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Low 48

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Sunny
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Columbia prepares for Olympic trials women's marathon



ROBERT WALTON The Gamecock

Up and down Main Street runners were preparing for the Olympic Trials with some last day training. Wilen Gausman, No. 57 in tomorrow's race, is a competitor from Oklawaha, Ill., and has a qualifying time of 2:42:40.

ALLISON WILLIAMS
Special Projects Editor

USC's normally quiet weekend campus will see a little more activity Saturday.

About 175 runners from all over the country will be competing in the Women's Marathon Trials for the 1996 Olympics Saturday. The top three runners will compete this summer in Atlanta.

The 26-mile course begins downtown and loops through campus. Greene Street will be closed to street parking from 4 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. According to Debra Allen, university spokeswoman, students are encouraged to move their cars from Greene Street Friday night.

Other streets near campus that may have detours or will be temporarily closed are: Main Street between Richland and Calhoun streets from 9 a.m. Friday to 9 p.m. Saturday, the 1400 block of Blanding Street from 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Lady Street between Main and Assembly streets from 8:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Saturday and Greene Street between Harden and Sumter streets from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday.

Students who want to watch the race have several places close to campus to observe. Observers can come to the Main Street area near the Capitol to watch the beginning of the race at 9 a.m. and



the end of the race at 11:30 a.m.

The Five Points area will be a place to watch runners at

the 8- and 24-mile marks.

The top three runners — the new USA Women's Olympic Marathon Team — will make a guest appearance at half-time of the USC vs. Louisiana State basketball game Saturday afternoon. The team will be recognized in ceremonies marking National Women in Sports Day. Game time is 2 p.m.

The public is also invited to closing ceremonies in front of the NationsBank Plaza on Main Street. Closing ceremonies begin at 5 p.m. and will feature local bands The Root Doctors and Jump Little Children.

Fireworks at 8:30 p.m. will end the ceremonies.

USC is also hosting a conference coinciding with the trials. "Scientific Aspects of Women's Distance Running: Implications for Health and Fitness" is being sponsored by the School of Public Health, Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories and the Carolina Marathon. The conference began Thursday evening and continues today.



MANJU SHROFF The Gamecock

Cpl. Quantis Young, Cpl. Patricia Weed and James Willis, bicycle patrol units, will provide security for marathon runners in the lead.

Bodyguards on bicycles

JENNIFER HANSEN Asst. Features Editor

Our very own USCPD bicycle patrol was chosen to protect the lead runners of the USA Women's Olympic Marathon.

Sgt. Eric Grabski, supervisor of the bicycle patrol, said, "We're just really very honored to be able to help out. We hope that it will help them

and will bring a lot of good things to USC because we're really representing the university in our efforts to help out the marathon."

It's the patrol's first marathon.

There are five USC bicycle police units with one female and four male officers. While the race

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Student groups appeal budgets to committee

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Special Projects Editor

Twelve out of 80 organizations were not satisfied with the student activity fee allocations they received from the Senate Finance Committee. The committee heard their appeals Wednesday and made their decisions Thursday.

The committee met Saturday to distribute about \$85,000 of student activity fees to undergraduate and graduate organizations. The breakdown was posted on the Student Government office window Monday.

According to Woody Carothers, SG advisor, \$1.5 million is generated from student activity fees, and the senate is responsible for allocating \$750,000 of that amount. The senate delegates this responsibility to the finance committee.

The \$750,000 is divided into nine categories including undergraduate organization, graduate organizations, media, SC, Carolina Productions, sports clubs, Medical School organizations, Law School organizations and Student Life.

Undergraduate and graduate organizations account for about \$85,000.

Among the biggest recipients of the student activity fees were the Association of African-American Students, \$13,639; Student Support

Services, \$5,000; and Carolina Debate, \$5,400.

Those receiving the least amounts of money were the African-American Student Nurses Network, \$160; Society for Human Resource Management, \$150; and Rho Chi Honor Society, \$175.

Groups that appealed to the committee were the Student National Pharmaceutical Association, Criminal Justice Association, Black Graduate Student Association, Masters of Business Administration Association, SACS, Carolina Cares, AAAS, Pi Tau Sigma, Carolina Debate, International Student Association, Friendship Association of Chinese Students and Scholars, USC Ballroom Dance Club and the Graduate Association of Biological Sciences.

