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SG group studying WUSC finishes interviews, postpones meeting

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The WUSC-FM 90.5 fact-finding committee wanted to close their Thursday evening meeting, scheduled to be held at chairman David Haller's house, to the public.

Haller said the meeting, which was to be held at 8 p.m., should be a closed session, citing his interpretation of the Family Educational and Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and concerns about the possibility of civil suits.

"We're committed to having this as fair as possible. A lot of things have been said in the last couple of weeks in the press, whether responsible or not, whether those have been followed up or not, which may or may not be true," Haller said.

"That gives rise to civil action for slander and libel," he said. "I know what I'm talking about. I've spent a year and a half in law school."

Haller said, "My understanding of

the sense and the purpose behind FERPA is to protect students and what they do in college. That includes what I would consider taking facts, some of which you don't have access to, and applying them and other facts, some of which you do have access to, to university policy. And that may take number one, open discussion of the application of facts to policy and number two, whether or not that should be followed up and to me, that right has not been waived by anyone."

All of Monday's and most of Tuesday's interviews of former WUSC executive board members and administrators involved were closed to the public. Other interviews were opened by the students and administrators who were interviewed based on their rights as described in the Freedom of Information Act:

"Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated

by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body; however, if an adversary hearing involving the employee or client is held such employee or client has the right to demand that the hearing be conducted publicly. Nothing in this item shall prevent the public body, in its discretion, from deleting the names of the other employees or clients whose records are submitted for use at the hearing."

Interviews that were open included those with Student Media Director Chris Carroll, former WUSC Programs Director Matt Horgan and Assistant Director of Student Life Patti Tomano. Other sessions that were open to the public included the re-questioning of former Promotions Director Kerry Mitchell, former Music Director Eric Greenwood and part of the re-questioning of Trey Lofton, former station manager.

Haller postponed the meeting after reporters from The Gamecock challenged

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Eric Greenwood, former music director



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the committee's decision to hold an executive session at Haller's house on the basis that closing the meeting of the committee, which is considered a public body, would be a violation of the Freedom of Information Act.

As stated in FOI, "The General Assembly finds that it is vital in a democratic society that public business be performed in an open and public

manner so that citizens shall be advised of the performance of public officials and of the decisions that are reached in public activity and in the formulation of public policy. Toward this end, provisions of this chapter must be construed so as to make it possible for citizens, or their representatives, to learn and report fully the activities of their public officials at a minimum cost or delay to persons seeking access to public documents or meetings."

In Greenwood's interview, he spoke of his impressions of the way the radio station is operating now.

