

# Historical buildings offer insight into campus history

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at the center of Sumter Street at Green Street, it was designed as a chapel, but was used for legislature. Then Legislature left the building as a result of bad acoustics. The basement was turned into an armory in 1870 and was twice used as a hospital.

The World War Memorial is located at the corner of Pendleton and Sumter Streets. It was built in 1935. The building is two-storied and made out of Carolina granite. It is Neoclassic in design.

The first floor has a trophy hall with archives that are open to research. The second floor has a shrine with a white marble altar, which is carved with the state seal, flanked with flags, and inscribed with "The Soldiers of South Carolina."

The memorial is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The original library is located at the corner of the quadrangle. It is a three-

story building with four large Doric columns.

The first floor has a wide hall with stairs that lead to the reading room and stacks. These rooms have spiral staircases that open to the main library, and balconies that open to the third floor. On the walls around the library are portraits of past scholars, professors, trustees, and alumni of the university.

The library is dedicated to displaying South Carolina books and manuscripts.

The library is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. On the north quadrangle is Harper College. It was built in 1848.

On the third floor is the Euphradian Literary Society Hall. It was once the original Commons Hall which is where many historic riots occurred. Also, at one point four rooms in the central portion were used as a military prison.

The northeast end of the quadrangle is where DeSaussure College is located.

It was used by Union and Confederate troops as a hospital.

The Melton Observatory is located at the southwest corner of the Horseshoe. The observatory looks somewhat like a Greek shrine, and has a large dome on top. The top is reached by a spiral staircase. The Bausch and Lomb telescope, in the observatory, is one of the South's largest.

The Observatory is open from 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Monday.

The city of Columbia was founded as the capitol in 1786. The State House was built in 1851.

The State House is in Italian Renaissance style, three story, gray granite building. It ranks as one of the nation's most handsome capitol buildings.

Bronze stars on the building mark the damage made by Sherman's shells when he attacked the city in 1865. According to Sherman's aide-de-camp, Sherman didn't destroy the building because he admired it as a "beautiful work of art."

On the main floor is the State Library, which was started in 1800. In 1865, Sherman burned all of its 25,000 books.

Upstairs is the Confederate Relic Room. Articles on display include the famous flag of the Palmetto Regiment of South Carolina, the first American flag to fly over the Mexico City after its capture in the Mexican War of 1846, and the flag taken by Sherman in 1865 from the old State House.

The State House is located at Gervais Street between Assembly and Sumter Streets and extends to Senate Street. The State House is currently not open for tours because of construction.

The Woodrow Wilson Boyhood Home is located at 1705 Hampton Street. It was built in about 1872.

It is a two-story, Victorian-style house that was the boyhood home of Woodrow Wilson. He lived there until 1874.

The Hampton-Preston Mansion, antebellum in appearance, is located at



NIKKI THORPE The Gamecock

The South Carolina state capitol, currently undergoing renovations, was built in 1851. Then, in 1865, General Sherman burned down part of the capitol, which was later repaired.



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Pinckney College, on the USC Horseshoe, was constructed in 1837. Originally, USC's campus consisted solely of the buildings on the Horseshoe and what is now Longstreet Theater.

1615 Blanding Street, and was built around 1818.

The house wasn't burned in the burning of Columbia because it was the headquarters of Union General John A. Logan.

In 1890, the College for Women, a Presbyterian institute that was the first to offer serious education for women, was built. In 1915 the college became Chicora College for Women.

The Mann-Simons Cottage, 1403 Richland Street, was built in about 1850.

This house was the home of Celia Mann, a free African-American living

in Columbia before the Civil War.

The Robert Mills House is a Federal-Greek Revival brick house built in about 1823.

The Robert Mills House was never used as a house. First it was the Columbia Theological Seminary. The seminary was there for 97 years. In the 1930's, the house was used to found Winthrop College. After Winthrop College moved to Rock Hill, the house was then used by the Columbia Bible College.

These four houses can be toured. The Historic Columbia Foundation gives tours Tuesday through Saturday from

10:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. every hour. On Sunday the tours are hourly from 1:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

The tickets can be bought where the tour begins, at the gift shop at the Robert Mills House in the East Flanker. The Foundation also gives tours of the Millwood Plantation, Main Street and the Historic District.

The Historic Columbia Foundation phone number is 252-7742, and they are located at 1601 Richland Street.

For more information call the Visitor Center at 777-0169, or Campus Tours at 777-2125.

## Involvement possibilities at organizational fair

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Whether one is a philanthropist, an academic scholar, an athlete or a combination of the three, there is a group on campus for every interest.

In fact, students have a large variety of groups to choose from, as there are over 250 organizations at USC. Student groups cater to every interest, from religious to athletic to community service. However, with so many choices, one may

not know exactly how to become involved in a specific organization.

The Student Organization Fair, which will be held today on the Russell House patio from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., is the perfect opportunity to learn more about organizations on campus.

"[The fair] is the best way for a student to get involved and [we've] been having these as long as there have been organizations at USC," Office of Student Organizations graduate assistant Jaime

Williams said. "Everyone can find a niche at USC."

There will be a total of 93 registered student groups featured at the organization fair. Today's fair will also feature several demonstrations. The Fencing club will put on a sword show, while the Tae Kwon Do club will demonstrate some of their moves. A band, sponsored by WUSC 90.5 FM, will perform throughout the day.

A new organization, Student Alliance

for Latin Americans, or SALA, will also be giving lessons on the "Macarana" and other popular dances. All of these attractions are sure to draw a huge crowd.

"We planned to create a big carnival atmosphere with balloons, candy, popcorn and music," Williams said.

Organizations involved with the fair hope to convince students to get involved on campus.

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