas of Washington State University. Moeser, 56, will replace Graham Spanier who became president of Pennsylvania State University Sept. 1.



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"We're down-hearted about our situation, because Moeser facilitated so many significant and important changes," said Greiner. "He's enhanced the undergraduate program."

Moeser also will stress the importance of a strong undergraduate program in his new role at NU.

"I don't see a dramatic change in course for this university," he said. "I intend to stay on course to retain quality."

During his three-and-a-half years at USC, Moeser helped start the Freshman Reading Experience and the Preston Residential College.

the academic end of the university. The provost handles requests for tenure and the hiring of new professors. Additionally, he or she is responsible for the day-to-day supervision of the 15 department deans.

Moeser's leaving USC will leave a temporary vacancy in the provost's office. Despite the vacancy, the undergraduate academic programs are expected to continue improving.

In relation to Moeser's leaving, Greiner explained two of his sayings about life: "The institution will always survive, and no one is indispensable."

According to Greiner, the academic department won't regress, but students

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ON THE COURT



ROBERT WALTON The Gamecock
USC women's basketball coach Nancy Wilson advises her players at Monday night's game against Campbell.

400 victories

USC women's basketball coach Nancy Wilson celebrated her 400th win Friday against University of Michigan.

RYAN WILSON Sports Editor

Every year during basketball season, there are always stories about college coaches across the country reaching milestones in their careers. It seems that these milestones come so frequently that they appear too commonplace in the daily grind that is a five-month basketball season.

USC women's basketball coach Nancy Wilson has had her share of coaching milestones in her 12 years at the helm of the Gamecocks, but recently she accomplished something that only 19 other women's basketball coaches have done: win 400 games.

Wilson notched her 400th win as the Lady Gamecocks (5-1) defeated the University of Michigan, 78-69, in Ann Arbor Friday night.

Although Wilson would have preferred to win her 400th in Frank McGuire Arena, she was glad that the win in Ann Arbor typified her idea of how collegiate basketball should be played.

"The great thing (about winning 400) was that the Michigan game was a good game," Wilson said. "It was a very competitive game and was played at a tempo that you like to see in college ball."

The Lady Gamecocks grabbed Wilson's 401st game Monday night as they downed the Lady Camels of Campbell 82-59 in Frank McGuire Arena. Ironically, the Lady Camels were the victim last season as Wilson recorded her 200th win as head coach at Carolina.

The Lady Gamecocks sport six players from last year's squad that garnered Wilson's 200th, but five new players have given this year's squad a different chemistry. A chemistry that won Wilson's 400th, and one she is proud to lead.

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New office to serve pre-law, med students

Vice-provost Don Greiner announces a new position to serve students who are planning to go into professional graduate education programs such as law or medicine.

ROB GIOIELLI Staff Writer

For all those interested in law or medical school, there is a new department at the university where students can go for help and advisement.

The Office of Pre-Professional Advisement has been created by Vice-Provost Don Greiner to help students who are interested in law, medicine or any type of professional graduate education.

Eileen Korpita has been named as the Pre-Professional advisor and will run the office along with an executive assistant. Korpita, who now serves as program director for Sexual Assault Services in the Thomson Student Health Center, will assume the position Jan. 3.

When Greiner assumed his office two years ago, he set up a series of goals that he wanted to see reached to improve undergraduate education at the university. These included the Preston Residential College, the Office of Fellowships and Summer Programs and now the Office of Pre-Professional Advisement.

"Students come to campus and say their major is pre-law or pre-med. But there is no pre-law or pre-med major. This is how we can help our best undergraduates get through the labyrinth of applications to the top six or seven professional schools in their prospective field. This is a person whose full-time job is to know all the nuances of each application," Greiner said.

Greiner also sees the office as a recruiting device for top high school students applying to the university.

Korpita said she read the description for the job and saw it as an upbeat and fresh position that would be exciting. When Korpita starts the job in January, she plans to do a lot of research and start to put the systems in place to help students.

Some of the ideas that Korpita has already thought of for the office will be to start portfolios for each student so that they can keep track of their records and goals. She also wants to set up a mentor program where freshman pre-law students could be paired with senior pre-law students to assist and advise them on how to be a pre-law major. Korpita thinks it would be good if students also learned to utilize other resources at the university.

"I think this office is just another show of support for undergraduate education at this university, and I want to be here to assist, advise and support students," Korpita said.

Korpita has been at the university for six years. Before coming to USC, she was education coordinator at Richland Memorial Hospital. She received her masters degree from USC in Public Health.



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State bowl teams compete at USC

Faculty and students volunteered for "The USC Challenge" this weekend. Thirty-two South Carolina high school academic teams participated.

ADAM SNYDER Staff Writer

High school academic teams from across South Carolina invaded USC Dec. 2 for the fifth annual Academic Bowl. Riverside High School took the overall competition crown in the day long event.

Thirty-two teams were challenged by more than 500 questions devised by liberal arts and science and math professors.

Topics for questions ranged from geography to government to biology. The winners had to compete in 10 rounds of these and other questions in order to win their division.

"With those two colleges, we

got a good representation of questions," stated Margaret Anliker, graduate advisor for Alpha Lambda Delta, the freshman honor society who sponsored the event. In fact, ALD revitalized the competition.

"The Alpha Lambda Delta president five years ago wanted USC to sponsor the academic bowl," said Harrison Greenlaw, administrative advisor for ALD.

After another university dropped the sponsorship of the competition, the ALD president pushed for USC to take over the academic bowl. Every since, he has come back to help with the bowl.

A list of 25 faculty members and 20 students, graduates and undergraduates, as well as Gamma Phi Beta and Golden Key volunteered with the bowl.

200 attend "Save the Wedge" rally

ADAM SNYDER Staff Writer

The "Save the Wedge" campaign continued Saturday as 200 people visited the former rice plantation and current home of public health research for a four hour open house.

Displays of the history of the Wedge and each research project being done at the plantation provided local school programs and other visitors information about the center. Refreshments were served and the plantation was decorated for Christmas.

Also, Alexander Lofton, a descendant of the Lucas family who built the plantation, was on hand to present historical information. He had a display of historical papers including a ledger describing materials and costs of building the main house.

"We had tremendous community support," said Dwight Williams, director of the International Center for Public Health, better known as the Wedge. He said that many people said that they never knew

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that Wedge was there (McClellanville).

The "Save the Wedge" campaign was started after the office of the Provost announced that the research center programs would be "mothballed" after this fiscal year. The Wedge is the only research center in the world that studies insects and vector borne diseases. Because of the cost of keeping the program running, the Provost decided it would be in the best interest of the university to close down the project.

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"We are trying to approach foundations for substantial support," Williams said. Williams believes that if the supporters of the Wedge do not have an alternative plan by the Board of Trustees meeting in Feb., the Provost will suggest to the Board to sell the property. It is possible that part of the money gained from the sale will be used to relocate the Wedge faculty to Columbia.

"It will really change the character of our program if they move us," stated Williams. The Wedge is deemed as a good location for insect study because there is a very dense mosquito population.

There are no more open houses planned by the Wedge. The center is always open though and those interested can stop by from 8-4 any weekday.