

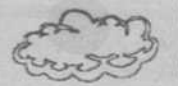


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Seasoned director joins USC

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USC's newly appointed director of multi-cultural student affairs, Carl Wells, took office on June 1.

Wells' opportunity came when former Director Walter Jackson left to take another position with the University, Director of Student Affairs Jerry Brewer said. A Sumter native, Wells has been involved in student affairs since the early '90s and said he has a strong background in professional student interaction.

He was director of multi-cultural affairs and assistant dean of students at Lander University for six years before he came to USC. Prior to Lander, he served as resident director at a small university.

"It was during this period that I realized working with students was my calling," Wells said.

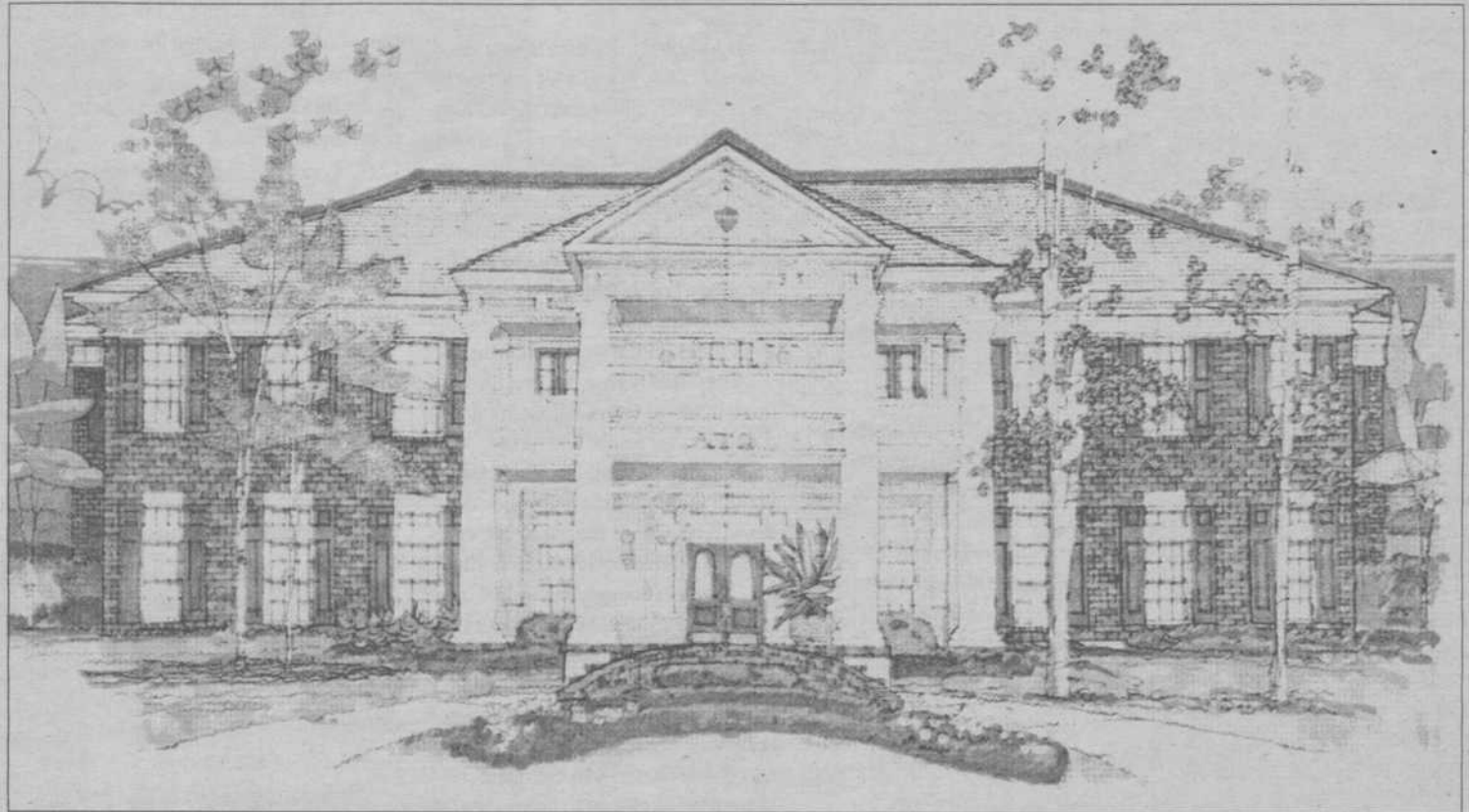
Brewer recognized Wells' calling as well. Initially, Brewer said he was looking for the minimum requirements by the state: a masters degree and four years experience. Wells surpassed the minimum, Brewer said, and exhibited maximum ability at the interview, beating out more than 50 other qualified applicants.

