

# The Gamecock

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**WEATHER**

**TODAY**  
Mostly Sunny  
High 63  
Low 34  
**SATURDAY**  
Sunny  
High 65  
Low 38

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**Briefs**

**College of Engineering sponsors art, poetry contest**

Students, faculty and staff are invited to submit poetry and works of art addressing the theme "Spirit of Innovation" by noon Feb. 17. Winners will be announced Feb. 20 as part of USC's observance of National Engineers' Week.

For full contest rules, call Carol Fairman at 777-4178.

**School of Public Health seeks volunteers for study**

The Prevention Center is seeking men and women 18 and older for a study on physical activity habits and physical fitness in adults.

Participants will receive free measures of blood pressure, body fat, height, weight and fitness level. The deadline to register is today.

For information or to make an appointment, call the center at 777-7492.

**College of Education offers evaluations for children**

The Educational Services Clinic is offering comprehensive educational and developmental evaluations for school-aged and preschool children.

The clinic is located in the lower level of the College of Education building. For more information, call Brenda Szymkowiak at 777-6550.

## Student Government



The following is a list of candidates who had filed for Student Body office as of 4:45 on Thursday, January 30, 1997. Filing will continue through Friday.

<b>President</b>		
Jamel Franklin- Liberal Arts		
<b>Senate District 01</b>		
Curtis Brown- Science and Math	Amy Thogerson- Liberal Arts	<b>Senate District 08</b>
Michael Ladd- Science and Math	Lauri Velotta- Liberal Arts	Jeanie Hansen- Journalism
Laura McFarland- Science and Math	Gesla Marie Wilson- Liberal Arts	Kathryn Henderson- Journalism
Jonathan Sharpe- Science and Math	Leroy Dwan York- Liberal Arts	Kathy VanNostrand- Journalism
<b>Senate District 02</b>		
Timothy Clardy- Business	<b>Senate District 03</b>	<b>Senate District 09</b>
George Keane- Business	Twana N. Burris- Criminal Justice	
Ruth Nettles- Business	<b>Senate District 04</b>	<b>Senate District 10</b>
John Sageser- Business	Nathan Brown- Liberal Arts	Jared Mobley- Law
<b>Senate District 05</b>	Jomarie Dacanay- Liberal Arts	<b>Senate District 11</b>
LaTasha Friday- Engineering	Chris Dorsel- Liberal Arts	Cleteur Counard- Nursing
Tevonya Garland- Engineering	Elizabeth Fordham- Liberal Arts	<b>Senate District 12</b>
Keith Richards- Engineering	Shelly Hogan- Liberal Arts	Michael C. Phillips, IV- Liberal Arts
Steve Veldman- Engineering	Jahan- Liberal Arts	
	Ashley Jones- Liberal Arts	<b>Vice President</b>
	Callee Kaiser- Liberal Arts	

## USC recycling of polystyrene questionable

JENNIFER STANLEY News Editor

University of South Carolina students and faculty toss away about 1.5 million polystyrene cups each year, according to the USC recycling center.

Polystyrene (Styrofoam) products are only part of the 3,100 tons of solid waste the university produces annually, but efforts are underway to curtail the loss of such products as take-out containers and cups.

The university spent about \$94,226 in 1993-94 for waste collection services and another \$80,000 to have the waste landfilled, according to the USC 1994-95 Environmental Audit.

According to the audit, the university planned to "divert 25 percent of the university's wastestream to recycling markets by spring 1997."

The university has also established an extensive recycling system in administrative offices, resident halls, cafeterias and the university grounds.

Although the university uses 1.5 million polystyrene cups annually, there are only three places on campus equipped for plastic foam recycling.

Recycling containers for polystyrene exist in the Gamecock Grill area and in Baker's Street.

The Grand Market Place takes Styrofoam from trays and puts it into dumpsters behind the Russell House.

The residence halls are equipped with recycling containers for colored paper, mixed paper, newspaper and aluminum. However, there are no bins for polystyrene.

