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Blood battle pits Clemson vs. USC

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The football field isn't the only place where USC and Clemson University will be doing battle this week.

Students can donate blood between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. until Friday in the Russell House Ballroom for the annual Carolina-Clemson Blood Battle.

The university that collects the most blood will receive a trophy. Carolina last year won the event for the first time in five years.

Nikki Brown, donor representative for the Red Cross, said she thinks it's possible to win again and collect even more pints of blood.

"Last year, we collected 1,647 pints, and Clemson collected 1,433," Brown said.

"That was the first time we had beat them in five years.

We were very excited about it, and this year, we are doing a lot better than we did the first day of last year. Our goal is to exceed last year's [amount].

"It's not really important who wins. This blood drive is the kickoff for the holiday season. What we collect here makes us or breaks us for the holiday season."

All the pints are transferred to area hospitals for patients needing blood transfusions.

Although every blood type is requested, type O-negative can be the most important at this time of year, Brown said. "We want all blood types, but during a busy time, anyone with O-negative should donate because everyone can accept type O-neg," Brown said.

Donors don't need to know their blood type to give blood. If it's their first time donating, the Red Cross will send them an information card in the mail a few weeks later telling them

their blood type.

Advertising freshman Melodie Ross was giving blood for the first time and brought friends with her for support.

"I was scared to do this, but it's not so bad because it's for a good cause, and we're going to beat Clemson at something," Ross said.

Psychology sophomore Shelly Williams also said that her first time donating blood exceeded her expectations.

"It's a lot better than I thought it would be. It's a lot quicker, and it didn't hurt as bad as I thought it would," Williams said.

The entire donation process can take from 45 minutes to an hour, Brown said.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Donors' blood pressure, temperature and iron level are taken before they can donate blood.

Donors can't have tattoos or have taken antibiotics within the 48 hours of donating, Brown said. She also suggests that donors eat a full meal before giving blood and drink lots of fluids.

According to Brown, only 5 percent of the population donates blood. She said that people with diabetes and high blood pressure normally think that they can't donate blood, but they can.

Donors must donate a full pint, though. Brown said the body generally holds 10 to 12 pints, so there's "plenty to spare." The body will replenish its supply within three to four hours of losing the pint. Donors can donate again after 56 days.

Sport administration sophomore Jeb Bush said that even though this experience was worse than the last time he donated blood, he would do it again.

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MIBS future under debate

BY PATRICK RATHBUN
SENIOR WRITER

The status of USC's master of international business studies program is sparking debate among campus administrators.

James Kane, dean of USC's Darla Moore School of Business from 1965-91, said he thinks the MIBS program has room for improvement.

"It is incumbent upon Darla Moore and the trustees to put more money into the ballgame soon," Kane said. "The president of USC is not supporting the program like he should. We cannot live only on private money."

Kane said the business school budget has been reduced from \$1.5 million to \$900,000 and the business faculty from 150 to 105.

The buildup of the program's faculty, scholarships and student body and its marketing and advertising must be improved, Kane said.

Russ McKinney, USC's director of public affairs, disagreed.

"[Kane's] comments are completely off base and unfortunately reflect some personal issues he has with the administration," McKinney said. "I think the board of trustees and the president are very supportive of the MIBS program and the business school in general."

But Richard Walker, former U.S. Ambassador to South Korea and former head of the Institute of International Studies, said he also thinks that the MIBS program is lacking in some areas.

"The MIBS program has been overtaken by any number of universities," Walker said. "Unless we restore funding to international studies, we are going to be outclassed."

Walker said USC's MIBS program was the first to combine the knowledge of foreign language and culture. He said USC was also the first to "sell in the language of the country."

