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The Alpha Phi Omega (APO) escort service began running on Tuesday, August 27. For an escort Sunday through Thursday from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m., call 777-DUCK.

WUSC'S READY TO GO

WUSC will hold a meeting for any interested in becoming DJs for the fall 1996 semester. DJ training will be discussed, as well as show formats. Interested? Go to Russell House room 305 tonight at 7 p.m.

REMEMBER THESE DAYS

Carolina Productions is ready for another homecoming celebration. All clubs and organizations interested in participating in this year's celebration, which includes Cockfest and a traditional parade, must attend a meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in Russell House room 322.

CLIMB THAT MOUNTAIN

The USC Mountaineering and Whitewater club will have a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Russell House room 205 tonight. Call Audrey Melton at 926-1380 for more information.

## City Year finds USC volunteers

SHIN YUN Staff Writer

Several USC students and graduates have found that City Year fills their stomachs as well as their souls.

City Year is an AmeriCorps national service program that originated in Boston. It unites young adults, ages 17-23, from diverse backgrounds for a year of service.

The twelve-member City Year staff has been preparing for another group of dedicated corps members. Orientation started Tuesday at the Russell House.

This year, two previous corps members are now team leaders. Debbie Parker, 23, left Boston to study sports administration at USC under a softball scholarship. She majored in criminal justice and was graduated from USC in 1994. Parker was a corps member in 1994-95.

"I had a great year as a corps member, so I applied to be a team leader," Parker said. "I would come home and be emotionally and mentally drained, but it was a good tired, and I just talked for hours to my roommates."

Parker worked with her team at John P. Thomas Elementary school. She was a teacher's assistant, mentor, and recess buddy. Parker said City Year helped her grow and realize her potential.

"It was hard, especially coming from college and being on a softball team that was very structured and down to business. City Year made me step outside my comfort zone and put myself out there," says Parker.

Although Parker plans to get a master's in history and teach high school one day, she is now a team leader. Parker will be the experienced guide, counselor, cheerleader, and driver for twelve young adults, five days a week.

"As a corps member I could say there's a safety net below me, and that would be the team leader," says Parker. "Now I'm the safety net. I feel like there is a lot riding on me this year, but I'm ready."

Parker attended a team leader training workshop in Boston this summer, and has attended additional workshops to help her prepare for this year. She met her flagship team Tuesday, which she'll be leading for three days. Then she'll meet her real team at the City Year retreat on September 3.

The other corps member-turned-team leader is Jay Hendrix, 21, a sports administration major at USC. He has been involved with City Year since he went on Alternative Spring Break to City Year in Boston in 1993. This was sponsored by the USC Office of Community Service Programs.

Hendrix was a corps member of the six-week City Year summer expansion program started by Marie Louise Ramsdale, another USC graduate who participated in City Year. He then took a year off from school to join the first full Corps in the fall of 1994. After his year of service, Hendrix returned to USC to finish his junior year. He had planned to graduate this spring, but held off on paying fees when he learned of a team leader opening in August.

When Hendrix was informed of his acceptance, he talked to USC professor Thomas Regan about his future.

"He told me that a lot of people don't come back when they take time off from school, and I guaranteed him that I was intent on finishing school," Hendrix said. "He knew it was an opportunity to do something wonderful. It requires a lot of time, but being young and without a family right now, it's a once in a lifetime opportunity for me."

Hendrix will be taking night classes to lighten his load when he returns to school full-time.

Unlike Parker and Hendrix, Tjuan Dogan, a USC advertising and public relations graduate, has already had some experience working in the corporate world. Dogan has been the City Year Program Director for two years.

She said working for a pharmaceutical company for two years after she graduated was a great experience, but she did not feel like she was helping people.

"The money was fabulous and I had a lot of amenities like a company car, a home office and a computer. All the things you want to have when you graduate from school, but it was competitive and I worked long hours," Dogan said. "It wasn't as self-fulfilling as City Year. I felt good because I made a sale or my numbers were up, but I didn't feel like I was changing the world. Here at



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 Debbie Parker, a USC graduate and now a City Year team leader, lugs in boots which will be distributed to City Year volunteers. Below, Jay Hendrix, a USC junior, carries in yard tools.

City Year I feel like some of the things I do make a difference."

Dogan is working on her master's in student personnel while working at City Year, and she hopes to continue working with young people when she's ready to leave the organization.

Some corps members join City Year to take a break from school and help people while learning about themselves. Elizabeth Perlman, 21, Interdisciplinary junior, is one of this year's 60 corps members.

"Tuesday's orientation was fabulous," said Perlman. "I'm ready to have some real life experiences and learn how the world really works and see what happens when people get together to live a vision."

Jana Harrell, 30, City Year's new Executive Director, has worked for the private sector and understands the need to discover oneself and to contribute to society in a meaningful way. While she attended Wake Forest, she spent one summer



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## Centers open for evening students

ALYSSA SMITH Staff Writer

For many USC students the school day does not begin until 5 o'clock at night.

Students who attend night courses at the University are usually faced with closed offices when they arrive to the school, instead of the many helpful information centers that are available to day students.

The lack of help available to night school students was realized by many of the university's colleges and has resulted in two new Evening Information Centers.