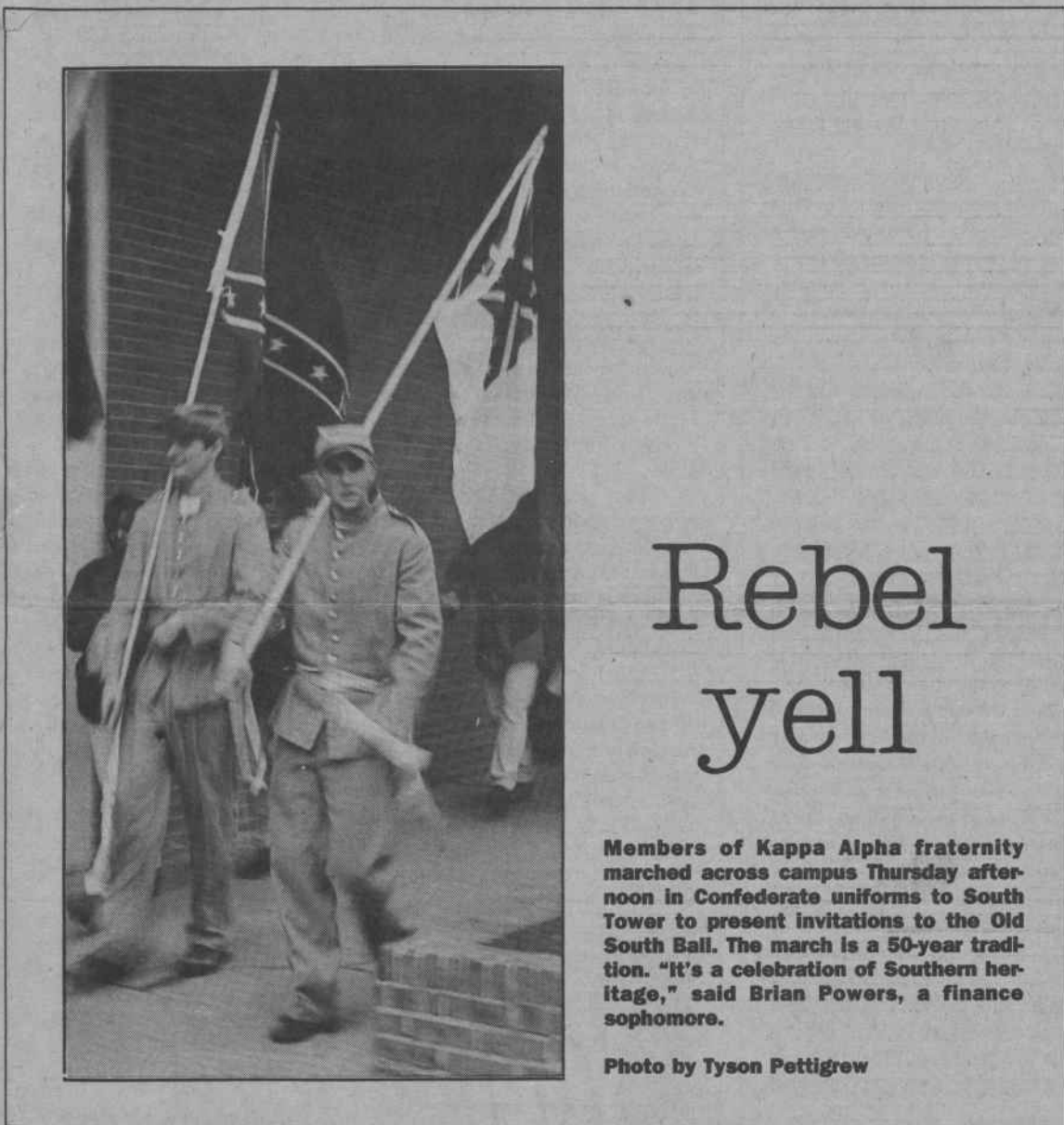
"Since all this has gone on, WUSC has been dropped by every trade publication that it used to report to weekly, which means that our reputation has gone from one of the top 30 stations to non-existent. Since going back on the air Monday, WUSC has infringed upon its license in the following ways," Greenwood said. "WUSC is not licensed

to play top 40 music, being that it is a non-commercial station. Local commercial stations pay taxes to enable them to air top 40 music. DJs since Monday have rampantly been airing music that defies the station's mission statement in the form of top 40, not educational music."

Greenwood told the committee that members of the executive board of the station were elected.

When the committee asked if station managers at WUSC have ultimate authority to dismiss board members, Greenwood said, "No, because it does not state that in our constitution. It states that if the station manager has a problem with anyone on the executive board, he can bring those charges to the executive board, and they can vote on whether that person is dismissed."

The committee will meet at 10 a.m. today and will meet with the Senate Wednesday to report their findings.



Rebel yell

Members of Kappa Alpha fraternity marched across campus Thursday afternoon in Confederate uniforms to South Tower to present invitations to the Old South Ball. The march is a 50-year tradition. "It's a celebration of Southern heritage," said Brian Powers, a finance sophomore.

Photo by Tyson Pettigrew

RH Ballroom arson case remains under investigation

ERIN GALLOWAY Staff Writer

Investigators continue to gather information in last weekend's second attempted arson in the Russell House and are searching for more answers to the incident.

"Back in November, we didn't think it would happen again, but it did," said Carl Stokes, director of law enforcement and safety. "We have no idea why."

Stokes said he doesn't yet see any connection between this incident and the one in November and that the incidents are perhaps random vandalism.

