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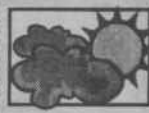
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GAMECOCK BRIEFS

Carolina for Kids kicks off
Food and entertainment will be at the Carolina for Kids Kick Off from noon to 4 p.m. Sept. 4 on Greene Street. For more information contact Caroline Croft at 790-2768.

KryoTech ceremony today
KryoTech will be moving from the USC College of Engineering to Chris Drive in West Columbia in a ceremony at 3 p.m. today in front of Swearingin Engineering Center on South Main Street. Parking is available behind the engineering building at 300 South Main Street.

Lambda Chi Alpha receives Membership Recruitment Award

The Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity chapter at USC was awarded the Membership Recruitment Award at Lambda Chi Alpha's 26th Leadership Seminar, held June 23-29 in Bowling Green, Ohio.

USC Dance to hold auditions

Auditions for "Phantom, the Ballet," presented by the USC Department of Theatre, Speech and Dance, will be held from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 6-7 in room 114 of USC's Sol Blatt P.E. Center on Wheat Street. Auditions are open to anyone aged 12 and older. Call Susan Anderson at 777-5636 or 777-7209 for more information. Registration for the USC Dance Conservatory has been extended until Sept. 15. Classes include instruction in ballet, tap, jazz, musical theatre and pas de deux. The classes are held on weekdays and weekends in Blatt P.E. Center.

Student Nurses Association to hold joint meeting with state nursing association

The S.C. Student Nurses Association will host their annual fall workshop for the first time ever in conjunction with the S.C. Nurses Association's annual convention. The SCNA is the largest professional association for registered nurses in South Carolina. The workshop will be held Sept. 26-27 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Columbia. National and state nursing leaders will present seminars on a variety of topics. The featured speaker is Beverly Malone. Information is available at the College of Nursing, or by calling the SCNA at 803-252-4781.

McKissick Museum's Fall Folklife Festival receives second grant

USC's McKissick Museum has received a grant from the S.C. 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. today in the Gressette Room on the third floor of Harper College.

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, the Sanctity of Life, will give a series of lectures and meet with priests from the Diocese of Charleston Wednesday, Sept. 3, at USC.

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.

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.

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College students vulnerable to net addiction, psychologists

COLLEGE PRESS EXCHANGE

Diane Kerwin, a University of Chicago sophomore, used to spend 40 hours a week on the Internet, surfing or "chatting" with friends.

But the Net began to interfere with her normal life, so now, she says, she's cut back.

To 35 hours.
"My boyfriend dumped me because I spent too much time online, but he was a loser anyway," Kerwin, 22, said. "It hurt a lot, so I cut down."

Kerwin admits that she is not like other college students who dial up the Net to research a paper, check football scores or read a horoscope. Like an increasing number of computer users, she spends hours prowling the Internet and compulsively checking her electronic mail.

"It's like an addiction for me, like booze or drugs for other people," she said.

In fact, the obsession some college students have for the Net can spark mood swings, tear apart personal lives and disrupt studies, similar to drug and alcohol abuse, according to psychologists.

In a study of 277 college students, three out of four said their use of the Internet upset various activities of daily life. As a group, college students—who at many campuses have free access to the Net—are considered to be at high risk for Internet abuse, according to Janet Morahan-Martin, a Bryant College psychology professor who conducted the study.

Students were considered "pathological addictive" if they admitted to four or more symptoms indicating abuse.

"Compared to others, pathological users scored significantly higher (on a loneliness scale), were more likely to go online to relax, talk to others with similar interests, meet new people and for support," Martin said.

She also found that many Net addicts report that it's easier to open up and meet people online.

Edwin Colon, 21, a University of Chicago junior, admits that's why he enjoys chatting on the Net. He spends about 40 hours a week online.

"I express myself better online," he said. "I feel like the constraints of the keys allows me more freedom."

Also, "I can talk to my friends in my underwear, and not be embarrassed," he added.

