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**TODAY**  
P. Cloudy  
High 95  
Low 69

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**GAMECOCK BRIEFS**

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

**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.

**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.

**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 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.

**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 USC to discuss the trials and their implication on future international war crimes trials.

**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.

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

USC's McKissick Museum has volunteer opportunities for individuals age 15 and older beginning this fall. For more information call Holly Mitchell at 777-7251.

**Lambda Chi Alpha Chapter at USC receives fraternity award**

The Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity chapter at USC received the Membership Recruitment Award at the Fraternity's 26th Leadership Seminar held this past June.

The South Carolina chapter was one of only 15 chapters to receive this award. The chapter associated 28 men this year, up 16 from the previous year, and continues to strengthen and grow.

## Fitness center part of master plan; proposal put on hold

KRISTIN RICHARDSON  
Asst. News Editor

The ancient Blatt P.E. Center will eventually be replaced as the planning for a new recreation facility develops.

The new fitness building falls among several other buildings and additions to the campus as a part of the master plan for the university. According to the plan, the Blatt Center "is deficient in meeting the university's recreational and fitness needs."

"The Building and Grounds Committee discussed Blatt P.E. Center and decided that it was not meeting the needs of the students," director of Student Life Jerry Brewer said. "It is just too small."

The Blatt Center was completed in 1971 as a teaching and competition facility with only a few basketball courts, locker rooms and classrooms.

"Blatt was built at a time when recreation and aerobics basically didn't exist," Brewer said.

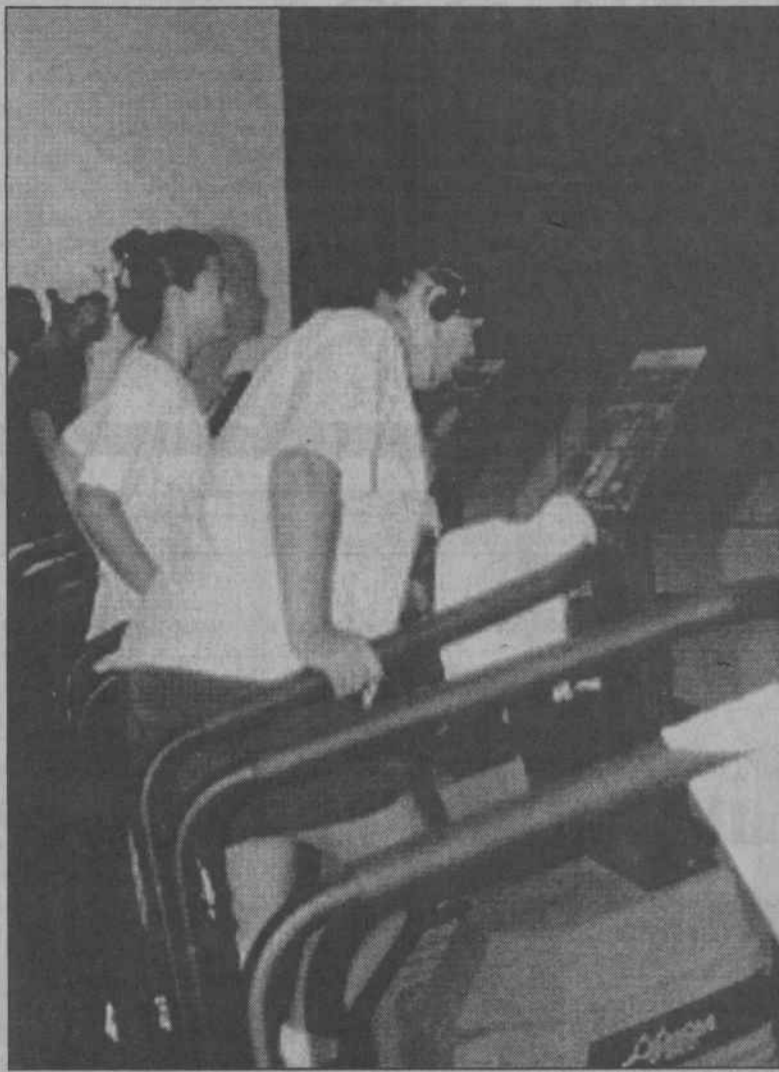
The Blatt Center now provides facilities for physical education, intramural sports, theater and speech classes and several other programs.

