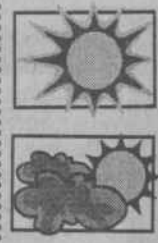


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**CAMPUS BRIEFS**

**McKissick Museum's Fall Folklife Festival receives second grant**  
USC's McKissick Museum has received a grant from the SC Arts Commission to help underwrite its third annual Fall Folklife Festival Sept. 27. The festival showcases folk artistry from the state and region. About 25 folk artists and performers display and sell pottery, canes, baskets and quilts. The festival is on the Horseshoe in front of the museum.

**Fulbright Grants available for graduate study in the arts, academics**

Students planning on professional training in the arts or graduate study should attend the Fulbright Grants Workshop at 4 p.m. August 27 in the Gressette Room on the third floor of Harper College.

**Habitat for Humanity to build two new homes**

Volunteers and families are invited to raise the walls of two Habitat homes in Arthurtown. This initiative is part of the "Build a Home America" program of the "Seven Homes in Seven Days Blitz Build on Faith" Sept. 13-24. The Columbia community can participate on August 23 in the Habitat Village on Riley Street. The day will begin with a devotion at 7:30 a.m. Building will begin at 9:30 a.m.

**Artists offer interesting views of S.C. watercolors**

Two well-known South Carolina watercolorists, Guy Lipscomb and Harry Hansen, will offer their unique perspectives on the medium to South Carolina State Museum visitors Aug. 24.

**Nationally known speaker Helen Alvare to talk about respecting life**

Helen Alvare, the spokeswoman for the Conference of Roman Catholic Bishops and its national advocate for the Sanctity of Life, will give a series of lectures and meet with priests from the Diocese of Charleston Wednesday, Sept. 3, at the University of South Carolina.

**USC to celebrate 100th anniversary of William Faulkner's birth**

The University of South Carolina will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Nobel Prize-winning novelist William Faulkner with a symposium for students and the public Sept. 4-5.

**USC infant and preschool music classes have limited openings**

The University of South Carolina's Children's Music Development Center has openings for its infant and preschool music classes, which begin Sept. 9.

**Women's Healthcare Center to host seminar on migraines**

The Women's Healthcare Center, a division of the University Specialty Clinics-College of Nursing, will host a free seminar on Thursday, Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. in North Trenholm Baptist Church. Admission is free. Call 782-1002 to register.

**Daniel Goldhagen and Nuremberg trial prosecutors to speak at USC**

Daniel Goldhagen, author of the landmark 1996 book, "Hitler's Willing Executioners," will join 10 of the prosecutors from the Nuremberg Trials Sept. 24-26 at the University of South Carolina to discuss the trials and their implication on future international war crimes trials.

**Volunteers needed for USC's McKissick Museum**

The University of South Carolina's McKissick Museum has volunteer opportunities for individuals age 15 and older beginning this fall.

**The Gamecock to hold meeting for new staff members**

The Gamecock will be recruiting new writers, photographers, graphic artists and on-line staffers for the fall 1997 semester. An organizational meeting will be held Wednesday, August 27, at 7 p.m. RH 315. Call 777-7726 or stop by RH 333 for more information.

**Garnet & Black recruiting**

Garnet & Black magazine is holding an organizational meeting Tuesday, August 26, at 6 p.m. on the third floor of the Russell House. Stop by and join the award-winning staff.

## SouthHip '98 could put S.C. on music map

ADAM SNYDER Features Editor

It was only a matter of time before Columbia jumped on the music festival bandwagon.

Joe McCulloch, a Columbia attorney and SouthHip '98 organizer and founder, is proposing the state have a three-day music festival of its own next year. It's an idea that has become widely popular in other Southern cities over the last 10 years.

"South Carolina is naturally timid," McCulloch said of why the festival

has been so long in the making. "We have a small state complex."

Although still in the planning stages, McCulloch announced Wednesday evening at a special kickoff event that he hopes musicians, film makers and writers from all over the region will come together to study the business of entertainment. The public will be able to enjoy a showcase of all genres involving South Carolina talent.

"South Carolina recently has emerged as a strong player in the entertainment industry," he said.

Following Hootie and the Blowfish's success and MTV Unplugged performance, MTV producer Matthew Anderson said the momentum provides South Carolina with a rare and short-lived opportunity to become a full-fledged music scene like Seattle.