But too much time spent on the Net can hurt attention to studies. Kimberly S. Young, a

University of Pittsburgh psychologist, says some college students spend so much time on the Internet that they flunk out of college.

Such obsessive behavior should be viewed by the mental health community as seriously as alcohol or drug use, says Young, who conducted a three-year study on Net addiction.

Obsessive Internet users, or "dependents," stay online for hours each day and often create new personalities for themselves in chat rooms, she said. Over the course of her study, she identified 396 "dependents" and found that 42 percent were unemployed college students or homemakers.

"Dependents" said they enjoy fantasy games similar to Dungeons and Dragons, where they can interact with people like themselves. They spend an

average of 38 hours online each week, compared to eight hours a week reported by avid, but not addicted, computer users.

Other users report that they like to "transform" and take on a new identity when they're in a chat room. Bonnie Mathis, a University of Chicago sophomore, says she creates a new personality for herself about once a week.

"It allows me to experiment and change myself," she said. "It can go scary, with all the stories you hear, but nothing can go wrong if you are smart."

In her study, Young found that for many users, chat room relationships answer "a deep and compelling need in people whose real lives are interpersonally impoverished."

Research subjects also said they had jeopardized relationships, jobs and other opportunities for

the Net.
USC students said they see internet addictions could be a problem.

Junior Earl Owens said he feels there is the potential problem of internet addiction on campus.

"The only thing that I do on the internet is e-mail," Owens said. "I feel that students can become addicted to the internet because it is free."

Brette Barclay, lab assistant in the Thomas Cooper Library, said she sees many students using the internet.

"There is a good many students who come into the lab to go on the internet," Barclay said. "There seems to be more e-mail junkies in the making than internet junkies."

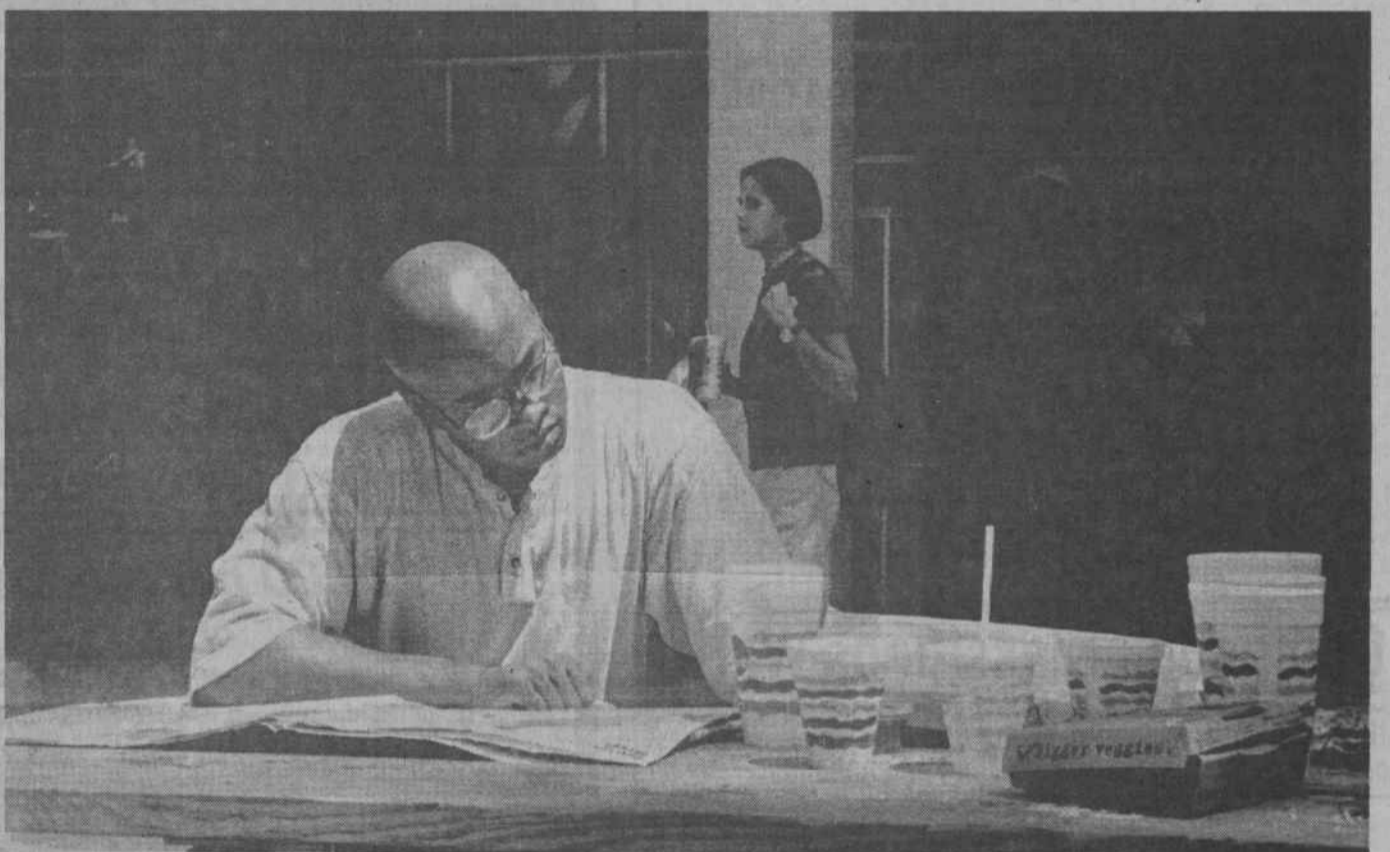
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TIM GREER The Gamecock

