



October 20, 1976 – President Gerald Ford comes to Columbia while on a campaign trip.

### VA Hospital needs volunteers

The Office of Community Service Programs is conducting a "One Shot" with Dorn VA Hospital from 1:45 to 4:45 p.m. Sunday. Volunteers are needed to assist the veterans to a concert on hospital grounds. Transportation will be provided. A sign-up sheet is posted outside the Community Service Programs Office. For more information, call John Bowker at 777-5780.

### Phi Beta Sigma to hold clothing drive

Phi Beta Sigma will begin a can and clothing drive Monday. Boxes will be placed in each residence hall. Any food or clothing will be appreciated. For more information, call Rancer Smith at 544-1193.

### ICE to sell roses

The Indian Cultural Exchange will be selling friendship roses from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday on Greene Street. Roses will be sold for \$1 each.

### Auditions for one-act plays to be held

Auditions for the MFA-Candidate Director's Showcase production of several one-act plays will be held from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in the second- and third-floor lobbies of Longstreet Theatre. Performances will be Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. For more information, call Tim Donahue at 777-9353 or e-mail him at donahue@sc.edu.

### Dance Marathon to hold interest meeting

Dancer recruitment meetings for students interested in participating in Dance Marathon 2000 will be held at 8 p.m. on Oct. 26 and Oct. 27 in RH Ballroom A. For more information, call 777-6770.

### Spring Service internships available

Applications are being accepted for the Dobson Volunteer Service Program. Students interested in working with a community agency during the spring and making an impact on others' lives can contact the Office of Community Service Programs at 777-6688. Applications are available at the Russell House Information Center, Student Government office and the Campus Activities Center. Applications are due by Oct. 27.

### AMA holds meeting

The American Marketing Association will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Oct. 28 on the 8th floor of the Darla Moore School of Business. Resume writing, interviewing and job placement will be discussed. For more information, call Gwen Davison at 794-8102 or Beatriz Serrano 254-4539.

### Drop-In Center needs peer health educators

The Open Door Drop-In Center is recruiting new peer health educators. Students will staff the Drop-In Center and help other students with nutrition, fitness, stress, blood pressure and body fat percentages. Stop by Health and Wellness Programs for an application. Applications are due Oct. 29.

Briefs for Campus Notes can be submitted to RH 333. Please include a contact name and phone number.

# Homecoming 1999: The Parade & Cockfest

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Today, the final day of Homecoming Week, consists of two major events: the Homecoming Parade and Cockfest.

## The Parade

All great American holidays are celebrated with a parade: St. Patrick's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, and also USC Homecoming.

The Homecoming Parade, to be held this afternoon, should help put students in a festive mood for Cockfest later tonight. Not only is the parade a prelude for tonight's pep rally, it's also important to the homecoming competition because organizations build floats that are judged in the parade. The points they acquire go toward their final score.

"Student organizations and faculty departments are doing floats," said Homecoming Commissioner Tracy Bonds. "Some of the student organizations are the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, AAAS, Carolina Alive, Honors Council, and many greek organizations."

Organizations are making their floats as unique as possible — they're doing everything from rolling sound stages to making floats that resemble ships.

The float built by Delta Gamma and Pi Kappa Phi has an Austin Powers theme.

"We have really gotten into the competitiveness of Homecoming," said Pi Kappa Phi member Mark Hartney. "We have been trying hard to earn points all week."

Special guests invited to the parade include Columbia Mayor Bob Coble, S.C. First Lady Rachel Hodges, Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers, the Gamecock football team and coach Lou Holtz.

These guests will be seated on the Sumter Street side of the Horseshoe, where judging will take place. Robert McNair is this year's Grand Marshal, and the parade will start with a military demonstration.

The parade starts at 2:30 p.m. on Park Street behind the Koger Center and will continue along Pendleton Street to Sumter Street past the Horseshoe. The route then goes by Russell House on Greene Street, down through Five Points, then back up Blossom Street toward the Koger Center.



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## Cockfest

Cockfest, the last event before Saturday's game against Vanderbilt, is a showcase of Carolina spirit. Student organizations participating including Carolina Alive, AAAS and the ROTC Color Guard. Also, many greek organizations will perform skits pertaining to home-

coming and making fun of the Vanderbilt Commodores.

The grand prize for the winner of the competition is \$200 and a plaque.

A few changes were made in this year's Cockfest, mainly because of the upcoming millennium, according to Cockfest Chairwoman Jamie Devey. This year, Cockfest will be held at Williams-Brice Stadium instead of at the Carolina Coliseum.

"It's a football pep rally, not a basketball pep rally," Devey said. "Since it's 1999 and it's the last homecoming of the millennium, [Cockfest] needs to go back to where it belongs."

Cockfest is returning to a pep rally format, with an emphasis on student organizations. In past years, outside entertainers have been brought in, but this year Devey wants to focus on student groups.