"We're not able to logistically get [polystyrene recycling] underway because we aren't paid for recycling [polystyrene materials], so labor is expensive," said Laura Pergolizzi of the USC recycling center.

"[We are] trying to develop a system that is least labor intensive for us and Marriott."

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According to a DHEC representative, polystyrene recycling is not economically logical because there is only one company in the country that recycles the material, and the company is not located in South Carolina.

Therefore, USC must pay to ship the lightweight but bulky polystyrene.

One alternative to shipping the material is a solvent which dissolves polystyrene.

However, the solvent is "a couple thousand dollars" for 55 gallons of the chemical, according to DHEC.

Marriott manager Liz Bohlkey said alternatives to polystyrene, such as containers made of plastic and paper, are not more environmentally safe than the plastic foam.

The university and Marriott are trying to reduce the amount of polystyrene used, according to Bohlkey.

"[We're] trying to get people to dine in. That's one way to help us," Pergolizzi said.

Some on-campus restaurants, such as Gibbs Court, are using china in place of the polystyrene containers, Bohlkey said.

In addition, Marriott has sold reusable eco-mugs which students can use whether they dine in or out.

Pergolizzi said most campuses use student volunteers to collect waste for recycling.

USC is one of the few campuses that does not have these volunteers.

"If [students] are really concerned, they can eat in," Pergolizzi said.

She also said that students who care can volunteer to help the recycling program.

## University expects students to follow professors' regulations in classrooms

KAREN LAYNE News Editor

Even college students can be sent to the dean's office for talking in class.

Professor Celeste Jones said she was following the College of Social Work's policy when she asked two students to leave her classroom Monday for excessive talking.

Her syllabus warned the 120 students that disruptive behavior would not be tolerated and violators would be asked to leave the class, she said.

"If the behavior is disruptive, extremely disruptive, if you ask someone to be quiet and they can't, the College

of Social Work's policy is that they go talk to the dean of social work or the dean of students of social work about their behavior before they return to class," Jones said.

Many administrators say their high expectations for students have kept them from developing formal codes of discipline.

They say classroom standards are set by individual faculty members.

They say they expect college students to "practice personal and academic integrity" and "respect rights and property of others" as listed in the Carolinian Creed.

"I think basically students behave in the classroom."

Mary Ann Parsons, dean, College of Nursing

The administrators' expectations are usually fulfilled.

"This is the first such incident I've heard of," said David Schrock, dean of the College of Business Administration.

## Housing plans include more spaces, no price increase for next semester

BRAD HINCHER Staff Writer

The 600 spaces lost last year to housing renovations will be regained with the additions of the South Quadrangle Apartments and the reopening of Maxcy.

The 600 losses were due mostly the reconstruction of Maxcy, which cost 150 spaces.

Also, the destruction of two of the Towers resulted in about 450 lost spaces.

"About 400 new housing spaces will be added next year, in the form of four-bedroom apartment-style housing," Director of Housing Gene Luna said.

Maxcy will reopen in the fall.

All housing changes are part of the implementation of the Master Plan, which includes significant improvements to the current science center as well as new housing on campus to accommodate the increasing population.

The sign-up process for housing will remain the same, with seniors receiving priority for housing choices.

"Bates, Bates West, McClintock, Wade Hampton, Patterson Hall and the other traditional freshman dorms will remain primarily freshman next year, while the newly renovated Maxcy dorm will be used mostly for Honors housing," Luna said.

Despite the expense of the current changes, housing costs for students will probably not rise more than three to four percent next year.

