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"Sex cells, baby" or so says *Spy* magazine in their October 1996 issue. A small sidebar in the entertainment magazine includes a list of the "naughtiest college newspaper names" published at universities throughout the country. And you guessed it, *The Gamecock* topped the list. We were joined by such standouts as *The Daily Trojan* at the other USC, the University of Southern California, *Hustler* at Vanderbilt University, and *The South End* at Wayne State University. But we at the newspaper do take exception to the description of us as "those brainy, competitive, halitosis-inflicted college newspaper nerds." We are not as intense as *Spy* might think. Plus, we are proud of our newspaper and its title. But most importantly, yes we, "newspaper nerds," can take a joke.

CROWN ROYALE



KARA STOVALL/The Gamecock

SG Homecoming Queen Contestants await results at Tuesday's Homecoming Pageant. Junior Eileen Grana won the title of Queen this year after the contest was halted in 1990.

REGINNA GREEN Staff Writer

A game of Simon Says, a shag, and a Schubert piece were a few of the highlights that marked the end to the six year hiatus of the Homecoming monarchy at USC as Eileen Grana, representing Kappa Kappa Gamma and Ernest Sessoms, Jr of the Association of African-American students were crowned 1996 Homecoming Queen and King, respectively.

Last night's Homecoming Showcase, sponsored this year by Student Government, featured 10 female semi-finalists and seven male semi-finalists. Only the top five in each category remaining for the final round.

Judging for the final round consisted of an evening wear competition, a public presentation category and a 'final question,' in addition to preliminary round categories such as academic achievement and leadership involvement.

In an effort to emphasize the importance of leadership and academic excellence, the judges, at the request of SG's leaders, presented

Sessoms and Delta Delta Delta representative and first runner-up Darcie Shively with an award specially created to recognize the outstanding leadership qualities of one male and one female contestant.

Alpha Delta Pi representative Molly Simpson and first runner-up Thomas Ferrell, who represented Delta Delta Delta, were awarded for their outstanding academic achievement.

The first-ever Homecoming Showcase did experience a few technical difficulties during the course of the night which delayed the program for a few minutes.

"Let's get this show on the road," one student remarked.

The final score tabulations took quite a bit of time as well. To pass the time, emcee Walter Jackson, Director of Multicultural Student Affairs, initiated a game of Simon Says for the audience. It was not the first time the audience got involved during the night.

Contestant David Seay's shagging performance to Chairman of the Board's

"Carolina Girl" had quite a few audience members dancing in their seats.

SG Vice President Jamel Franklin was dancing in his seat, too, but for a different reason.

"People said, 'this might cause problems, this might cause division,' but tonight all I see is unity," Franklin said. "All I see tonight is support-- and that says a lot about our students and that says a lot about our university," he continued.

The homecoming tradition ended in 1990 amid beliefs that it caused racial discord and disharmony on campus.

"I think there needs to be an honest discussion about what happened and what we can do to change it," said senior Tomeeka Fladger.

Elizabeth Ann Felder, the last Homecoming Queen in 1990, also served as judge last night.

"I'm a little disappointed that there is still controversy surrounding this event," Felder said.

"I am excited that this tradition has returned to Carolina," Felder said.

MWC hits dirt trails, white water

STACEY BROWN Staff Writer

The Mountaineering and Whitewater Club offers off campus adventure in the great outdoors.

The club meets every Wednesday in the Russell House room 205 at 7:30 pm. The club activities focus on rock climbing, whitewater rafting, mountaineering, backpacking, canoeing, kayaking, and mountain biking.

Interested students do not need any previous training or knowledge about any of the activities. The club provides training, as well as exercise and entertainment.

"If you need to learn [the activities], you will learn it with us," junior President J.J. Van Ginhoven said.

The cost to join is \$20 a semester, which pays for everything. The equipment is available for use once one becomes a club member. To become a member, just come to the meetings, sign a waiver, and pay the dues.

The Mountaineering and Whitewater Club has many upcoming trips. From September 27 to 29, there is a trip to Moores Wall, in North Carolina. "This is primarily a rock climbing trip," Van Ginhoven said.

From October 4 to 6, there is a backpacking and rock climbing trip to Table Rock, N.C.

For Fall Break, October 12 to 15, there is a trip to New River Gorge, in West Virginia.

Additional trip ideas are also being planned. A Christmas Mountaineering trip to New Hampshire, and trips to Alaska, Mexico and California are possible.

"This club is definitely more productive than in last years, and we are a strong club with lots of members. We hope to keep the initial interest all through the year as it was at the beginning of the semester," Van Ginhoven said.

Roost welcomes non-athletes this fall

JOHN DILLARD Staff Writer

For the first time since its inception in 1989, The Roost is made up of both athletes and non-athletes.

The Roost, a residence hall located in the Bates Area of campus, was originally designed to house male and female athletes. However, as a result of a 1991 NCAA rule, the residence hall was forced to change its policy.

The NCAA regulation requires Varsity athletes be treated like all other students, and makes athletic dorms non-existent.

The ruling states "...the institution may not house student-athletes in athletic dormitories or athletic blocks within institutional or privately-owned dormitories or apartment buildings..."

The rule has also changed the way The Roost is operated. In the past, it was operated solely by the athletic department, which paid rent directly to the Department of Housing.

Due to the rule, the Department of Housing has taken over operational responsibility.

According to Kenya Derrick, Resident Life Coordinator for Bates Area, The

Roost is now 49 percent athletic and 51 percent non-athletic. Derrick said the new arrangement is working out well, with a few drawbacks.

"We've not had any discipline problems, but a big challenge has been providing social activities for both athletes and non-athletes without game or practice schedules being a conflict."

