

The Gamecock

Serving the Carolina Community since 1908

www.gamecock.sc.edu

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COLUMBIA, S.C.

TAILGATING

Six fraternities leaving Tally-Ho this year

BY MEREDITH DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Six fraternities that were booked this time last year at Rosewood Drive's Tally-Ho have left to rent private lots for the 1999 football season.

Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha and Sigma Chi have secured other locations for the upcoming football season. Sigma Nu and Sigma Alpha Epsilon left Tally-Ho prior to last year.

The location of Tally-Ho still exists and will be hosting fraternities, but the decrease in Greek renters has been dramatic. This is because of Tally-Ho's limited space, past thefts, and increase in law enforcement.

Sigma Nu senior Tripp Hopper said, "With our own private lot, we don't worry about vandalism, fights, or stealing. We know everyone at our tent, and that prevents problems. In order to go back to Tally-Ho, they [the Seawells, owners of the lot] would really have to impress us."

The USC Greek community has long held its tail-

gating at Tally-Ho, dating as far back as 1971. Students, both Greek and non-Greek, have known it as the hot spot for Greek unity on game days.

The number of renters has fallen drastically in recent years, and the reputation of the once popular all-encompassing social area, according to some students, is falling.

Gary Seawell, 11-year manager of Tally-Ho parking and lifelong worker for his family's catering business, Seawell's, is confident that both the numbers and the reputation of Seawell's property show that Tally-Ho will remain strong, despite recent developments with the area.

In 1998, when Tronco's catering replaced Seawell's inside the State Fairgrounds area, Seawell's catering moved its facility to Rosewood Drive, where Tally-Ho and its bar, established in 1971, were located.

Roughly one-third of the original Tally Ho is left for students to tailgate at home football game days.

As of Tuesday night, three USC fraternities confirmed they will be at the Tally-Ho parking lot this foot-

ball season.

Chi Psi, Delta Upsilon, and Tau Kappa Epsilon will stay in the Tally-Ho lot. Beta Theta Pi and Pi Kappa Alpha did not comment on their tailgating location.

Phi Delta Theta will hold a meeting Wednesday night with the Seawells about Tally-Ho.

"We [Phi Delta Theta] will probably do it [tailgate] at Tally-Ho. Gary [Seawell] has provided a clean and safe drinking environment for us," Phi Delta Theta president Rob Fealy said.

Sigma Phi Epsilon's spot is still pending.

Sigma Phi Epsilon president Jon Hunsicker said the enjoyment of a Tally-Ho lot depends on who the surrounding renters are and how many fraternities have decided to remain at Tally-Ho.

He said, "We're going to find out what the deal is with the other guys [fraternities], to see if it would be worth it to stay. We are exploring other options, looking for alternatives to Tally-Ho."

TALLY-HO SEE PAGE 2



The view from the Tally-Ho shows Seawell's new influence on the popular tailgating location.

SEAN RAYFORD PHOTO EDITOR

'Sense' crucial to campus safety

BY KATIE MOSER
STAFF WRITER

The words "South Carolina" are not part of USC for some officials in the Department of Law Enforcement and Safety.

It's not about acronyms; it's about safety.

"We here at the department like to say that USC stands for 'Use Sense and Caution,'" said Calvin Gallman, the department's victim witness coordinator.

In light of the statistics, it's not a bad thing to stand for.

According to the American Violence Association, 15 percent of all college women are sexually abused or otherwise assaulted. Twenty percent of those assaults were committed by unknown persons, and 42 percent of victims tell no one, including the authorities.

Campus crime is a problem across the nation, and USC no exception.

USC's crime trends include larceny and sexual assault.

Theft is prevalent during the day, when people leave car doors and dorm rooms unlocked; the sexual and physical assaults usually occur once the sun goes down.

To further deter on-campus crime, the safety department has hired students to stand in as security guards. Called campus patrol officers, their job is to protect their campus and their peers.

The university pays the CPOs, who undergo extensive summer training in areas like physical preparation, legal training and firearm awareness, to monitor campus grounds from 4 p.m. to midnight.

Many officers were hired to provide security, escort services to those who don't want to travel alone on campus, and assistance in Project ID, a free engraving program used to help salvage personal property if it's stolen. They also help educate students through Housing, campus television and newspapers.

Despite these precautions, not all students say they feel safe. When asked if she felt safe on campus after dark, African-

EAST QUAD Construction continues on USC's newest residence hall



SEAN RAYFORD PHOTO EDITOR

Workers prepare to raise the walls on the newest addition to USC's housing which is scheduled to open in fall 2000. The East Quadrangle will feature apartment-style living for upperclassmen.

Library plans to increase security in the upcoming months

BY PATRICK RATHBUN
STAFF WRITER

The Thomas Cooper Library will make an effort to further define and equalize security at its exits in the coming months, according to Chad Shelton, circulation department administrative assistant.

Shelton said the library will hold a staff security meeting Thursday to make sure "everyone's on the same page and everything's done on a consistent basis."

"Inconsistency leads to problems," he said.

Most library employees working at the exit doors are staff members, but some work-study students also man the security desk. Staff members and students have several jobs at the desk, in-

cluding checking for books that are tampered with in order to evade the alarm, counting the number of patrons utilizing the library and, in some cases, checking for theft, Shelton said.

"In the nature of a library, security is a problem," Shelton said. "We've been beating our brains in the circulation department, trying to figure out other convenient ways for people to exit, but we haven't come up with anything."

Patrons exiting the building must give newly checked-out books to employees at the exit door because the library's security system doesn't have desensitizing capability. Instead, the system operates on radio frequency with metal strips placed in each book, Shelton said.

Any book from the library, checked-out or not, will trigger the alarm.

The inspection not only prevents library book theft, but it also prevents people from stealing others' personal belongings, according to Shelton.

Business sophomore Tiffany Davis doesn't think security is necessary.

"It pisses me off that I have to drop my book bag," she said. "They don't even look thoroughly. It's not necessary."

Computer information systems junior Jared Davis agreed that the inspection is not thorough, and he questions the legitimacy of such jobs.

"Bookbags have three compartments, and they check one," Davis said. "If I wanted to, I could put it [a book] in another compartment. It's good to have work-study jobs, but not stupid."

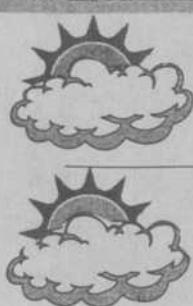
LIBRARY SEE PAGE 5



Graduate student Robert Ung works at the exit of the library. Students working this desk check bookbags for stolen or tampered books.

KEVIN LANGSTON THE GAMECOCK

WEATHER



INSIDE



Men's soccer to face The Citadel.

PAGE 16

DATEBOOK



TODAY

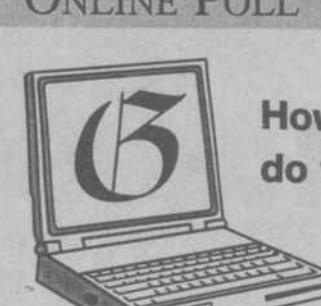
- Psi Chi, 8 p.m., Welsh Conference Room, Barnwell
- GAMMA, 4 p.m., RH 303
- Student Senate, 5 p.m., RH Theater
- University Ambassadors, 8 p.m., Visitor Center



THURSDAY

- Entries close for flag football intramurals.
- NAACP, 6 p.m., SALA, 7:30 p.m.
- "Last Temptation of Christ," RH Theater, 9 p.m. With a discussion to follow.

ONLINE POLL



How will the Gamecocks do this season?

Go to www.gamecock.sc.edu to vote in this week's poll.