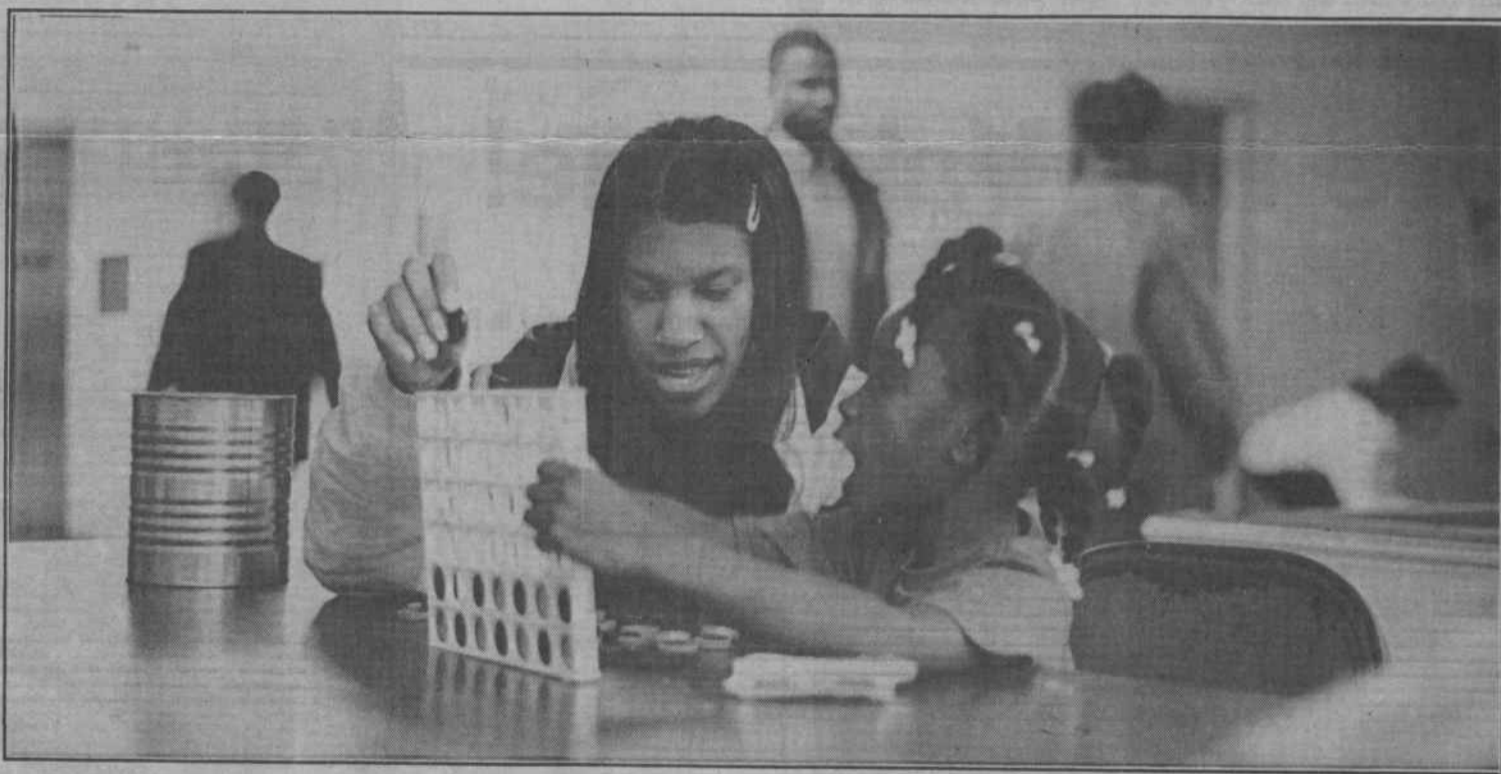
The committee had \$2,000 available to allocate to those who appealed. NNPA, Criminal Justice Association, BGSA, AAAS, Pi Tau Sigma and Carolina Debate were awarded some of the additional money they requested.

SNPA asked for funding for professional speakers. They received \$300 for that component, bringing their total allocation to \$950.

"Speakers are a justifiable cause," said Senator Jennifer May, Finance Committee member.

The Criminal Justice Association,

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Helping hand

The Association of African American Students has visited the Ben Arnold Memorial Unit of the Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands almost every Thursday this year as part of a community service project. Above Lateca Wise, psychology freshman, plays Connect Four with DeShawn Sims at the Ben Arnold Memorial Unit of the Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands. Right, Clinton White, criminal justice senior, sits conversing with Zack Holmes.



Blacks, whites need to continue progress

In the final article of this series, The Gamecock looks at the current state of race relations and what some people think about the future.

ROB GIOIELLI Senior Writer

For the 33 years USC has been integrated, much progress has been made in the area of race relations, but there is a long way to go.

Many people have emphasized the fact that in some areas blacks and whites interact but in others they are self-segregated.

Teresa Wilson, a senior who is active in the Association of African-American Students, said that in student



organizations where students are brought together, they seem to interact well, but in social settings, both black and

white students tend to go back to the comfort spheres of their own races.

"We've come far from being forced to integrate," Wilson said.

Patrick Wright, a law student who is director of Graduate Affairs in the Student Government office, said on campus you can see the racial divides in the organizations and cliques.

"You don't see the division as much

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Frequent 'nuisance' alarms fire up residents

ANGIE CAMPBELL Staff Writer

The constant threat of fire alarms has become an inconvenience for students living on campus.

There have been 142 fire alarms in student dorms since January 1995 and 17 since the beginning of 1996, according to reports from the Health and Safety Department.

The dorms with the most frequent alarms in 1995 were Cliff Apartments, 29; Preston, 17; Woodrow, 16; and Columbia Hall, 13.

"We get pretty annoyed about it," said engineering sophomore Robert Regal, a Preston resident. "I remember one time it happened at 3 in the morning, and a lot of people had tests that day and weren't too pleased to

lose their sleep."

According to Robert Amick, a public education officer for the Columbia Fire Department, USC is probably the worst place he's ever seen for fire alarms.

"We do get a substantial number of calls from there that are false alarms," he said.

Many students wonder why these alarms are happening so frequently. Business senior Darnell Salley, a resident advisor in Rutledge, said he once set off the alarm while taking a shower.

Health and Safety officer Dave Castine said USC has installed new, top-of-the-line, photo-sensor smoke detectors in Sims, Wade Hampton, McClintock, Preston, Columbia Hall, Woodrow, Rutledge and Cliff Apartments

over the past three years.

When smoke, shower steam or air freshener gets between two sensors in the detector, a silent room alarm is tripped, Castine said.

If the sensors have not cleared in 10 minutes, smoke from one room reaches another or the general hall alarm goes off, the USCPD is alerted, and they call the fire department.

"We call these alarms nuisance alarms, not false alarms," Castine said. "Rarely do we have what we call a false alarm, a malfunction of the system itself. The fire alarm usually does exactly what it's supposed to do."

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