The centers are located in Gambrell Hall in room 157, and in the Carolina Coliseum in room 1000.

The centers are staffed by graduate student advisors that can answer students' questions and solve problems. The Centers are open Monday through Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m.

The Centers can also be reached by phone. The Gambrell Hall location's number is 777-1830, and the Coliseum

location's number is 777-4290. During regular office hours, advisors can be reached at 777-9446.

The Centers were started by the College of Applied Professional Science, the Division of Continuing Education, the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Business and the Office of the Provost.

Dr. Sally Boyd, assistant vice provost for continuing education academic credit programs, said the goals of the program are "to have evening class students feel more involved in the University, change the image of the institution after hours, and to increase night school enrollment."

USC's night school averages about 12,000 students per year, according to Boyd.

The University has 400 students this semester attending only night classes.

"I have only been working at the Center for two nights and I think that it is great; I'm really enjoying it," said Graduate Assistant Harriett Hunt. "I

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"It is just somewhere where students can go for help after hours," said Hunt.

"The program has only been available since Thursday, Aug. 22, and already the program has received many thanks from the students," said Boyd.

## Money to write or travel available to USC students via grants and fellowships

**Gamecock Greenbacks informs students about scholarships and fellowships weekly.**

MARTHA HOTOP News Editor

A unique fellowship opportunity exists for students across the country who are interested in furthering their education abroad.

This opportunity is available through the Fulbright Fellowship.

The Fulbright Fellowship is designed to allow students to pursue a further degree in another country.

By earning their degree abroad, recipients will gain first-hand experience of another culture.

Since recipients will be studying abroad, a knowledge of the foreign language is required.

However, language classes may also be required as part of some awards.

The Fulbright Fellowship is open to students from all disciplines who will graduate between January and August of 1997.

Those awarded a fellowship must hold a bachelor's degree, but can't receive their Ph.D. before the start of the fellowship.

Students selected for a fellowship will receive a grant to cover round-trip transportation, tuition, and allowances for living and research.

Students applying for the Fulbright grant should note the fellowship is good for only one year.

In some countries, students can also receive an internship to study there the following year.

Any student interested in learning more about the Fulbright fellowship should attend the campus meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 4 p.m. in the Gressette Room on the third floor of Harper College.

For more information contact



Novella Biskid, director of Fellowships and Summer Programs at 777-0958.

Students interested in screenwriting also have the opportunity to apply for a

scholarship.

The Writer's Film Project encourages new screenwriters.

Founded in 1990 by the Chesterfield Film Company, the Project is designed to help bridge the gap between fiction writers and the American film industry.

The founders hoped that through the project they would encourage more students to pursue careers as film and screen writers.

"Our goal had been to bring together novelists, playwrights and screenwriters and encourage them to write original screenplays," said Ken Orkin, one of the project sponsors.

"We give them a living stipend so they can concentrate on their writing and pair them with mentors who provide them with expert guidance," Orkin said.

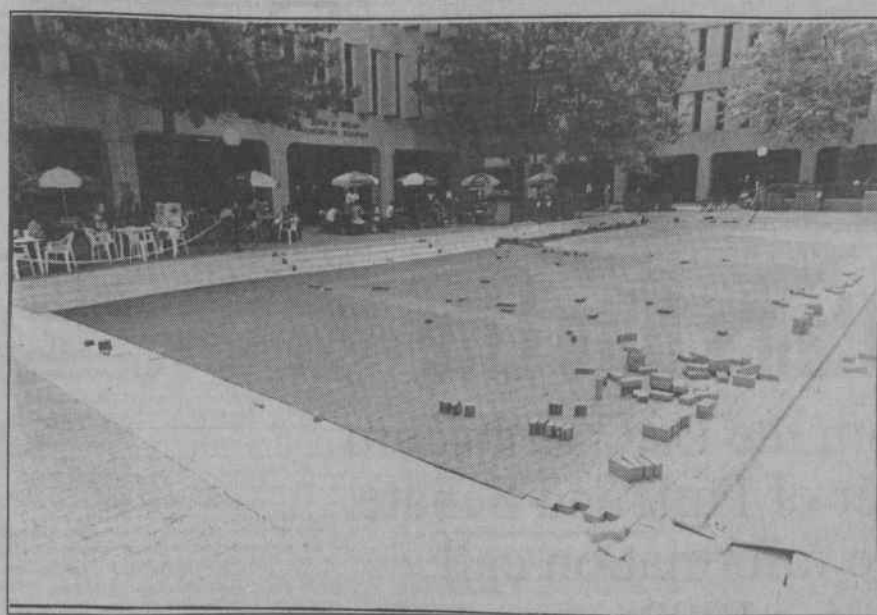
"The results have been quite remarkable - a number of exceptional screenplays and the start of many successful screenwriting careers," Orkin added.

Acceptance to the program is based on storytelling talent. Applicants will be judged together, regardless of the genre or form of their submission.

Writers will also be evaluated on their prose and dramatic writing samples.

Any student who is interested in finding out more information about the Writer's Film Project can call (213) 683-3977.

## Brick by brick



Brick laying abounds at USC. Not only are the Horseshoe paths receiving a facelift, the former Humanities Quad reflecting fountain is being bricked. Two metal statues once were located in the Humanities Quad fountain.

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