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Record Breakers

by Bryan Johnston, Sports Editor

National records aren't supposed to be easy to obtain, so it was no surprise that Saturday's second softball game between USC and Tennessee, the record-breaker for consecutive victories, went 10 innings and required the international tiebreaker rule to settle the outcome.

But in the end, as Carrie Elliott crossed home plate on Leana Troesh's single to give Carolina a 1-0 victory, the streak had reached 38 games, a new national record.

But that wasn't all Troesh's single signified.

The win gave head coach Joyce Compton her 500th career victory at South Carolina.

"Now the record is ours," Compton said. "I'm just real happy for the program. It was a great day to get my 500th win because we had a lot of alumni here and former players who put us on the level we're at now."

If that weren't enough action for one day, senior All-American pitcher Trinity Johnson broke the USC strikeout record when she recorded her 875th strikeout in the seventh inning.

"It's an honor," Johnson said of breaking the record. "I was really surprised it came this quick in the season."

What more could the team or the school-record 1,076 fans in attendance ask for?

"I wouldn't say that we were overwhelmed, but it was neat having



BRYAN JOHNSTON The Gamecock

Junior Sky Brown swings at a pitch Saturday against Tennessee. The pitcher is 11-0 with a 1.06 ERA on the season.

all that stuff happening here today," Johnson said.

In the first game, which Carolina won 1-0, Johnson helped her own cause when she led off the second inning with a single and was driven in by freshman

Kim Schultze's single to left field.

"It was an inside pitch, that's my favorite, and I just turned on it and it went through," Schultze said.

That would be all Johnson would need as she struck out 10 in game one.

The closest UT came to scoring was in the sixth inning, when UT's Jenny Steele and Tracy Reidhead collected singles and were at first and third with two outs with Lisa Wyatt coming to the plate. Johnson proceeded to strike out

the reigning SEC Player of the Week, giving her the record-tying strikeout.

The only question remaining was if Johnson could break the record in the first game. That was answered when

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Fitness center in the works

New center planned to handle demand

PERRY SCHAIBLE Staff Writer

A plan to start architectural drawings for a proposed \$33 million fitness center for the Columbia campus will mean better access to better equipment for USC students.

The proposed plan dates back four or five years when USC President John Palms put the Division of Student Affairs in charge of the P.E. Center, according to Jerry Brewer, director of Student Life. The division found that USC is behind other campuses in what they offer students as far as fitness facilities.

A local and national firm studied the Columbia campus and suggested what was needed to improve facilities, and they found the need for a new fitness center, Brewer said. The current center is used for a teaching facility, and the new building will be designed for recreation.

The Board of Trustees approved the plan in February.

"When you look at what we've accomplished so far with the Facilities Master Plan, we have addressed parking, housing and academic buildings, but we've done very little for student life," said John Finan, vice president for business and finance.

The new fitness center is scheduled for completion by the year 2000. The committee narrowed potential sites from 10 to three, but has not ruled anything out, Brewer said.

Brewer said the plan doesn't replace the old fitness center but meets a higher demand.

Three academic units will stay in the current building, as well as intramural and intercollegiate sports. The new building will be open for fitness all day, never closing for classes.

The new center will offer an enhanced program, with 1,800 square feet of state-of-the-art fitness equipment, a basketball court with an indoor track surrounding it, multi-purpose rooms for instructional settings and sports clubs, and a pool area for lap swimming with an additional outdoor pool for recreation, Brewer said.

"The new wellness/fitness center will provide more opportunities to interact for students and promote a healthy lifestyle," Brewer said.

Potential funds for the new facility will include a user fee.

Other building projects being discussed include the Greek Village on Pickens Street, an \$8.1 million renovation of McMaster College and the construction of the South Campus quadrangle, set to be open for apartment-style residence halls next school year.

New owners promise improvements for University Bookstore

Wallace Bookstores has ideas for USC bookstores

CEDRIC SCOTT Staff Writer

Let the bidding begin. Actually, it's all over. What was the prize? A bookstore.