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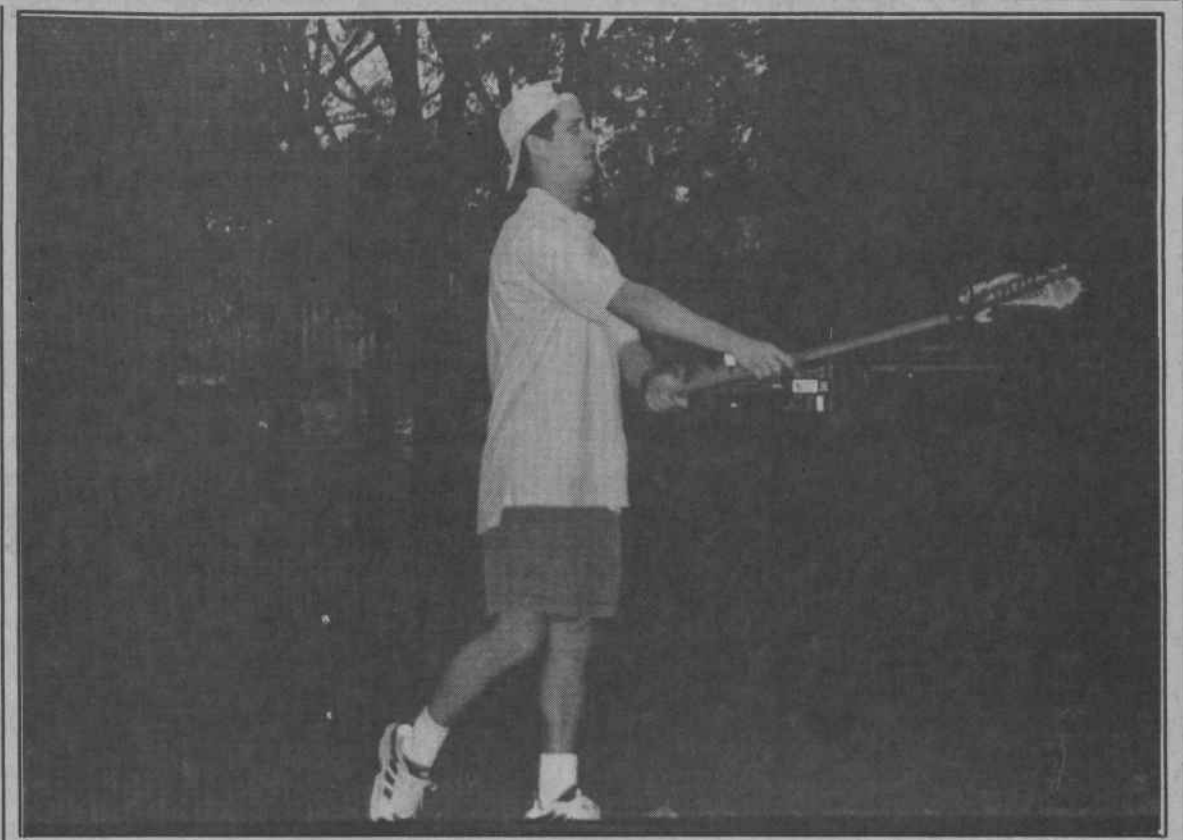
That is the average rate increase for housing each year at USC, according to the university's Department of Housing. Housing rates are voted on by the Board of Trustees in late March or early April, and final decisions are usually made by June.

Luna said the board has managed to maintain minimal cost increases for the past four years.

Previously, it was not uncommon for housing rates to rise more than three or four percent each year.

Some rise in the cost for housing must be expected each year, simply to account for inflation and other factors.

**Horseshoe Games**



Senior Eric Johnson practices lacrosse on the Horseshoe before the week's cold weather set in.

**GAMECOCK INSIDE**

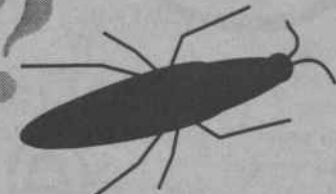
Feeling a little out of the groove? Swing your dial over to WUSC-FM 90.5's Amplified Folk. The show, with host Wilson, highlights traditional and contemporary Celtic music. For the big picture, check out the story in ETC.

**FEEL THE FOLK PAGE 4**

The Lady Gamecock basketball team picked up their first SEC victory of the year Wednesday with their 68-59 win over Kentucky. USC improved to 10-5 overall and 1-5 in the SEC. For the play-by-play, minute-by-minute, check out the story in SPORTS.

**BIG SHOTS PAGE 6**

How much money is spent on killing household roaches in America every year?



ANSWER: \$124,000,000

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