"I hope we are not going to feed off Hootie only," McCulloch said. "I believe Hootie's success awoke a sleeping giant."

Although some at the media event doubted Columbia's ability to reach such stature as a "Seattle of the South,"

or the merits thereof, McCulloch spread the good word as local bands showcased their talent live in the background.

"We hope that next year, this event will be realized as a Southeastern musicfest," he said. "We want South Carolina to be the nation's emerging hub for talent."

McCulloch noted Charleston's role in the film industry as an alternative setting to larger, congested cities. He also said that more than 40 bands have already shown interest in the music festival.

The city of Columbia has already pledged to provide financial assistance.

"We wholeheartedly support this festival," Mayor Bob Coble said, adding he and the city want to promote the success of local entertainers. "We know it will attract visitors to our community who will spend money in hotels, restaurants, shops and much more."

McCulloch said the date of the event will be announced in the next month, adding that other satellite events should develop from SouthHip '98.

# HOME FREE!

ROSALIND HARVEY News Editor

USC students moving in this past weekend have had many activities to keep them busy.

Activities planned for students this week were sponsored by student leaders and several campus organizations.

According to Carmela Carr, director of the Russell House University Union, the planned activities this week in "Carolina Welcome" are a huge success.

"The feedback we have received from the participating organizations have said the student participation is tremendous," Carr said.

Anne Goodwin, vice president of finance for Carolina Productions, said the week has been going well and that attendance to activities has increased from last year.

"There has been around a 20 percent increase in attendance from last year," Goodwin said. "I feel this week has been a huge success."

Some of the other organizations involved in the Carolina Welcome week include Campus Recreation, Community Service, Student Life and the Association of African-American Students (AAAS).

Laina Tharp, fitness coordinator of Blatt P.E. Center, said the free aerobics classes offered during the week were very popular among students.

"We packed the house everyday," Tharp said. "Students seem to have a great interest in fitness and in the P.E. Center."

Freshmen Jacob Tuttle participated in several of the planned activities in Carolina Welcome. He



Sarah Hewlette, an employee of OEO in Five Points, shows some merchandise and coupons to freshman Tenelle Baker at the Merchants' Fair Thursday. Area businesses, including Walmart and Mary Kay turned up to introduce students to area businesses.

said he believes the events helped with the transition from home to school.

"I thought I would be homesick, but there have been things to do to keep my mind off things," Tuttle said.

Sophomores Lance Watson and Michelle Reardon did not attend Carolina Welcome because they felt it was not for them.

"I feel the welcome week is a Freshmen thing," Reardon said.

Watson agreed. "I did not move in until Tuesday and did not know much about it," Watson said. "It is not really something that I am interested in."

Activities will continue throughout the weekend.

## Ford Motors to use alternative fuels; other companies expected to join

ISRAEL KLOSS Special to The Gamecock

Ford Motor Company will offer a propane-powered truck this fall.

Natural gas, ethanol and methanol are the alternative fuels that Ford offered as options for nine of its 1997 models, and this fall, it adds propane to that list.

This interests David Cameron, vehicle management administrator for South Carolina Electric and Gas.

"The price of propane comes out to be about \$1.75 per gallon, and that does not include your federal and state road-use tax, which comes out to about 32 cents per gallon. So you are looking at well over \$2 per gallon for propane," Cameron said.

Cameron said that the Ford Motor Company is offering the F-150 truck because of the availability of propane filling stations across the nation.

"They are claiming that there is already a fueling infrastructure across the country with 1,200 locations," Cameron said.

Cameron said he prefers natural gas to propane.

SCE&G began converting to natural gas powered vehicles in 1994. Before the price of propane increased in the early 1980s, the company had 350 of its vehicles converted to propane.

Chuck Edwards, shop manager SCANA propane and gas, said he prefers propane to natural gas. However, he also said the average consumer probably will not buy it.

"I don't know that propane is the answer for the average individual driver. The cost of conversion has to be so prohibitive for the average guy," Edwards said. "Not just everybody wants to put \$2,000 or \$2,500 into a new automobile to convert it to propane."

Cameron said natural gas is not cost effective for the consumer.

"The push right now is not to get the general public involved simply because of the cost of conversion," Cameron said.

The average cost of conversion to natural gas is \$3,500, depending upon the conversion kit that is purchased, according to Kurt Ettenger at the Department of Energy National Alternative Fuels

Hotline in Rosslyn, Va.