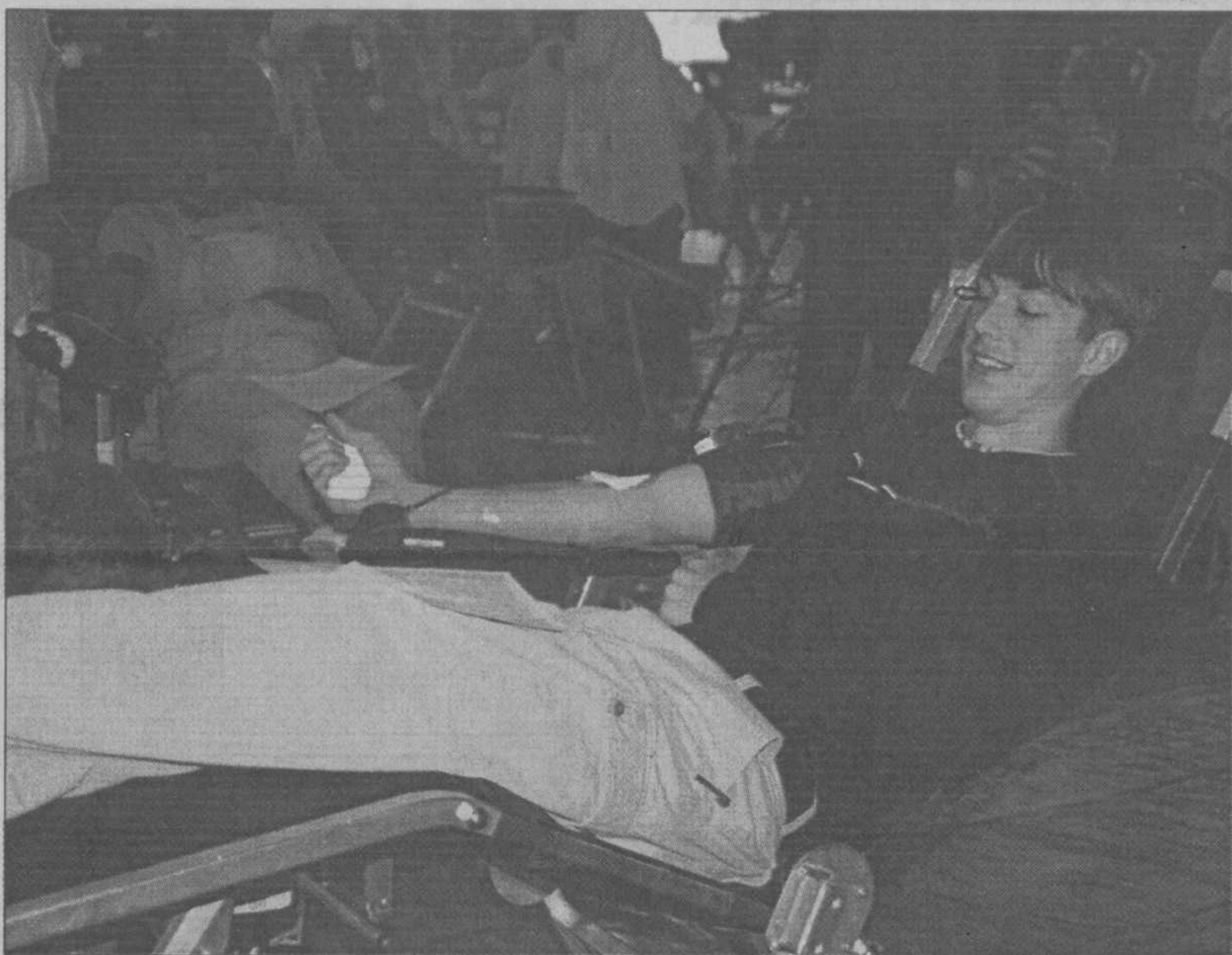
Patrick Hanly, the new managing director for MIBS, said he has plans for the program's future.

"MIBS is one of the best-kept secrets in the world," he said. "We have to change that. We've got to get the word out."

Hanly said the program needs to publicize that it's a "good product and a good life experience."

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BLOOD BATTLE Students give blood in the RH Ballroom in the Carolina-Clemson drive



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Students fill the Russell House Ballroom during the Carolina-Clemson blood drive earlier this week. The blood drive will last through Friday and is a part of Spirit Week, which ends Saturday with the USC-Clemson football game at Williams-Brice Stadium.

TRIO teaches students about financial aid

BY JOHN BAILEY
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Financial aid was the topic of a seminar for parents and students held by TRIO on Wednesday night at the Richland County Public Library.