Brewer said a variety of options for the location of the building were considered by a committee and narrowed down.

With several other developments to be determined on campus as a part of the master plan, the site for the new fitness center has been put on hold.

"The recommended site on hold for the center is Gibbes Center at the corner of Blossom and Assembly Streets," Brewer said. "We should have the actual site chosen by the end of this fall and will begin proceeding with the actual plan."

Some of the facilities that will be available at the new fitness recreation center are administrative offices, indoor and outdoor pools, a climbing wall, an indoor track and a food facility.



SUSAN MEYERS The Gamecock

Evenings are the most popular times for students to use the basketball courts and workout machines at Blatt P.E. Center. As part of the master plan, the university will build a new fitness center.

Positive attitudes about the new fitness recreation center abound.

"I think it will benefit the students a lot," senior Jamie Jacobin said. "They need to have that part in their lives. [The Blatt P.E. Center] is old and it doesn't set up an atmosphere to make

people want to go."

While some students are focusing on the new fitness building as a health source, others are thinking about better recreation facilities.

"It will be nice, and a lot of devoted athletes will go there instead of the

## Trustees approve master plan, changes to buildings

KRISTIN RICHARDSON Asst. News Editor

The board of trustees approved a master plan for the university this month that will lead to several major changes on campus.

"There is no set time or deadline to be finished," said Charles Jeffcoat, director of Facilities Management and USC architect. "The approval of funding will be decided after resources are found."

The master plan contains several additions that the building and grounds committee thinks will become valued assets to the university.

The plan states that "there will be four major improvements to the Campus Center, which contains all areas bounded by Bull, Blossom, Sumter and Greene Streets."

A proposed library quadrangle will stretch across the two smaller parking lots, with the reflecting pool remaining in the center. The parking lots will be replaced by new walkways, a lawn and trees.

According to the plan, "the new quadrangle could serve as an active outdoor gathering space for concerts and other events associated with the Russell House, and would knit together the core university facilities of theater, library and student union around a traditional quadrangle."

The closing of the two parking lots will be accommodated by the recently finished 1,200-space Bull Street garage.

Additions to the Russell House focus on the interior of the building because, according to the plans, "the entrances to the building and interior circulation are confusing."

Most of the interior spaces in the Russell House have relatively low ceilings and are dark, and many important functions are in the interior and basement spaces.

The plan illustrates an idea that will provide a new welcoming entry from Greene Street into an interior skylit atrium space leading to the existing courtyard and patio.

Other additions to the USC campus include a University Inn that will meet the needs of both the university and community. The inn will be used to house visitors and students during orientations, parent weekends, and other activities that go on throughout the year.

The plan proposes "a mall for Sumter Street between Blossom and Greene as a way of marking this important gateway to the historic heart of campus."

The mall will also improve safety for pedestrians crossing Sumter Street from places like the Science Center.

"The master plan has been an on-going process with years and milestones well on their way," said Bond Nichols of the media relations department. "The grounds and facilities committees are turning the corner into the next

Blatt center because of the larger amount of space," sophomore Jibriel Means said.

The construction of the building will take at least 18 months to finish after a final site has been chosen. The fitness center will be open all day, with no classes closing it down throughout the day.

Student activity fees will be slightly increased next year to help accommodate the costs of the new fitness recreation center.

"The center will have wonderful facilities and plenty of room to recreate," Brewer said. "It will be much more enjoyable for the faculty, staff and students."

## USC boasts record number of non-traditional students

BETH DAVIS Special to The Gamecock

Most students roll out of bed, throw on a hat and head to class. After class they rush to their dorm to meet friends for lunch.

But for a large number of students the picture is a little different. They might have children or a full-time job in addition to classes.

They could be called non-traditional students, or students interested in continuing their education.

There's an office on campus, however, specifically set up to service students in the Continuing Education Academic Credit Programs.

Sally Boyd, Assistant Vice Provost in the Continuing Education Department, said someone interested in coming back to school would seek help from this office first.

The student is assigned an academic advisor to help make plans for their academic career. The advisor helps the student get acclimated to the university and help them pick their classes, Boyd said.

According to a representative from the Office of Institutional Planning and Analysis, the College of Nursing has many non-traditional students.

Last fall, there were 188 undergraduate upper-level nursing students over the age of 26.

Karen Waganer, Assistant Dean

of Academic Programs and Student Services, said one reason for the large number of students is because people change professions and decide to enter the nursing profession later in life.