Bonnie Boineau takes Graduate student Mary Spracher's picture for her USC ID. Many student are still buying books, getting IDs and unpacking.

Getting it Together



SUSAN MEYERS The Gamecock

With Welcome Week over and the first full week of classes underway, students finish last minute odds and ends. Junior Time Green found time to grab a pizza and read The Gamecock on the Russell House patio.

Student phones blocked

CARRIE MCCULLOUGH Staff Writer

Because of problems with the new long distance communications system, some students living on-campus cannot receive long distance calls.

While some might not want Mom and Dad checking in every minute, going weeks without getting long distance phone calls is frustrating for many students, like Idella Chestnut, an Resident Advisor in Moore residence hall.

"This has been going on since Aug. 7," Chestnut said.

Finding someone to help with phone problems on campus and finding someone aware of phone problems seem to be a problem in itself for students.

Daryl Davis, associate director of business and finance for the housing department, said he knew there was some upgrading done during the summer to the long distance programming and was aware that there were some problems early last week. He said all phone problems are handled through Computer Services, which handles the work orders.

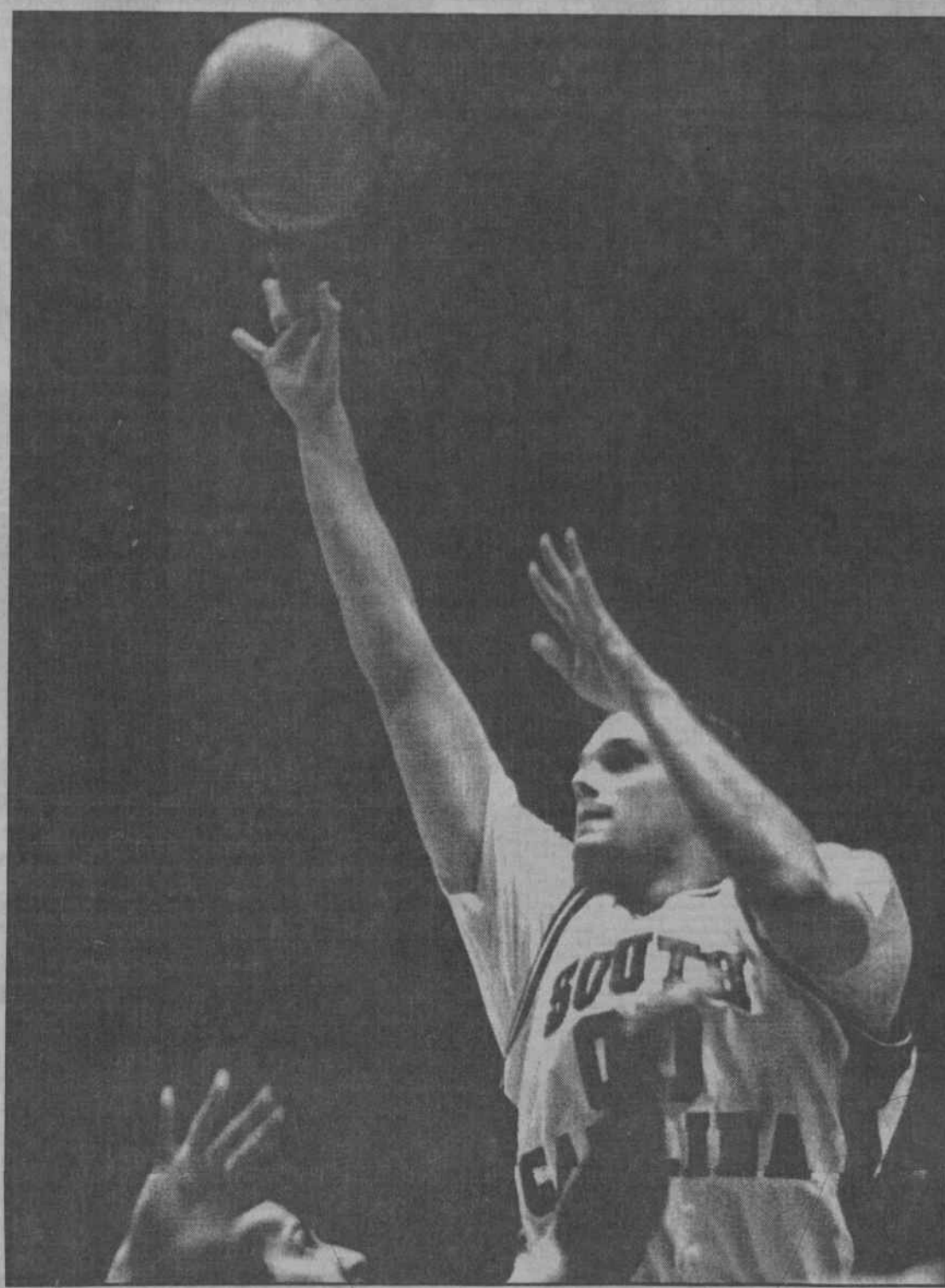
Elizabeth Woodard, information resource consultant for the university, said she was unaware there's a problem. She looked into the matter and later said there has been a problem with getting numbers steered from the old phone system to the new phone system installed this summer.

So far, there's only been about a dozen lines Computer Services knows about that were not steered correctly, according to Woodard. Specific residence halls didn't have problems, she said, only specific phone numbers not updated to the new system.

Woodard also said she encourages students that do have communication problems to call 777-8153 so repairs can be made.

She also said there shouldn't be a problem after the first two weeks of school.

MOVIN' ON UP



Former Gamecock Nate Wilbourne signed a one-year deal with the Charlotte Hornets Friday for the league's minimum \$242,000 for undrafted free agents. The 6-foot-11-inch Wilbourne played two years at USC after transferring from Ohio State. He averaged 8.1 points and 4.3 rebounds in 59 games with the Gamecocks. His best season was his junior year when he averaged 10.6 points and 5.4 rebounds. Last season he shot a team best .556 from the field. Wilbourne attended a June mini-camp, but was not offered a contract. He signed the deal after attending an August camp.

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