

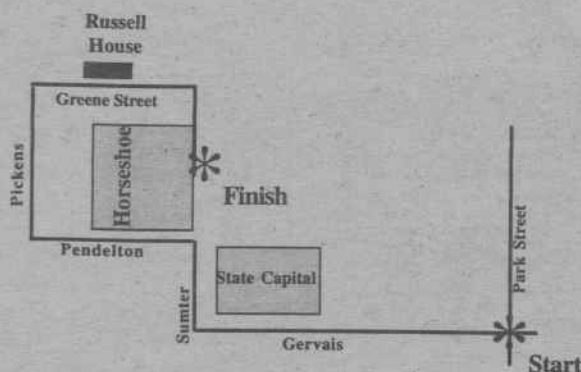
Parade

Get ready Gamecocks because Homecoming is just around the corner! This is an exciting week for students and faculty alike and the annual Homecoming Parade is a perfect way to show your Gamecock support! The



Parade will be held on Friday, October 16th at 3pm. This year the Parade will be a little different than in years past. There will still be the same great USC Marching Band, Cocky, cheerleaders, dignitaries, and other guests, but you will see more floats than you ever have before. There will be the annual float contest, but it has been extended

this year to include two categories. There will be a large float contest and a small float contest. The USC Equestrian team, Bomber the Mouse, and other community participants will take part in the Parade. The Parade will also include campus and community dignitaries, and our Grand Marshall? Well, that is a surprise that you will have to come and see! There is a distinguished panel of judges for the float contest. They include, Cassi Vaughn, USC Alumni and former Homecoming Commissioner; William Hubbard, member of the Board of Trustees and a Carolina Alumni; Justin Strickland from Carolina First; Mr and Mrs. Bob Fulton, former voice of the Gamecocks; and Dr. John Waddell, acting President at Allen University. Centurions, members of the class of 1948 and before, will also be at this year's Parade, still full of Carolina pride 50 plus years later! The Parade will begin at the intersection of Park and Gervais street, and will wind around campus and conclude at the Horseshoe, where the Barbeque Picnic will be held. The organizations are ready to share their spirit, and fun will be had by all. Come experience the essence of Carolina spirit and celebrate with your fellow Gamecocks!



Float Building

The Annual Float Building Party is a great time for campus organizations to get together in a fun, creative environment and share their excitement for USC Homecoming. The Party will be held on Thursday, October 15th, the night before the Parade, from 10 pm to 12 midnight and is co-sponsored Fraternity and Sorority Council. Organizations begin working hard on their floats Tuesday afternoon, so this is a fun time for them to get together and put the finishing touches on the float before the big day on Friday. This time is designed to be stress free and entertaining, thus there will be lots of music, lots of food, lots of laughs, and lots of excitement all packed into one night. The Party is in a new location this year...it will be held in the parking lot of Bates. The new location will be great because it is right on campus, and movement in and out of the area will be easy. Come down and check out the hard work of the student organizations, and join the party!

Barbeque

The Homecoming Commission at the University of South Carolina would like to invite you to become part of the first ever Barbeque Cookoff. The Barbeque Cookoff is new to the line-up of Homecoming events because of its special relationship to our theme. Our theme "Carolina Pig Pickin': A Southern Tradition" was chosen because it makes reference to our opponents, the Arkansas Razorbacks and a favorite Carolina pastime. This event is to be held on Friday, October 16, 1998 from 4 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on the USC Horseshoe. All students, alumni, faculty, staff and the general public are encouraged to attend this picnic style event.



Cheerleaders and our mascot, Cocky. The games, targeting children of all ages, include a Potato Sack Contest, a Watermelon Eating Contest and a Seed Spitting Contest, and the Most Marshmallows in the Mouth Contest. Children will have a chance to show their special talents during these events. Entertainment includes clogging, shaggers and more. Other activities include a magician, balloon art, and a moon bounce (air castle). There will be give-a-ways every half hour between 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Admission to the Cookoff is free, but tickets will be sold for food. The price will be \$5 for the general public and \$4 for University of South Carolina students, faculty and staff, providing USC identification.

The Barbeque Cookoff is a great way for the whole family to enjoy a Friday afternoon full of food and festivities. The rain location will be the Ballroom in the Russell House University Union located on Greene Street in the heart of the USC campus. With many exciting things in store, this event promises to be one that you won't want to miss. So, bring your lawn chairs, picnic blankets and cameras, and get ready for a good time.

Cockfest

Cockfest is USC's annual Homecoming pep rally and is sure to excite Carolina fans of all ages. Open to the general public, Cockfest will be held on October 16, 1998 at 8 p.m. in the Carolina Coliseum. The event will feature skits from student organizations, the USC Pep Band, the Coquettes, the USC feature twirlers, the cheerleaders and USC's beloved mascot Cocky. A preliminary competition between student groups resulted in four Cockfest finalists: the Fellowship of Christian Athletes presenting "Pickin' What?," Kappa Delta and Sigma Nu presenting "Ace Ventura at Carolina," Chi Omega and Tau Kappa Epsilon presenting "The Three Little Pigs," and Alpha Delta Pi and Sigma Chi presenting "Hee Haw Comes to Carolina." Judges for this competition will be coaches from the university, former Homecoming commissioners, and the Vellas, a Columbia couple who have judged the competition for the last 27 years.

After the skits, nationally-known comedian Anthony Clark will have everyone rolling in the aisles with laughter as he performs his hilarious comedy routine. Clark currently stars on the television sitcom "Soul Man." His previous claim to fame was starring as Boyd Pritchett on the hit comedy "Boston Commons." He has appeared on "The Late Show with David Letterman," "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "The Rosie O'Donnell Show," the 1995 "HBO



Young Comedians Special" and "The Stand Up Show" on the BBC. Clark has guest-starred on the television series "Ellen." Anthony Clark has also performed on Broadway, joining Gary Sinise and Louis Smith

in the Tony Award-winning production of "The Grapes of Wrath." He has appeared on the big screen in the films "Dogfight," "The Thing Called Love," and the box office smash "The Rock," starring Sean Connery. Upon conclusion of Anthony Clark's comedy routine, the winners of the skit competition will announced and will take home the bragging rights until next year's Cockfest. The event will come to a close with the grand finale: an indoor fireworks display. Tickets are \$7 for the general public and \$4 for USC students, faculty and staff. Children under six years of age get in for free. Cockfest is a night the whole family can enjoy and a time to cheer the Gamecocks on to victory...so come join us for some Carolina Spirit!

The week-long Homecoming events come to an exciting conclusion during Halftime of *The Big Game*. Organizations on campus are honored for their achievements in one of three categories:

The National and Regional Recognition Award is presented to a student organization that has been recognized for their accomplishments on a regional or national level.

The Community Service Award recognizes a student organization that sponsored an activity or program that assisted in providing a needed service regarding a social issue or concern.

The "Spirit of Carolina" Award is presented to the "best of the best" student organization for outstanding achievements in all aspects of their organization (membership participation, campus leadership, organization visibility, Carolina Pride) and for their efforts in helping improve the Carolina Community through their programs and activities.

Also presented during Halftime, are the Homecoming King and Queen, and the Overall winners for the week-long festivities.