The versatility of jobs within nursing is why many people return to school for further nursing degrees, Waganer said.

Some of the highest statistics on campus come from the Graduate Education Department. Last fall, that department had 1,879 students over 30 years old. The total enrollment for the Graduate Education Department was 2,650 students.

The Liberal Arts College has the next highest enrollment of students over 30 with 333 students.

Associate Dean of the Graduate Education College Ose Henderson said the number represents many teachers who come to the university to renew their degree credentials. Other students return to advance and receive higher degrees.

Eddie Leonard, a history major, said being older than other students can be lonely.

"Toward the end of the weekend, I really don't have any plans, and it can get lonely," Leonard said. "If I were invited to a party I would go. Most of our conversations are about school work and they don't get to know me," Leonard said.

## Student Senate holds first meeting, vote of year

CARA PELLATT Asst. News Editor

The student senate voted 19-18 against a motion requiring Michael Phillips, the nominee for the Executive Cabinet Fraternity Affairs position, to appear before the senate Wednesday at the first meeting of the semester.

Senator Kathy Van Nostrand made the motion requiring Phillips to appear within three weeks, or the appointment would be invalidated and the position would be open.

"If there isn't a time limit, he could just never show up," Van Nostrand said. "Then, the appointment would be in a deadlock."

Senator Zerell Hall disagreed with

the motion, arguing that many people up for approval never appear before the senate, but are approved anyway. Hall said if there is a time limit, it should be for everybody and should be an amendment.

"I don't think that because of his special situation we should set a time limit," Hall said.

Phillips was originally approved for the position last semester. The senate moved to reconsider the nomination during the same meeting.

The following senators were not present at roll call: Ashley Jones, Regina Fletcher, Deanna Smith and LaShawn Johnson.

## Dining services, recycling program work to reduce styrofoam waste

ROSALIND HARVEY News Editor

USC started its recycling program in 1989 and its grown each year since.

Laura Pergolizzi, USC's environmental programs manager, said USC students, faculty and staff have helped over the years to make the recycling program a success.

Pergolizzi said the USC recycling project is collecting 40 tons a month from resident halls, business offices and classrooms across campus.

However, the bulk of garbage from dining facilities on campus are not being recycled.

Polyethylene, the material in cups and to-go boxes used by Marriott, is difficult to recycle. Pergolizzi said the effort to work with businesses and the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to recycle polyethylene failed due to the lack of interest to use the recycled product.

"The cost of recycling the Styrofoam cups is not cost effective to businesses who might use the recycled product," Pergolizzi said.

In an effort to cut down on the amount of Styrofoam cups Marriott uses, they are offering eco-mugs to students. Pergolizzi said Marriott gives a 25-cent discount on beverages to students who use their eco-mug instead of the Styrofoam cups that are provided.

The eco-mugs are \$2 each and can be purchased in the basement of the Russell House. Freshmen living on campus and who purchased a meal plan received a free eco-mug

when they arrived on campus, Pergolizzi said.

Senior Hiroshi Masuko said he feels the eco-mugs will help with the Styrofoam waste problem.

"That's a good idea," Masuko said. "I would use one, but they should come up with other designs. However, if they (Marriott) were serious about recycling they would give them to everyone for free."

Pergolizzi said the USC Environmental Programs Department has projects going on throughout the year. In their project during the first week of school, they collected cardboard boxes from students moving in.

"With the help of housing and the grounds crew we were able to triple the amount (cardboard) collected from last year," Pergolizzi said.

Pergolizzi said they are working on four on-campus workshops about recycling during Wellness Week in September.

"Recycling is a good thing," Pergolizzi said. "The state of the environment is effecting your health."

In an attempt to make USC's program more successful, Pergolizzi said they are working with housing to try to get recycling bins in each dorm room on campus.

Junior Josh Moore said he feels students will want to recycle because of peer pressure.

"I think that people would recycle because it is trendy. If you don't drop it in the right bin, people would look at you," Moore said.

**HELPING OUT**



SUSAN MEYERS The Gamecock

D.J. Bin Wilcinski interviews some members of the band Furious Styles on WUSC. From left, Dale Simmons, Ernie Franks and Jimmie Brown. Furious Styles will be playing Aug. 29 at Rockafellas and Sept. 4 for Carolina for Kids.