"I'm trying to go back to focus on student life here and sticking with the organizations because there are not many chances for an organization to showcase what they do," Devey said.

The Homecoming Committee decided not to bring in paid entertainers this year so they could save money for things like decorations and a fireworks show.

Bonds wants to incorporate not only USC students, but also members of the community to come together and celebrate.

"[Cockfest is] a showcase of what Carolina has to offer in general," Bonds said. "It's not just about what the students do, but it incorporates Columbia and surrounding cities who are all Gamecock fans. We invited alumni, Governor Hodges, Mayor Coble, and faculty."

One of the questions that crossed the minds of Devey, Bonds and the rest of the Cockfest Committee was, "What if we have another losing season?"

"[A losing season] was one of the things that we thought about. Do we want to take it back to the stadium and put this kind of money into it if we're not going to have another good season?" said Bonds. "Without events like [Cockfest], you don't have any fan spirit."

Neither Bonds nor Devey are worried that the Gamecocks 0-7 season will affect attendance. They still expect 2,000-3,000 people to attend. Tickets for Cockfest are available in the Carolina Productions office until 5 p.m. today. Advance tickets are \$4 and tickets at the door are \$5; children under four are free. The show starts at 7 p.m. tonight.

# Statue in community garden causes debate

BY TIM KLASS  
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SEATTLE — Pregnant, naked, hair in dreadlocks and sporting a sparkling nose stud, The Picardo Venus has spawned a fierce public art debate in the city's oldest and largest community garden.

In the three months since it appeared beside a new children's play area, the 2 1/4-foot bronze figure has been covered repeatedly with garbage bags and a removal campaign has split a once-tranquil gardening group.

Some fear vandalism could be next. The statue squats on oversized haunches, hands crossed over an enormous belly, eyes closed in a beatific expression. Nestled in her dreadlocks are fish, seashells, a dragonfly, a tree frog and symbols representing the sun and moon. The podium bears ancient symbols of feminine power and fertility.

"It strikes me as ugly. It reminds me more of a frog," said Doug Ward, a garden block leader. "To me, art is supposed to evoke all these good feelings, and it's certainly not Venus de Milo or Winged Victory of Samothrace."

Stephanie Butow, a gardener, said the statue

should be removed to a safe place pending a survey of all 281 gardeners.

"No woman looks like that. If it was going to be a naked, pregnant woman, I wouldn't care — I mean, I'm a mother, it doesn't bother me — just make her look normal," Butow said. "But those huge breasts — why do we need that?"

"She's glorifying fertility a little too much for kids, isn't she?" said Gloria Seborg, another gardener. "I mean, we don't want a bunch of pregnant kids."

The Picardo p-patch was established in 1973 on the last 2 1/2 acres of what once was a 20-acre Italian family truck farm about three miles north of the University of Washington (the p in p-patch honors the family). It is where the city's community gardening program originated. The program was cited as a national model at the American Community Gardening Association convention here in 1987.

Venus was purchased with \$6,300 from a \$10,000 city grant that also provided an 8-inch-high decorated retaining wall, wooden picnic table, sandbox, swing set and cedar lawn swing for the patch.

Proposals, drawings and models were submit-

ted and discussed, artist Steve Anderson's design was selected, and the model was approved at the Picardo annual gardeners' meeting last April.

Soon after the installation and dedication on Aug. 8, though, some of the gardeners were grouching. Someone began anonymously covering Venus with garbage sacks several times a week.

A campaign to remove the figure was mounted by Jack Leverage, a block leader and retired family practice doctor who claimed there had been inadequate notice of the project, selection process and design choice.

Anderson, 31, said the design for his first public commission originated with a fist-sized carving he made seven years ago as a tribute to his mother. Venus was the Roman goddess of love and beauty.

"When I was making her, I grabbed every one of my female friends and every woman walking by my shop and asked what they thought of it," Anderson said.

"I got such a positive response, I don't really know what the fuss is about."

About two dozen gardeners met beside the small statue Saturday to discuss the issue with Rich Macdonald, head of the city p-patch program, and other officials amid the aromas of late-ripening

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Steve Anderson  
sculptor of The Picardo Venus

tomatoes, pumpkins, beets and raspberries.

After an hour of debate, they formed a task force to survey all 281 p-patch renters and try to decide the statue's fate before the annual gardeners' meeting in April. Like most opponents, Ward said he was content to leave it in place while the task force tackles the issue. No one wanted to see it vandalized.

"I personally don't like it, but I think it would be a shame if somebody came down and destroyed it," Ward said.

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Over **650 people** signed in.

Over **500 bags of trash** were picked up.

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If you would like to be involved in planning a campus cleanup in the spring please contact Taylor Jones or Chris Dorsel at 771-6647.

