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Kenny Powell of WB Guimarin & Co. welds a pipe Thursday outside Sloan College, home of the department of art.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

New impeachment charges possible

BY BRANDON LARRABEE
STAFF WRITER

New impeachment charges against Student Body Treasurer Elizabeth Fordham may be in the works, according to Fordham.

"That's what I've heard," Fordham told *The Gamecock*. "I don't know who exactly it is [filing the charges], but that's what I have heard."

The court of impeachment dismissed charges Tuesday that Fordham had violated her oath of office, the Student Government Constitution and the SG financial codes by not being involved in various aspects of the financial process.

Fordham said she's heard rumors about new charges being filed similar to those the court dismissed.

"I think they're just planning to rewrite the same ones [articles of impeachment]," she said.

The new charges follow an explosive session of student senate Wednesday in which the SG Court of Impeachment read its decision on the original three impeachment articles.

Controversy swirled around the court's decision Tuesday to dismiss all three articles of impeachment against Fordham.

The complete decision, made public Wednesday, lays out in detail the reason for the court's dismissal of the charges. The court systematically ruled that the charges brought against Fordham were either constitutionally unsound or didn't rise to the level of an impeachable offense.

During the reading of the decision, Sen. Christian

Stegmaier asked that Parliamentarian Austin Brown temporarily step aside, because he had served as counsel to Finance Committee Chairwoman Sally Ann Ballentine when she presented the charges to the court of impeachment Monday.

As parliamentarian, Brown is required to give advice to Student Body Vice President Brandon Anderson, who presides over the senate, on how the senate should carry out its business under Robert's Rules of Order, a set of widely recognized rules for governmental meetings.

Stegmaier withdrew his motion without a vote. After the decision, Sen. John Tidikis said the court was required by the SG Constitution to make a recommendation, rather than being able to drop charges.

"Is that a recommendation, or what?" Tidikis asked.

However, Judiciary Co-Chairman Patrick Gearman, who read the decision, disagreed with Tidikis over whether the court had to make a recommendation.

"Maybe I have a different copy [of the Constitution] than you," Gearman said. "We're not required to give a recommendation."

"The court has summarily dismissed the charges," he continued. "We have that option."

However, SG Attorney General Chris Dorsel plans to issue an opinion that the charges can't be ruled on by the senate, *The Gamecock* has learned.

According to the opinion, the court's decision acquitted Fordham of the charges. Bringing the charges up again amounts to double jeopardy, the opinion says.

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Marine urban warfare training draws criticism

BY JOHN HUIETT
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

U.S. Marines performing urban warfare training exercises in Columbia this week are drawing criticism for sending a negative message to young people about violence.

The 24th Marine Expeditionary Company is in Columbia rehearsing military maneuvers in preparation for a Feb. 2000 deployment to the Mediterranean Sea.

Marines will be stationed there to intercept any trouble that might erupt in the Balkans because of ongoing unrest in Kosovo.

But Rebecca Burgess Rogers, board chairwoman for the Carolina Peace Resource Center, said the negative impact the operations could have on young people outweighs the need for military preparedness.

"How can anyone morally or ethically justify this 'need' to train our military, in our cities or anywhere else?" Rogers said. "When our nation is the largest purveyor of violence on this

planet, it should not be surprising that our young people are so violent."

Rogers said the Marines' presence in Columbia sends a message that "might makes right," when young people should be given examples that words, not violence, are the correct way to resolve conflicts.

"We need to stop playing war games, not only in our own backyard, but also in other countries where such training is a fact of daily life," Rogers said. "Instead, we should be training true peacemakers to go into areas of conflict ... people who are intensely trained and committed to work for non-violent resolutions ... people who do not carry guns."

Rogers dismissed the exercises as "a tremendous public-relations event to promote violent response to conflict."

However, Marines public affairs officer Lt. Clint Cascaden said Rogers has a misconception of the program.

"Our mission is not to promote violence," Cascaden said. "Nobody wishes for war. We're here to protect America and

follow the orders of our government."

Cascaden said the company met with representatives from the peace center before beginning any exercises.

"We took into consideration all their thoughts and feelings," Cascaden said. "We understand people can have different beliefs."

The peace center, which began as a nuclear-freeze organization in Columbia 18 years ago, was also concerned with the possibility of residents being injured during the course of the exercises. But the Marines assured them that blanks would be used for ammunition and the training would pose no threat for the people of Columbia.

Cascaden added that the training program is routine for the Marines, taking place three times a year and becoming more necessary with the need for peacekeeping troops in Kosovo and Turkish earthquake-relief units. He said Southern cities, including Columbia, are often chosen for the program because of the fair weather conditions.

And he said public response to the training has been encouraging. At appearances at both the city's Vietnam War Memorial and the Freedom Celebration at Fort Jackson's Owens Field, Cascaden said the Marines were warmly received.

"From what we saw at Owens Field and from people on the street, we have gotten a very positive reception," Cascaden said. "People like to see the helicopters."

While in Columbia, the company has been training in urban combat, house-to-house searches, crowd control, check points, weapons confiscation and operation and maintenance of detention camps.

