



Sorority searching for more members

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Epsilon: Sigma Alpha continues their rush this week at 8 p.m. Thursday in RH 315. According to sorority President Elise Tyndall, they are having the final meeting to try to add more members to their organization.

The sorority is looking for girls that are dedicated and hard working. They work with many organizations in the area to raise money for the community as well as to support themselves.

Last week, they had three nights of rush for new members. The first night the girls discussed philanthropy. They were taught what the sorority stands for and what their beliefs are. According to Tyndall, their motto is, "All for one and one for all."

They told the sisters about the service projects they participate in. Sisters are required to commit to at least 50 hours of service for the semester. Some of their major projects are with "Babies R Us," located on Harbison.

One of the events, "Rock-a-thon" will take place Nov. 11. They will be rocking in rocking chairs to raise money for St. Jude's Research Hospital.

Before the event, sisters will have people sponsor them for their time in the chairs. Patrons can also add money to their bucket as they are rocking.

Another project taking place at "Babies R Us" is the "Cutest Baby Contest." Sisters collect around 30 pictures, from infants to three-year-olds. During the contest, money is dropped into the bucket of the baby they believe is the cutest. The child who is voted the cutest wins a prize, donated by local contributors. The money in the buckets is donated to St. Jude's Children Hospital.

For Halloween, the sisters make popcorn, cotton candy and candied apples for Children's Epworth Home. They pass the goodies out during their carnival. They also help run the booths for the carnival.

"The most rewarding thing for us is to see the children's faces when you give them a candied apple," Tyndall said.

Tyndall recalls her experiences of Halloween when going to the carnivals.

"They are all dressed in costumes. It reminds you of when you were a child," Tyndall said.

The sisters also go to a neighborhood and, instead of trick or treating, they accept can goods for the Harvest Hope Food Bank. They will compete against each other to see which group can collect the most can goods in two different neighborhoods.

For Thanksgiving, the sisters contribute their own money and purchase fruit baskets to donate to the Connie Maxwell Children's Home. According to Tyndall, the sisters make enough baskets for an entire cottage of children. They also send each child a gift in a different cottage for Christmas.

During the spring they have several different events, one with WCOS for the Radio Marathon. Callers can pledge money to St. Jude's Research during this event. The radio DJ plays stories from the children in the hospitals. The sorority serves as the partner in hope.

They also help with Carolina Children's Home Spring Barbecue event, where the sisters help serve patrons from the community. The cost for all you can eat barbecue is \$4.

Another event in the spring is the Dance Marathon. Last year, five of the sisters participated and raised

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Musicians show off fashions at MTV Video Music Awards

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NEW YORK — The little girls are all grown up. Britney Spears shed her wholesome teen queen image at the MTV Video Music Awards Thursday night, stripping off a man's tuxedo to reveal a nude-colored shimmering bikini top and matching pants as she performed a version of The Rolling Stones' "Satisfaction."

Spears, 18, also teamed with fellow teen pop sensation Christina Aguilera, 19, onstage as presenters — and both wore sexy black dresses with thigh-high slits.

The red carpet outside Radio City Music Hall was a parade of stars, each trying to be sexier and more daring than the other. Everyone was a candidate for the most-talked-about outfit at the awards — a la Jennifer Lopez at this year's Grammy Awards.

Lopez toned down her look from that memorable green Versace gown with the plunging neckline and slit-up-to-there skirt, opting for a white midriff-baring top and hip-hugging pants made for her by boyfriend Sean (Puff Daddy) Combs' Sean Jean clothing line.

Lil' Kim, however, didn't stray from her typically shocking look. She arrived in a revealing reddish-orange spider-web design that looked more like lingerie.

Merle Ginsberg, entertainment editor for Women's Wear Daily, a leading fashion newspaper, and W magazine, wasn't impressed with Lopez, Kim — or anyone else.

"There was a severe lack of fashion. People were going for coolness instead of style," Ginsberg said.

But there was plenty of cleavage, bellybuttons and shoulders on display.



