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Amy Coppler sits by a window in her Horseshoe apartment.

Housing crunch begins, director hopeful

■ Students and administrators are preparing to adjust to housing changes and loss of space for the fall semester.

ERIN SHAW Staff Writer

Gene Luna is excited about housing. During a time when students are faced with the housing registration process, tough decisions about where to live, and rampant rumors about who can live where, Luna is confident that changes implemented will satisfy residents.

"We've heard a lot of concerns. The first rumor was that there wasn't going to be enough room," said Luna, Director of Housing and Residential Services. "The first and foremost issue for us, though, is while it appears we are losing a lot of space, we think we'll be able to accommodate all students who choose to live on campus."

Some student concerns stem from a revamped registration process meant to accommodate the changing face of USC housing. Residential halls Baker and Burney will be torn down this summer, and Maxcy will be closed for renovations.

The results of the removal of these spaces, in addition to housing's long-term growth, are beginning to be implemented during fall sign up.

Luna predicts, despite the loss of space, the numbers will still equal out to fit everyone. If figures remain the same, Luna does not think anyone will be cut from housing because of the lottery. He said cancellations should accommodate anyone who is cut.

Housing will be designed to accommodate incoming freshmen and upperclassmen. The primary method to meet the needs of both groups is to split them up.

Freshmen will be grouped together in "traditional" style housing in the Towers, Patterson, McClintock, Wade Hampton and Bates House. Upperclassmen will be housed in apartment or suite-style housing. However, upperclassmen who choose to live in "traditional" style housing may be able to do so after all freshmen are situated.



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Seniors Amy Coppler and Mary Lynch wash dishes in their Horseshoe apartment. Sixty percent of Horseshoe apartments will be reserved for Honors College students for the 1996-97 school year.

"Year after year, the upperclass students have told us they prefer apartment or suite-style housing," Luna said. "We really have used student choices in this process."

Another recurring opinion Luna has heard voiced is the concept of seniority in housing. This year's sign up is designed so rising seniors have first choice of housing, with juniors and sophomores given next priority.

Not everyone is as pleased with the shifting of priorities and the new registration process. Sophomore Jenny Worthington planned to live on campus for four years, but feels her plans are now up in the air.

"This new system is just ridiculous," she said. "I want to know who the brainchild is who thought of discontinuing three dorms without opening one more. The old system was just fine."

Worthington thinks students should be given priority on a first-come, first-serve basis, instead of priority.

The first step for students who are considering

living on campus is to fill out a scan sheet that will be distributed in early to mid-February. By filling out this sheet and returning it to their area office by Feb. 15, students will be eligible for sign up and will receive their priority number and time slot the week of Feb. 26.

NADA, Preston Residential College, Greek housing and the Honors College will have a separate, earlier sign up, so students who do not get into those buildings may participate in registration for another building.

Students may bring one preferred roommate to sign up, as long as he or she is in the same academic classification. For instance, seniors may declare fellow seniors as preferred roommates, but if they choose to live with a sophomore, they must sign up during the sophomore's designated time slot. Time slots and priority numbers will be given on the basis of classification.

Another student concern is Horseshoe availability. Sixty percent of Horseshoe housing will still be reserved for students in the Honors

College. The remaining 40 percent designated for non-Honors students. Horseshoe residents must have 60 hours by the end of the spring semester (Honors students must have 30 hours.)

"My original idea was to move onto the Horseshoe, but since I'm not in the Honors College, there's a slim to no chance that I'll get to live there with someone I choose. I want to have my own bedroom, so it seems that off campus is the only option," Worthington said. "This is definitely an inconvenience. I'm not sure at all what I am doing for housing."

The Department of Housing and Residential Services has considered many possibilities in utilizing available space.

Approximately 70 new spaces will be opening up in the Roost. These rooms are suites that include a bathroom and living room.

"When the system is changed, it caused people to be a little anxious," Luna said. "I am confident that everyone will get housing."

IMPORTANT HOUSING DATES

Feb. 1	Preston and Nada application due
Week of Feb. 5	Scan forms delivered to student rooms
Feb. 15	Priority scan forms due by 4 p.m.
Feb. 14-16	McBryde sign-up
Feb. 19-21	South Tower sign-up
Week of Feb. 26	Students receive priority numbers and times
Mar. 11	Honors College sign-up
Mar. 12	Preston and Nada sign-up
Mar. 19-21	Campus-Wide sign up
Mar. 22	Summer school Maymester sign up
Apr. 15	Make up sign-up

SG officers share past experiences

■ Running a campaign can be expensive and time-consuming. Current Student Government officers and Senators tell about their past experiences.

JOHN LYONS Staff Writer

Got an extra 800 to 1,000 bucks?
How about 50 to 100 extra friends?

Student Government President Amy Bigham said she used both in her campaign last spring.

During last year's campaign, Bigham also passed out packs of Big Red gum and inserted "ham" after the "Big." Bigham said gimmicks are one of the best ways to attract the attention of students to student government campaigns.

In place of television commercials and major press coverage, student candidates put up posters, hand out fliers and make speeches to student organizations. Current members of SG said other campaign materials they used included paper boats in ponds around campus, stickers, T-shirts and free blue books.

Candidates have less than a month to campaign, but those running for executive positions find this a long, stressful period.

"For the person running, it is terribly, terribly time-consuming," said Will Grady, SG chief of staff.

A great deal of time is consumed in debates, speeches and tours of student organizations.

SG Vice President Darcie Shively said running for executive office is both expensive and time consuming,



BIGHAM

less expensive the lower the office being sought. He estimated his expenses in last year's election at about \$150.