"We are still interviewing people who may have seen something," he said. "It concerns us that someone would wish to interfere with students' activities and vandalize property."

Michael Phillips, president of Alpha Phi Alpha, the fraternity that was scheduled to use the ballroom the night of the first attempted arson, agrees that there may not be a connection.

"I don't know what the connection is," Phillips said. "I don't think it has anything to do with our fraternity."

However, Phi Beta Sigma president Nate Cropp disagrees.

The fraternity was scheduled to host a dance Friday night, with the proceeds benefiting the Boys and Girls Clubs. Cropp said black fraternities and sororities frequently use the Ballroom for fund-

raisers.

"To be honest, I think it is racially motivated," Cropp said. "Someone doesn't want us to use the Ballroom."

Cropp said he and his fraternity were disappointed they were unable to use the Ballroom or any on-campus facility.

A conference was held in the Ballroom the next morning with no inconveniences to the sponsoring group, he said. Phi Beta Sigma had to move their dance off campus to Pug's in Five Points.

"We were very disappointed in Student Life that they didn't accommodate us," Cropp said. "We could have used the gym, Hamilton Armory or some places in the Coliseum."

Director of Student Life Jerry Brewer said he didn't think there were other locations on campus that could have been used.

"To open a facility like the Coliseum takes a great deal of staff," Brewer said. "The Armory is an academic facility, and the P.E. Center is usually scheduled for P.E. Center activities."

Cropp said he understood that USCPD was concerned for the safety of the fraternity members in case the incident was something more serious.

"They were doing the best they could. They didn't want us to be on campus in case something else happened," Cropp said. "Truly, I didn't think it was that

serious, but I understand their efforts. We just felt we could have been accommodated more."

Brewer said his office tries to work with student organizations as much as possible.

"That's our business, scheduling groups," he said. "It is unfortunate what happened, but what do you do in a situation like this?"

"We go out of our way for students, but issues of safety are very weighty. What if we had rescheduled the event (on campus) and something had happened? That's a tough call," Brewer said.

Cropp said more than 500 people attended the Phi Beta Sigma dance and \$625 was raised for the Boys and Girls Clubs. Some fraternity members stood outside the Russell House to let people know the dance had been moved off campus.

"If we had had the event in the Russell House, it (the money raised) would have been more," he said.

Anyone with information regarding either arson attempt should contact the Office of Law Enforcement and Safety at 777-8400 or the USCPD at 777-4215. Stokes said he encourages anyone with information to come forward or leave the information anonymously on voice mail for either number.

Courses selected for May session

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When students sign up for Joann Morton's Criminal Justice class during USC's first official May semester, they can expect a three-week look at the real world.

Morton, associate professor at the College of Criminal Justice, said the first week of her Maymester course, Women, Girls and Criminal Justice, will concentrate on delinquent girls and will involve observations of programs both at the Department of Juvenile Justice in Columbia and the new site girls will be transferred to in Greenwood.

The second week of the course will focus on adult female offenders and will include field observations of the three facilities that house them.

The third week will involve the role of women professionals in criminal justice and will involve interaction with women who are currently working in the fields of police, courts and corrections.

"It will give them (students) the opportunity to examine in-depth these three areas of concern that are not covered in a traditional curriculum in any depth," Morton said. "Through the concentrated interaction with graduates and undergraduates, I think the students will be able to learn from each other."

The Faculty Senate Curricula and Courses Committee approves new or experimental undergraduate courses

that may be added to the list of Maymester classes.

Dr. Caroline Eastman, chairwoman of the committee said, "We considered in our last meeting a number of courses which people are planning to offer during Maymester. My general impression is that, for the most part, these are special interest courses — topics that are not offered during the regular semesters."

A number of courses are being offered for Maymester that already exist as courses and don't come before the committee.

"Of the ones we saw, my impression was that a number of them have to do with various aspects of the Internet," Eastman said.

The idea to have an official May session for students came from the Provost's office.

