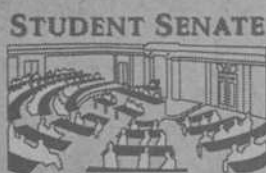


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# Senate pass resolution to improve parking lots around Swearingen

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student senate Wednesday.

According to the resolution, the parking lots "could risk the health and personal property of the students who park there."

"The student senate ... requests that the quality of parking adjacent to the College of Engineering is improved to the same standards as all other paved lots on the University of South Carolina campus," the resolution states.

However, Senate Finance Committee Chairwoman Sally Ballentine said that, according to Director of Vehicle Management Derrick Huggins, USC can't pave the lots because they are leased from South Carolina Electric & Gas Co. But she said the university still has a responsibility to maintain the lots.

"We lease it, so it's our job to maintain it," Ballentine

A resolution requesting that USC improve its maintenance of university parking lots near the College of Engineering was unanimously approved by the

said.

"What we want to come out of this is a regular maintenance schedule."

Also on Wednesday, the senate discussed an amendment that would allow Student Government to use special projects funding that student organizations fail to spend.

Under the current financial codes, special projects funding refers to money given to student organizations to pay for projects or programs that are educational, content-neutral and open to all students. Content-neutral means the project does not advocate a certain religious or political belief.

The bill would allow the Finance Committee to create a special "Senate Projects Account" with any unused special projects funds.

The funds would then go toward projects sponsored by Student Government.

"We're not taking money away from anybody or anything," Ballentine said.

"This [the captured funding] would be for student government activities," Ballentine said.

Timothy Clardy, former Finance Committee chairman, helped with the bill and said it would not give senate any powers it didn't already have.

The Senate will vote on the bill at its next meeting.

## BOOKSTORE

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Because meters aren't monitored on the weekends, McLaughlin said many students take up parking spaces close to the store, and frustrated would-be customers take their business elsewhere.

Nevertheless, McLaughlin's competition at Addam's and SC Bookstore said USC students need nearby bookstores with regular weekend business hours. Addam's acting manager Michael Oliver said the store is open until 5 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday.

"We found those hours are what the students have wanted," Oliver said. "Being open on Sunday and having regular hours on Saturday is important .... These hours are the most suitable for our customers."

Although SC Bookstore is only open on Sundays after Gamecock home games, front manager Greg Yancey said being open until 5 p.m. on Saturday is not on-

ly good business, but also a student necessity.

"It's convenient for the students," Yancey said. "Not everybody can get here during normal business hours. It's just good taste."

But Yancey admits that SC's attempts at offering Sunday hours have not brought in necessary profits.

"We have considered it, but it has not been cost-effective," Yancey said.

While SC might have trouble attracting Sunday customers, there are students who say they would support The Russell House Bookstore if it opened for Sunday business again.

Journalism freshman William Troutman said because of his hectic weekday schedule, he would definitely patronize the Russell House Bookstore on Sundays.

"Sunday is the only day I have time for myself ... [and] because I live in Preston, right across the street [from the bookstore]," Troutman said. "It's just really convenient."

Athletic training sophomore Erin Schoen agreed.

"[It's convenient] not having to go off campus, especially when you have homework to do," Schoen said.

And Denise Poole, an engineering major, said she would appreciate the store being open on Sundays when her family visits.

"Sometimes, your parents are here, and they want to go in and look around," Poole said.

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said, "I think that maybe the other residents should get to interact with the president more so that they, too, can feel involved on campus."

Laborde resident Michael Jordan respects the Palms' decision to meet their neighbors this way.

"I believe that it is perfectly reasonable to want to meet your direct neighbors," Jordan said.

Some Horseshoe residents, including Woodrow resident Alecia Ayer, say they

understand why the Palms invite only their neighbors.

According to Melani Miller, associate director for Residence Life, 350 students live on the Horseshoe, compared to 5,545 undergraduates who live elsewhere on campus.

Thornwell resident Jill Hauswald said, "I think it would be nice to do this with everybody, but it would get way out of hand. How would they manage that?"

Both Rutledge resident Kathryn Henderson and Thornwell resident Cheryl Lemon agreed that having this picnic makes the president and his wife more approachable.