Ettenger said there are incentives and discounts available for converting to natural gas.

"Natural gas burns inherently cleaner. It's good from an energy security standpoint," Ettenger said. "Right now, 53 percent of our oil is imported. The domestic gas that we use for heating is from America or Canada. Its all extracted right here so it's good for the local economy."

Ettenger said converting to natural gas can provide buyers with tax deductions on earned income tax, reduce fuel expenses, increase the life of vehicle engines, decrease the amount of oil changes needed for vehicles and lower pollution.

The University of South Carolina Transportation Department has two vehicles that are fueled by natural gas.

Mark Johnson, administrative assistant at the University Transportation Department, said they decided to keep gasoline fuel as an option on the vehicles.

"SCE&G are the only ones that sell natural gas

around here. We've been leaving the gasoline in case they are closed on the weekend," Johnson said. "When it does run out of natural gas, it automatically switches over (to gasoline)."

In Columbia, natural gas is available through SCE&G. The filling station is on Flora and Assembly Streets and charges 79.9 cents per gasoline equivalent gallon.

Cameron does not foresee an increase in private sector conversion.

"I can't say that it (price) will (decline). I haven't seen any reduction in prices so far. Once the manufacturers make the cost of a vehicle for about the same price as a gasoline vehicle, then it may be attractive enough," Cameron said.

Ford, Chrysler, General Motors, Nissan and Toyota will make alternative fueled vehicles available in their 1998 vehicle models. Ford, General Motors and Chrysler currently offer 1997 models with alternative fuel options.

## Building site chosen for sorority, fraternity housing

KRISTIN RICHARDSON Asst. News Editor

Plans for the long-awaited Greek Housing Development are underway as the 1997-98 school year begins.

With only a few residence halls specifically designated for Greeks, South Tower and McBryde Quad, sororities and fraternities are separated and spread across the campus.

These inconveniences often make it difficult for these Greek organizations to have different activities that they participate in with other students at the University and amongst themselves.

There have been many questions about the idea of having a separate housing development for sororities and fraternities on campus that have now been answered.

"The progress of the Greek Housing

Development is happening by means of the Building and Grounds Committee of the Board of Trustees," said Richard Rockafellow, Executive Secretary of the USC Development Foundation.

"The USC Development Foundation was created to assist the university in its relationship with real estate and acquire land that would benefit USC," Rockafellow said.

"The university already owns land behind the Bates Area, which is where the first phase of the Greek housing will begin," he said. "Some of the land we have nearby will now be used as a replacement parking area."

Rockafellow said that the Building and Grounds Committee has met with some of the sororities and fraternities to get the plans underway.

## On-campus drinking policies follow state laws

CARA PELLAIT Asst. News Editor

When it comes to drinking on-campus, USC's policy is similar to South Carolina state law.

"The general understanding is that if you're over 21, you can have it," Rick Gant, Coordinator of Student Life Programs, said.

However, even though a student may be old enough to possess alcohol, the university still regulates where a student can drink it.

The Carolina Community states: "On-campus consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits by individuals or groups is prohibited in all public areas of University owned or controlled facilities or grounds..." This includes areas such as residence hall lobbies, study rooms, and the Horseshoe.

In residence halls, students over the age of 21 may have alcohol in their rooms but not in the public areas of the building, according to Shannon Velasquez, a

resident advisor in Wade Hampton. She said she rarely has problems with residents possessing alcohol.

"There's a lot of people coming in intoxicated and there are problems after the fact, such as people being loud," Velasquez said.

Campus organizations wanting to have parties where alcohol will be present must have an advisor and two of the group's members attend a policy orientation. The organization must then submit an event registration form for approval. If the organization is not serving alcohol but people will be bringing it to the function, the event still must be approved, according to Gant.

Organizations can also control when and where its members are allowed to use alcohol.

Suzu Albrecht, a member of Delta Zeta, said only those who are at least 21 and who present identification can drink at the sorority's functions. People who are underage or are drinking excessively

are referred to the Campus Judicial Board and they are usually required to do community service and attend GAMMA meetings.

Members of Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed service fraternity, are not allowed to drink while wearing the fraternity's letters and alcohol cannot be related to any fraternity function, according to member Lee Anne Hellebrand.

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