"The Provost and I were talking about a way to enhance educational possibilities for students who, perhaps for financial reasons, had a need to speed up their college careers," Associate Provost Don Greiner said. "We knew we had very little opportunity at this university for what you and I would call truly innovative courses — courses that do not require a full semester's work but might be attractive to students over an intensive three-week study."

Greiner said a task force was set up to see if the university should have a May session and to find out what other

MAYMESTER COURSES

The following courses have been approved and scheduled for the May Session 1996. A more complete listing will be available on-line at the Registrar's Home Page (<http://argo.regs.sc.edu>).

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| AIME 342 | Business Communications | GINT 774J | Public Policy Process |
| ANTH 300 | Comparing Cultures through Film | HPRE 792G | Group Process-HP |
| ANTH 399 | Topics/Carolina Indians | HPRE 709 | Stress and Support/ Conflict and Management |
| ARTH 590R | Topics/ Russian Art | HPRE 742 | Alcohol, Drug, and Public Health Policy |
| CLIS J7971 | Application of Information Technology | LING 405A | Topics/ Carolina Indians |
| CLIS 798S | Storytelling | MART 201 | Introduction to Media Development |
| CRJU 221 | American Criminal Court System | MART 241 | Aesthetics of Sound Imaging |
| CRJU 591M | Women, Girls and Criminal Justice | MART 365 | Lighting for Media Arts |
| CRJU 552 | Youth-at-Risk | MGMT 782 | Managing Careers - Organization |
| ECON 589A | Economic Policy | MUSC 116 | Theory of Tonal Music I |
| ECON 589B | Experimental Economics | MUSC 118 | Sightsing/ Ear Training II |
| EDCE 823 | Advanced Counseling Theory | MUSC 310A | Opera Appreciation |
| EDCE 716 | Seminar: Leadership-Counselor Education | MUSC 333 | Choral and Inst. Conducting |
| EDEX 750 | Technology and Exceptional Population | MUSC 584A | Alexander Technique |
| EDLP 701 | School Leadership | MUSC 726C | Contrapuntal Analysis |
| EDLP 803 | Administrative Evaluation and Decision Making | PHIL 399 | Independent Study |
| EDLP 809 | Field Problems/ School Administration | PHIL 598 | Readings in Philosophy |
| EDLP 831 | Internship/ Higher Education | PHIL 797 | Independent Study |
| EDLP 832 | Seminar/ Higher Education | PHIL 799 | Thesis Preparation |
| EDUC 300 | Schools in Communities | PEDU 555S | Alcohol, Drugs, and Athletes |
| EDUC 633Y | Web Page Development | SOWK 306 | Social Work in Other Nations |
| ENGL 399 | Topics/ Carolina Indians | SOWK 757 | Social Work Education |
| ENGL 566H | African-American Film | THSP 399 | New York Theater Field Trip |
| FINA E369 | Personal Finance | THSP 797 | New York Theater Field Trip |
| GINT 501W | Issues/ Multilateral Foreign Policy | | |
| GINT 772 | Contemporary Administrative Organization | | |

schools who have Maymesters have done.

"We're really excited about it," Greiner said. "It's like any new program. We will evaluate it after this year to see what we did right and what we did wrong and if we should continue. I think we will."

Michael Schoen, who was chairman of the task force to study the possibility of having Maymester, said the committee

was surprised to discover May courses had been offered in the past.

"These courses have already been going on for a while here," Schoen said. "Our first discovery was that this isn't something brand new, that actually we've found going on for at least 15 years."

Three-week May courses have been held in various departments of the university since the 1970s.

"It wasn't really a secret, but it wasn't widely known — kind of like they've (the May courses) been underpublicized," Schoen said.

The task force asked about 15 to 20 colleges and universities to send their Summer School and May course catalogues.

"We looked at what everybody was doing to get ideas about how to set it up,"

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Schoen said. The chairman of the Faculty Senate, Henry Price, said, "It is intended to offer some different kinds of courses, travel opportunities, things that are a bit unusual. Anyone can sign up. It's a chance to get out of the classroom for most of the time and have a total immersion experience for a three-week duration."