TRIO, a group of six USC organizations, has been holding financial aid seminars for eight years. TRIO director Paul Beasley said the seminars help parents and students find all the opportunities for financial aid.

"We try to help people by doing some careful searching and providing information on all the aid that is out there," Beasley said.

TRIO admissions and financial aid chairwoman Violette Hunter said the workshop is available to the public but is intended to help low-income families with little or no history of college attendance.

"The workshop has information on different state and federal aids and the processes for applying for those aid op-

portunities," Hunter said.

The program included two speakers. The first, Robert Reese, discussed financial aid on federal, state and campus levels. He explained federal and state grants, work-study programs, Stafford loans, LIFE scholarships and other aid opportunities.

He also classified which ones were "free money" aids, which ones would have to be paid back and the qualifications for each.

Reese warned parents that the cost of college includes more than just tuition.

"College expenses include tuition, room and board, books and supplies, transportation, and living costs. Financial aid can be used to cover part or all of those, in some cases," Reese said.

Wanda Fernandopulle followed Reese by discussing financial-aid application processes. She explained which applications were necessary and what their deadlines were.

Tables covered with pamphlets,

brochures and books on financial aid opportunities were set up around the auditorium. Information on aid for minorities, women, military families and many other categories was available.

Rick Starnes, 25, attended the seminar after hearing about it on the radio. He hopes to attend USC next year and is taking classes at Midlands Technical Community College and working two full-time jobs.

"I'm hoping to get some money so I don't have to pay for all of college out of pocket," Starnes said. "All these applications, loans and grants can be overwhelming. I'm trying to see what's available."

Starnes said he found the workshop helpful, though it was geared more toward a student leaving for college directly from high school.

"We try to make the whole application process less overwhelming," Beasley said.

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This was its second fall workshop. TRIO does a larger program in late February after updated financial-aid forms have come out.

In that workshop, counselors advise students and parents and help them complete financial-aid applications.

Homeless awareness activities begin

BY PATRICK RATHBUN
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USC's Homeless Hunger Awareness Week started Monday with two activities to increase awareness of homelessness.

The activities included building cardboard shelters and having a homeless sleep-out from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Both activities took place on the Russell House patio.

Several organizations participated in the events, including the Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Association, City Year, University 101 classes, Community Service Programs, Omega Phi Psi fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Jody McHugh, graduate assistant for Community Service Programs, said the objective of the program was to give students the chance to see what it's like to be homeless.

Although McHugh said the activities could be "eye-opening," they couldn't serve as a "true representation because students know they have a bed to go back to."

John Bowker, Community Service Programs coordinator, said he thought participants would remember the event.

"It is something to make students remember people are sleeping on the streets worldwide," he said. "The simulation will give the Carolina community shock treatment."

History sophomore Jenny Watson, who participated in the activities, is the head of USC's homeless community outreach leadership team. Watson said she encourages increased awareness of the homeless community.

"Just because they don't have homes doesn't mean they're not important," she said. "We have a responsibility to be aware of them. We need to be thankful for our opportunities and try to reach out."

International studies sophomore Tom Winslow, who is also involved with Community Service Programs and was a sleep-out participant, said he also supports getting involved in activities for the homeless.

"The conditions were something I never experienced," he said. "It's important to consider what different people have to go through. Some people don't have privileges. I'd encourage everyone to get involved."

Homeless Hunger Awareness Week will continue today with a canned-food sculpture competition from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the Russell House patio.

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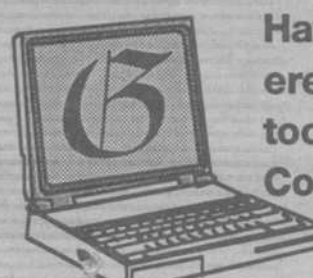


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NOVEMBER 17 TODAY
• SHARE sells Hope-lights, Greene Street
• Student senate, 5 p.m. RH Theater
• Emerging Leader graduation, 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 18 THURSDAY
• Great American Smokeout
• NAACP, 6 p.m.
• "M," 9 p.m., RH Theater

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