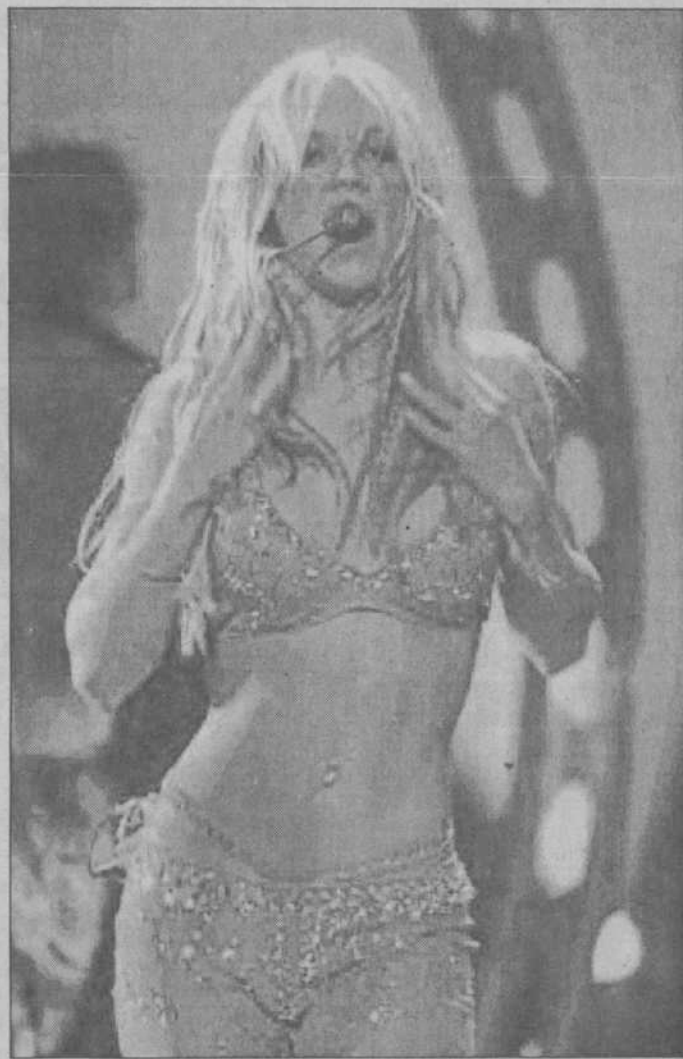
Photos special to The Gamecock

Top: Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera were presenters at the MTV Video Music Awards both wore sexy black dresses with thigh-high slits. Bottom: Spears stripped off a tuxedo to reveal a nude-colored shimmering bikini top and matching pants as she performed a version of The Rolling Stones' "Satisfaction."

Aguilera's asymmetrical dress was held up by a shoulder strap on only one side, and two of the three members of Destiny's Child showed off bare shoulders.

Destiny's Child, winners for the R&B video

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Golden Spur once was popular nightspot

BY CHRIS TILLY
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USC students often use the Russell House as a place to pick up their mail, get a bite to eat and interact momentarily with other students before venturing back to their respective residence halls to talk about where in Five Points they'll later congregate to drink some beer. The Russell House is not by any means the hottest after-hours hangout for undergraduate Gamecocks, but in the 1970s, things were a bit different.

The Golden Spur, that hidden area adjacent to the Pizza Hut on the second floor of the Russell House, was once alive and kicking as a college bar that served alcohol to students.

Today, those who come to the Golden Spur see a skeleton of things past, comparable to the Titanic and its underwater shell featured in the 1998 movie. They find a room with desolate bar stools, an abandoned DJ booth, and the elevated, but empty stage that has potential for more — for nights of excitement, post-football game so-

cializing and dates. Some curious visitors of this seeming graveyard cannot help but wonder, "What once went on in this place and why is it not happening now?"

Leigh Leventis was an active member of USC student government in the early seventies and contributed to the opening of the Golden Spur as a bar.