"One of the things we look for is someone who can fill the needs of the campus, and he fit that very well," Brewer said.

Wells plans to make sure all of his assistants have a smooth period of adjustment. He also wants to continue providing "strong counseling and advisement for those student organizations who fall under the umbrella of multi-cultural affairs." And he wants to "broaden the focus of the office education and training initiative."

He added that he feels ready to establish himself in USC's diverse society.

"I was ready to move on to a bigger challenge at USC, but I don't suspect it being any different. It's larger, and every institution has it's own environment," he said.



USC's Greek Village to break ground in August

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Greek housing is something that has long been talked about at USC, but on May 25, it became a reality for four organizations.

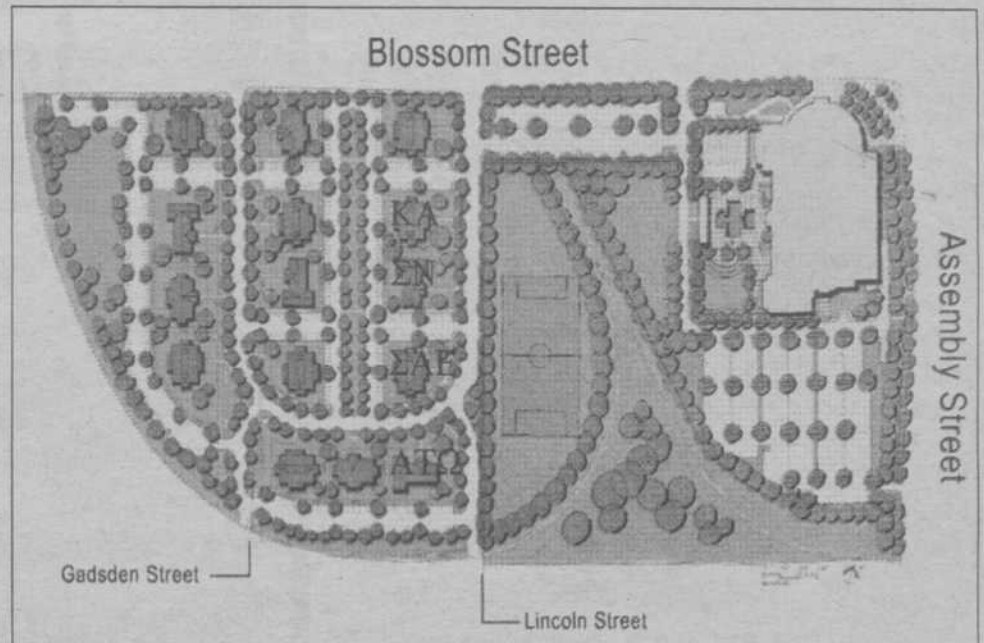
Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha Order, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Nu, each chose the lot that their house will occupy in the University's Greek Village. They will be allowed to break ground behind the Strom Thurmond Health & Wellness Center at the beginning of August.

The final 11 lots can be acquired by any Greek organization on a first-come, first-served basis. There are currently 11 lots available for the 26 remaining Greek organizations.

"Hopefully other fraternities and sororities will be able to begin building soon after the first four, because in order to have a true Greek Village, we need all of our members present," said Edward Bender, Fraternity Council president.

Sororities are in a holding pattern because of restrictions that the National Panhellenic Conference has placed on them in order to level the playing field.

"There's never going to be a level playing field, and



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Alpha Tau Omega (Top) was one of four fraternities to claim a lot in the new Greek Village. Kappa Alpha Order, Sigma Nu and Sigma Alpha Epsilon also claimed lots in the May 22 lottery. The remaining lots are available to fraternities on a first-come, first-served basis. Sororities cannot build until given permission by the National Panhellenic Conference.