They've also been working closely with both the Richland and Lexington County sheriff's departments, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and local FBI agents.

The exercises will continue until Monday.

WUSC returns to '80s

BY CRAIG RAY
STAFF WRITER

WUSC, the campus' only student-run radio station, will suspend its normal policy of "no Top 40 music" this weekend and play the greatest hits of the 1980s for its annual '80s Weekend fund-raiser.

Station public affairs director and media arts sophomore Erin de Poix said, with a new state-of-the-art studio, an expanding music library and the most powerful leadership WUSC has had in years, the '80s Weekend is a symbol for the station's new attitude.

"This is a makeover for us. It's like we're being born again," de Poix said. "The '80s Weekend is reflecting this, and will be the first big event of our 'new self.'"

Fund-raising events all week have pre-

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SG seeks feedback on painting

BY MACKENZIE CRAVEN
SENIOR WRITER

Student Government is asking for students to give their opinions of the claw and spur located on the basketball courts next to Woodrow residence hall before they paint the symbol on Greene Street.

Timothy Clardy, Special Projects Coordinator, and Adam Musgrave painted the yellow and white symbol Monday outside Woodrow.

Clardy said he got a "mixed reaction" from other SG members and the Russell House Advisory Board about the painting of the claw and spur onto Greene Street.

"I want to make sure that everybody is really confident or happy to have this as a new symbol," Clardy said.

Students can provide feedback by stopping by the SG office and filling out a comment sheet.

Clardy believes it's important for students to approve of the symbol.

"It's a big issue because this symbol isn't used very much by the university," Clardy said.

"If we put this down on the road and it

ends up all the way down at Williams-Brice Stadium, it's really going to be associated with the university," Clardy said.

The claw and spur wasn't the only symbol considered. The committee also looked at using the Gamecock silhouette and USC letters.

"We chose the claw and spur because it's really simple to do," Clardy said.

Clardy hopes that future administrations will paint the design at the stadium.

The design was traced off the Gamecock on the second floor of the Russell House. Clardy amplified the tracing onto an overhead projector and then composed the stencil. The stencil was carved into a piece of rubber donated by Sampson Industrial Co.

Next Thursday, Nov. 18, the Gamecock will be repainted on Greene Street. If the Russell House Advisory Board approves the symbol and students don't voice any concern over it, it would be added to Greene Street on Nov. 18, as well.

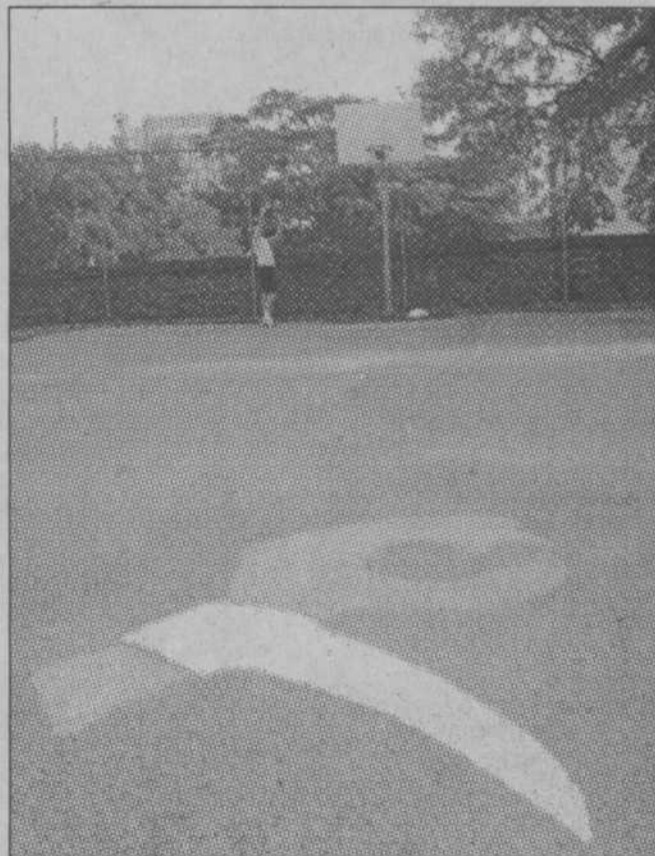
"I don't know if we will be able to paint the claw and spur on Greene on Thursday, because we wanted to be able to paint it and it will need time to dry," Clardy said.

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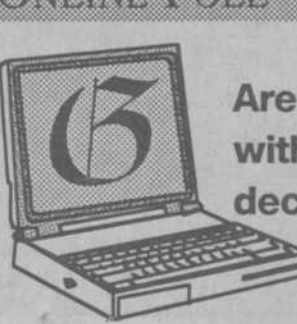
Clardy said he thinks the symbol will help boost school spirit.

"It just builds spirit, that's what it's all about. People know that [when] you are entering this area, it's Gamecock country. This is what we're all about. It just entices people more about being a Gamecock or a Gamecock fan," Clardy said.



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Scott Capps shoots basketball on the newly painted basketball courts next to the Woodrow residence hall.

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