## SERVICE

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You get a good feeling after you've accomplished something to help somebody else out. I think that's the good thing about being in a sorority."

Although members have a specific number of service hours they must perform, service projects don't take too much time out of a busy schedule.

"All the service projects are on the weekends. Saturday, we're doing Habitat for Humanities," Hollinshead said.

For students who don't want to give up their weekends, Hollinshead said some projects are offered on weekdays.

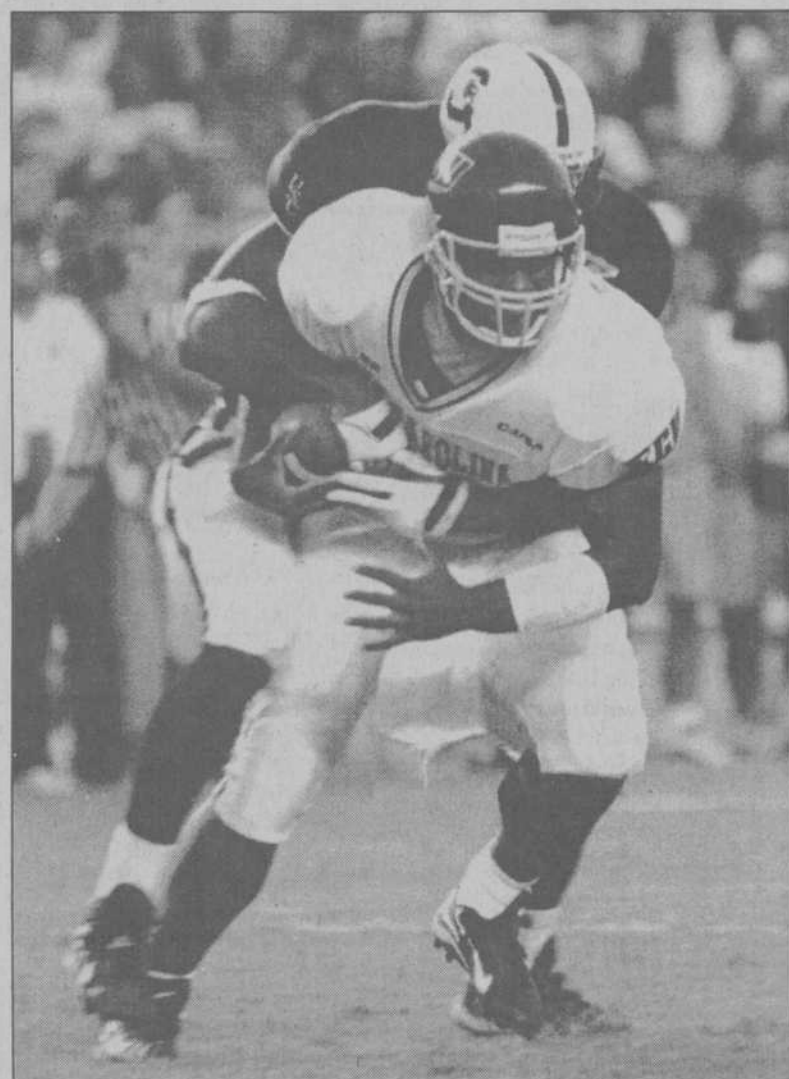
Omega Phi Alpha has participated in a wide variety of service projects, from helping children with art projects at McKissick Museum to cleaning up the Coliseum after the circus to selling concessions at USC home games.

Hollinshead said these activities and the teamwork involved helped make her a better person.

"I think it made me an accessible person," Hollinshead said. "If people ask me to help with anything, I'd be willing to help. It also helped me be a team player."

Fall rush is over now, but Omega Phi Alpha might hold a spring rush for any interested students.

## MAROONED How will ECU perform?



SEAN RAYFORD PHOTO EDITOR

Members of the East Carolina University football team remain in Columbia, where they are preparing to play the Miami Hurricanes on Saturday at Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh, N.C. Because of flooding from Hurricane Floyd, the Pirates were stranded in Columbia for the past week. Parts of the ECU campus are underwater as flooding continues in Greenville, N.C.



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