"The Golden Spur was very popular when it opened. We just felt like we'd like to have a place for students to meet, have a beer, and walk back to the dorms easily," he said.

In the late '60s and early '70s, before it became a bar, the Golden Spur was a faculty dining hall. At that time, USC, like many other college campuses around the nation, was a hotbed for political activism. This was the era where President Nixon sent troops to Cambodia to support the South Vietnamese, and riots had erupted at Kent State, where the Ohio National Guard killed four student protesters and wounded nine.

USC Director of Student Life Jerry Brewer worked as the director in

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the mid-eighties, when the Golden Spur was closed.

"In the late sixties and early seventies, there was a great deal of unrest on college campuses. The Russell House here became the center for student unrest," Brewer said.

"You had the center for student unrest and you had a faculty/administrative dining room, which was a symbol of the system, or the establishment. So what eventually happened was that group became very uncomfortable and then my understanding is the students basically took it over."

Leventis remembers the change

as a rite of passage.

He said, "I'm not so sure it was because it was a faculty area. I think it was more the issue of, 'We want our place. We're 18 years old; we fight in Vietnam.' A lot of people obviously objected to that. We just felt like, 'Hey, why can't we have a beer license where students can have [a beer] in the Russell House?'"

"There was a lot of activism going on and that as much as anything else led us to be a pretty active student union and student government. We all wanted to feel we had a little

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CAMPUS NOTES

Carolina for Kids needs tutors

Carolina for Kids is recruiting tutors for the fall semester. If you are interested in becoming a tutor or mentor, pick up an application in the community service office in the basement of Russell House.

Association to hold dance

The Greater Columbia Chapter of the U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dance Association will hold its monthly dances 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sept. 23 at the Hugh Dimmery Memorial Center, 680 Cherokee Lane, West Columbia. Dress is casual. Admission is \$4 for national USABDA members, \$7 for non-members and \$3 for students. For information, call Mike Verdone at 407-0132 or Grace Keller at 957-9259.

Battle of Gettysburg topic of USC exhibit

The Thomas Cooper Library has compiled an exhibit detailing the Battle of Gettysburg. The exhibit is on display during normal library hours, 7:30 a.m. to midnight weekdays and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays and 1 p.m. to midnight on Sundays through Sunday on the library's mezzanine level.

CPR class to be offered

Health and Wellness Programs will offer an American Red Cross Adult CPR course from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the Blatt P.E. Center.

Golden Key to meet

Golden Key International Honor Society is having their first meeting of the semester at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Golden Key room, Russell House 309.

Honor society to meet

The Gamma Beta Phi Society will meet at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the ODK/Mortar Board room on the third floor of Russell House. Items to be discussed include all upcoming activities for this semester.

TALK SHOW GUESTS

Monday, Sept. 11

Conan: Alicia Silverstone, Andy Dick
Kilborn: Anthony LaPaglia
Leno: Al Green
Letterman: Sting
Rosie: The Coors
The View: Charles Grodin

Tuesday, Sept. 12

Conan: Eugene Levy
Kilborn: Rodney Dangerfield
Leno: Heidi Klum
Letterman: Chris Rock, Emmylou Harris
Rosie: Nathan Lane
The View: Luciano Pavarotti

Wednesday, Sept. 13

Good Morning America: Sally Field
Leno: Dennis Rodman, Kate Hudson, The Coors
Letterman: Sally Field, Eddie Irvine
Rosie: Sally Field, Yolanda Adams
The View: Renee Zellweger

Thursday, Sept. 14

Conan: Jamie Foxx
Kilborn: Ryan Stiles
Leno: Renee Zellweger
Letterman: Al Gore, Supergrass
Rosie: Cheryl Ladd
The View: Jamie Foxx, Peter Frampton

Friday, Sept. 15

Conan: Fastball
Good Morning America: Gwyneth Paltrow
Kilborn: Juliette Lewis, Eugene Levy
Leno: Penelope Cruz
Rosie: Al Gore
The View: Greg Kinnear