Wallace Bookstores Inc., of Lexington, Ky., outbid Follett Bookstores for the right to operate the University Bookstore in the Russell House University Union. Follett had been the vendor since 1992.

Terms included in the 10-year contract include an unrestricted \$500,000 contribution to USC and a guaranteed annual payment of \$605,000 or 12 percent of net sales, whichever is greater.

Wallace also will make \$18,000 of improvements at the School of Medicine bookstore.

Follett will continue to operate the Addams Bookstore at the corner of Blossom and South Main streets.

Now, on to the issue most students are concerned about — book prices.

In addition to the mentioned payments to the university, Wallace also has set aside \$5,000 for book-award scholarships.

"The amount will be made available to the university. The university will decide upon the qualifications needed to be given this scholarship," said Tim Prather, Wallace's vice president for marketing and development.

"Students would then get a letter

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Tim Prather
Wallace Vice President,
Marketing and Development

from the university notifying them of the scholarship amount, and then could

bring that letter in to the University Bookstore to redeem for textbooks."

What if you're not one of the lucky students to get free books?

You still can appreciate some of the \$350,000 in improvements Wallace has vowed to make.

Some of those improvements we can notice now are with the floor plan and layout of the store.

"All the changes now are basically to the front half, non-book portion of the store," Prather said.

"It was unattractive and [customer] traffic could not flow easily," he said.

Wallace also will brighten up those dark corners with more lights.

Currently, Wallace does not intend

to implement new services. However, they expect to begin addressing these issues beginning with the Fall 1997 semester.

Said Prather, "we will be at the university around October to survey faculty, students and campus organizations. In the interim, I would encourage customers to fill out 'Speak Out cards.'"

Another change might not be as noticeable, but can be appreciated.

"Our management style is different from the Follett company in that we empower store managers to make the merchandising decisions," Prather said.

"Product and buying decisions are made at the local level," he said.

Financial aid, scholarships available for fall

BRANDI M. MARTIN Staff Writer

Wrapping up the spring semester and getting ready for the upcoming fall brings about scholarship, fellowship and financial aid.

USC has many ways to help students discover and obtain financial support. The university has received a gift of financial rewards from Mr. and Mrs. James T. Pearce of Greenville of \$1 million for an endowment fund.

The endowment was a gift to help stress the importance of higher education. The Carolina Scholars program

recognizes incoming freshmen for scholarship, leadership and character throughout school and community. Twenty incoming freshmen are admitted into the South Carolina Honors College and will receive \$28,000 toward four years of undergraduate studies, graduate or professional studies at USC.

"It is fitting that the largest contribution ever to the university from Greenville will help keep South Carolina's most gifted young people in our state for higher education," Palms said "The Pearce's generous contribution to the Carolina Scholars fund at USC is an investment in the future of South Carolina."

Pearce founded the Carolina Scholars award to represent students who excel academically, socially and culturally. The USC Fellowship office and

Summer Programs are holding workshops to aid students in filling out fellowship and aid information. The series of workshops has helped students in receiving awards and scholarships. The scholarship workshops include:

Fullbright Grant — undergraduate study abroad in academic or professional arts training, 4 p.m., Tuesday, Gressette Room, Harper College.

National Science Foundation Scholarship — graduate study in science, math, or engineering, 4 p.m., Wednesday, Harper College 107.

Rhodes/Marshall Scholarship — advanced study in Britain, 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Harper College 107.

Goldwater Scholarship — undergraduate studies in math, science or engineering, 4 p.m., April 15, Harper College 107.

Leaps and bounds.



Catherine McIntoosh The Gamecock

Junior Stephen Brady practices the hurdles under Coach Frye's watchful eye. The men's track team finished 2nd at the Clemson Invitational Meet on Saturday.

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This semester, freshmen in English 102 will read Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as part of their Freshmen English Program Common Reading Experience, then see the play performed by Theatre USC. Check out the story in ETC. for more on the program.

The Lady Gamecock track team ran all over Clemson at the Clemson 5-Way on Saturday. **Tonique Williams** set schol records in both the 200- and 400- meter races. See **SPORTS** for more.

What percentage of refrigerators in America are white or almond

ANSWER: 99%

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