Executive campaigns involve a large number of people. Shively estimated 60 people helped run her campaign, and Bigham said between 50 and 100 students were involved in hers. Britton said about 20 students were involved in his campaign.

The election for SG Senate is a bit calmer, but it is also more difficult to find the appropriate audience to solicit for votes.

Senator Matt Adler said he campaigned primarily through word of mouth and that name recognition is the most important thing for students running for Senate.

Adler and Grady both said many students vote

"It's a shame it costs so much," she said. "It would be much better if candidates would get out and speak to students."

Bigham and Shively estimated students running for president and vice president spend between \$800 and \$1,000 on their campaigns.

SG Treasurer Jermaine Britton said the elections get less heated and

randomly for senators, which makes running an effective campaign difficult.

However, Senator Peter Chung said, "Senate candidates don't stand much of a chance if they don't campaign."

Chung said the most important thing for any candidate is to "get your name out there."

He said he relied heavily on passing out handbills the day of the election in order to reiterate his name to students who would be voting.

Bigham said one of the most effective strategies she used was to conduct a phone bank the night before the election. She and members of her campaign staff went through the USC phone book and called all students who were listed to remind them to vote.

No consensus exists on the best possible methods of running a campaign, but many members of the current SG did have suggestions.

Bigham said candidates for executive office should "be seen everywhere," "attend group meetings" and "be organized."

Chung said candidates should "make sure their fliers are visible and that they are eye-catching."

The one point most acting SG members agreed on was the need to get out and visit student groups. Britton said this is "probably one of the most beneficial things any candidate can do."



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Dr. John Vernberg, Dr. Winona Vernberg, USC President John Palms, Ruth Thomas and Dr. Duncan Howe participate in the ribbon-cutting of "Ecology and Human Life."

Ecology exhibit stops in Columbia

CECE VON KOLNITZ News Editor

An environmental exhibit traveling to major cities across the country opened Wednesday at Woodhill Mall.

Brought to Columbia by several USC campuses and Soka Gakkai International (SGI-USA), a non-governmental United Nations organization, the exhibit, "Ecology and Human Life," will be open to the public free of charge through Feb. 10.

The exhibit is a collection of videos, photos and quotations that call for more environmental awareness. Subjects of interest to South Carolinians and children's art depicting environmental protection efforts are also on display.

"They created (this exhibit) to raise people's awareness about how complex these environmental issues are," said Tomo Kawaguchi, research assistant professor for environmental health sciences. "I think this exhibit is very timely for us to get to know this issue so we can prevent environmental destruction in South Carolina."

Kawaguchi said, "We've worked two and a half years to convince them to stop in Columbia."

Several events will be held concurrently with the exhibit. A symposium, "Economic Development and Land Use," involving a round-table panel discussion about the interplay between economic development and land use in South Carolina, will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 30 at Woodhill Mall.

Another symposium, "Effective Citizen Involvement in Environmental Issues," will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 1.

For students wishing to attend either event, a 15-passenger van will depart from the Russell House at 6:30 p.m. and return by 9 p.m. For students wishing to see the exhibit, a 40-passenger bus will depart from the Russell House at 4 p.m. and return at 6 p.m. Feb. 8.

"Ecology and Human Life" is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

ELECTION '96 CANDIDATES

The following are the students who have filed for candidacy for Student Government positions as of 4:00 pm, January 25.

ELECTION '96

Dan D'Alberto	President	Zerell Hall	Senate - 4
Jon Robinson	President	Cathy Lightsey	Senate - 4
P.J. Snavelly	President	Michele Marinkovic	Senate - 4
Patrick Wright	President	Jeff Nicholson	Senate - 4
Tiffany Stringer	President	Suzanne Pavlisko	Senate - 4
Jamel Franklin	Vice Pres.	Tammy Skeete	Senate - 4
Allen Tibshirany	Vice Pres.	Kevin Swinton	Senate - 4
Peter Siachos	Treasurer	Gelsa Wilson	Senate - 4
David Frankel	Treasurer	Ashley Jones	Senate - 4
RaNell Cheney	Senate - 1	Michael Hawkins	Senate - 5
Teddy Elgarico	Senate - 1	Heath Coleman	Senate - 5
John Poss	Senate - 1	Kenneth Baxter	Senate - 7
Gene Willis	Senate - 2	Gita Chakrabarti	Senate - 7
Pat Daly	Senate - 4	Tom Hess	Senate - 7
Vernon Davenport	Senate - 4	Melissa Smith	Senate - 8
Derrick Felder	Senate - 4	David Haller	Senate - 10
T.C. Ford	Senate - 4		

Debate team places fifth

■ The debate team traveled to Salt Lake City, Utah for a tournament this week and came back with fifth place.

Staff Reports

The Carolina Debate Team placed fifth in the Great Salt Lake Debate Tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah Jan. 20-22.

"This tournament was the first in the entire season that we had to go up against national teams," David Berube, director of Carolina Debate said. "We've spent all our time in the southeast."

USC defeated Long Beach, Gonzaga, UCLA, Western Washington, Pepperdine and others.

"It's getting them prepared for the rest of the season because in two weeks we're

going to Cornell," Berube said. "They're making that transition from being regional powers to national powers."

After posting a 5-3 preliminary record, the team of sophomore Lane McFadden and freshman David Sandler went on to octafinals before dropping a 2-1 decision to Arizona State.

Senior Katie Dennis and freshman Corey Rose posted a 4-4 record.

In two weeks, the team will travel to Milledgeville, Ga. to debate in the Georgia College Invitational.

The team is collecting nonfiction books published in the past three years to help Bosnian high schools build up libraries destroyed in the war. Books can be dropped off in a blue tub set up near the exit of Thomas Cooper Library until the end of January.