Derrick said the athletic department decided which athletes would live in The Roost; the ones not living in The Roost were assigned to other rooms.

"The remaining athletes are scattered throughout campus, while some chose

to live off campus," Derrick said. As for the non-athletes, they also filled out the housing applications and simply chose to live at The Roost.

"This was the only place left and I wanted to get away from campus," junior non-athlete Joseph Golob said.

According to one resident, The Roost is comparable to a normal residence hall.

"We don't know if people are athletes or not, and most athletes keep to themselves because we have the same schedule," freshman volleyball player Katherine Stephenson said.

9-23-96

Assault and battery, Capstone. Victim reported that he was in the process of breaking up with the subject when subject scratched him in the face. Victim refused to press charges.

Larceny of textbooks, Level 4 Thomas Cooper Library. Victim reported that unknown persons removed three textbooks from his unattended study carrel. Estimated loss: \$225.

Larceny of a bicycle, 614 Main St. Victim reported that his secured bicycle was removed from the LaBorde bike rack by unknown persons. Estimated loss: \$110.

Larceny of bicycle, Moore bike rack. Victim reported that unknown persons cut the chain lock that had secured his bike and removed the bike. Estimated loss: \$250.

Larceny of a VCR, The Roost. Victim reported that unknown persons removed her VCR from her room by unknown means. Estimated loss: \$89.

9-22-96
Disorderly conduct, Williams-Brice

Stadium. Complainant observed subject unsteady on his feet and almost falling down. Suspect had a smell of alcohol about his person and a cup containing an alcoholic beverage.

Suspect was arrested and transported to Richland County Detention Center.

9-21-96
Disorderly conduct, Williams-Brice Stadium. Reporting officer observed suspect throwing a Coke bottle off the top deck, nearly striking a person on the lower deck. Suspect had a strong odor of alcohol on his breath, and was loud and disorderly. Suspect was arrested and transported to Richland County Detention Center.

Disorderly conduct, Williams-Brice Stadium. Reporting officer observed the suspect in a highly intoxicated state. Suspect was belligerent and



profane, and tried to pick a fight with both the reporting officer and others at the game. Suspect was arrested and transported to Richland County Detention Center.

Assault and battery, Thomas Cooper Library. Victim reported that unknown persons touched her lower back and then fled the scene.

9-20-96
Larceny of bookbag, Russell House Bookstore. Victim reported that unknown persons removed several textbooks and notebooks from his unsecured bookbag in the bookbag shelves. Estimated loss: \$145.

9-19-96
Assault and battery, Thomas Cooper Library. Victim reported that unknown persons groped her on part of her anatomy without her permission.

Malicious injury to personal property, D-11 Lot. Victim reported that unknown persons broke the rear passenger-side window on her vehicle. Estimated loss: \$100.

Autobreaking, larceny of CDs, CS-

7 Lot. Victim reported that unknown persons entered his vehicle by unknown means and removed five CDs and a textbook. Estimated loss: \$89.

Autobreaking, larceny of radar detector, S6 Lot. Victim reported that unknown persons entered his vehicle by unknown means and removed a radar detector from his vehicle. Estimated loss: \$200.

Criminal sexual conduct, Thomas Cooper Library. Victim reported that suspect sexually assaulted the victim in the lower levels of Thomas Cooper Library.

Victim identified subject from a photo lineup and gave a statement. Due to the fact that subject is set to leave the country under unfavorable conditions due to other similar incidents, victim does not wish to prosecute.

Autobreaking, att. autobreaking, att. larceny, S23 Lot. Reporting officer observed two suspects looking into vehicles on 200 Bull St. Reporting officer observed the suspects breaking into one victim vehicle. Suspect fled the area when officers tried to arrest them, but both were apprehended.

Students gain experience as state pages

Several USC students have become pages and seen the state legislature up close. Many enjoy the experience and make several connections.

TRACY LEE VREELAND Staff Writer

Would you rather work in McDonald's or the House of Representatives? Mike Monzitta, along with other USC students, chose the House.

"I liked it a lot because I got to dress up and there are interesting people in the House of Representatives. They're good people to know," Monzitta said.

The Carolina students get copies of bills, fax documents, staple papers and make runs for food, coffee, soda, and sometimes Tylenol for the Representatives.

Some work with the secretaries in taking and relaying messages. Depending on when a page has a certain job varies. Representatives are in session Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; this is when a page does most of the runs. On Monday and Friday a page is free unless someone needs something.

"I loved it because it's like getting paid for study hall. The Representatives were in session for three hours a day and I worked for five. It made me do my homework because I had extra time," Monzitta said.

"I liked it because I got to meet a lot of people. I had free time that I could study and get paid," Christy Decker said.

When beginning, pages are paid minimum wage, but the rate increases with time. Like many jobs, there is room move up. Students can work up to head page.

Head pages, who are usually seniors, are normally in an office most of the day. They take messages from the Representatives and relay them to the other pages.

"It's good contact for people interested in state government," Decker said.

Most pages have a Representative that they mainly do runs for, but they also help other Representatives. Pages are appointed by a Representative and become their page. Some interview with a Representative or Senator and work for that person only.

Connections help to become a page. Monzitta had a friend whose mother, Becky Meachan, is a Representative and appointed him to the job.

USC student Susy Pavlisko interviewed with Senator Ritcher and got the job.

Christy Decker was a friend of the president of the Young Democrats who called Tim Rogers and she became his page.

"I like it a lot. I'm a Political Science major, so I'm interested in government and the way it works," Susy Pavlisko said. "It's good experience if students are interested in running for office or any kind of government work because it shows the complexity of the system. Some people think it's easy to pass a bill."