

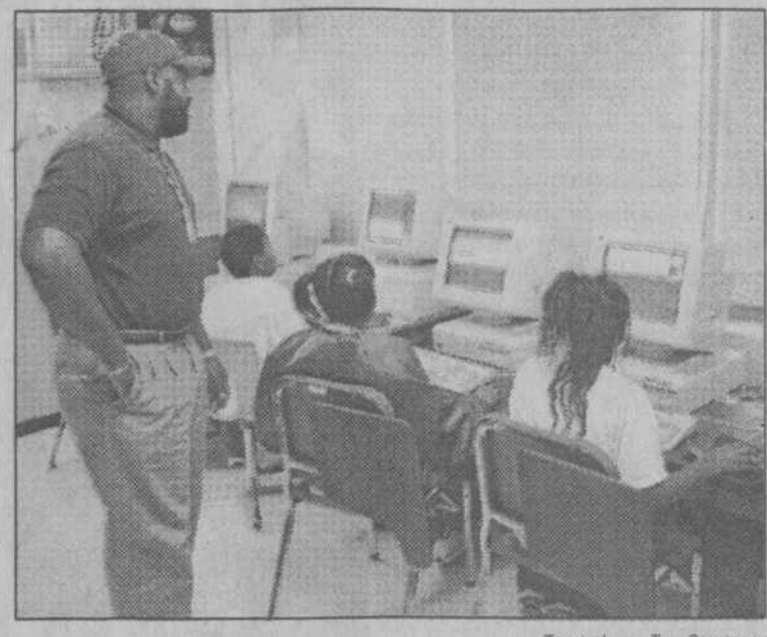
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Officer James Bulger, standing, supervises the W. A. Perry Middle School KOBAN program, a venue for community improvement.

KOBAN program to steer children away from crime

BY LINDSEY MARSHALL
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W. A. Perry Middle School opened its first KOBAN, or police mini-station, in its school Sept. 15.

Learning from the Japanese, whose country has one of the lowest crime rates in the world, KOBAN was recently brought to Columbia to help the community combat children's involvement with crime. KOBAN is the Japanese word for "mini-station."

In Columbia, the KOBANs will serve as a safe haven and miniature police station where KOBAN staff, police officers and volunteers can form relationships, according to KOBAN spokesman Rudolph Hall.

KOBAN "provides an alternative for kids to things out in the street," Hall said.

The program has strong partnerships with City Year and Columbia Housing Authority, its main sponsor. The Columbia Police Department, Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation, Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation, Richland County School District One and Palmetto Baptist Health Alliance also support KOBAN, Hall said.

There are five KOBAN locations around the Columbia area. The first, Gonzales Garden, opened in August 1995 and is in the Lyon Street community.

'The greatest link to the community is through the school.'

Rudolph Hall
Koban spokesman

In the late 1980s, the Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation was interested in the KOBAN model and began to conduct studies on how to apply the original Japanese model to inner cities in the United States.

"The foundation sponsored delegations of police chiefs and community leaders from inner-city youth development organizations to travel abroad to study the Japanese system of police mini-stations and to generate ideas of how the system could be adopted here," according to KOBAN's Web site.

After studying the Japanese KOBANs, representatives from the study brought back information and created the American version of the Japanese program.

The first four KOBANs opened in Columbia were created in communities.

One is in a residential community, but the other four are near schools and other community-based buildings.

Hall said while the other attempts were successful, the organization was

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AAAS hosts discussion on sex, love

BY AMANDA SILVA
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Tuesday night's Association of African-American Students meeting featured a discussion on personal relationships, offering insight into the male and female perspectives on love, sex and commitment.

AAAS members, who have been meeting since the beginning of the school year, were split according to gender — men on one side of the theater, women on the other.

This setting was appropriate to the debate-style atmosphere fueled by some of the questions offered by AAAS

members.

The discussion, headed by AAAS President Aisha Taylor, opened with general questions about relationships and the reasons men and women have for their actions and their thinking.

All questions were directed to the members of AAAS, who were then allowed to comment or debate possible reasons, solutions and experiences.

"Learn to respect yourself, and remember who you are. That is the only way you can love somebody else; you have to love yourself first," said Student Body President Jotaka Eaddy in response to a question about what

it takes to be committed.

In addition to debating the issue of commitment, members addressed personal issues and questions, with the men answering the women's questions and vice versa.

According to Taylor, the meeting had increased attendance due to additional publicity, but all of the meetings have had excellent attendance.

The first issue of "Voices of Color," the club's newsletter, was distributed at the beginning of the meeting.

According to Tina Brown, the

newsletter serves as a medium of communication not only for members of AAAS, but also for the whole African-American community at USC.

"Its purpose is to give students here at USC a voice to be heard through poetry, song, stories or informational articles," Brown said.

Upcoming AAAS events include a fashion show Oct. 30, Gospel Fest Nov. 5 and Step-Off 2000 Nov. 10.

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Note takers needed for disabled students



Katie Davis THE GAMECOCK

Holly Seigler, a volunteer with the Office of Disability Services, assists fellow student Joey Thomas by putting notes in his bookbag.

BY MAGGIE STEWART
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In the midst of a shortage of participants, the Office of Disability Services is recruiting note takers and readers to assist University of South Carolina students who are disabled or handicapped.

Students who sign up to help on a semester basis are paid \$5.15 an hour to take notes in their classes and record books on a tape, among other services.

Only 6.3 percent of disabled students in the United States are attending post-secondary institutions, according to 1997 statistics published by the Digest of Education.

At USC, 26,852 students are enrolled and 700 of those students are physically or mentally handicapped, according to a USC statistical summary. Many of these students need help in note-taking services, according to the Office of Disability Services. Business graduate student Clay

Jeffcoat said because of his visual impairment, he has come to rely on note-taking assistance.

"Without the educational support and assistance this office provides to students like myself, it would be impossible for me to achieve my academic goals," Jeffcoat said. "I have a visual impairment that prevents me from reading, and through the office's services, I can have someone read and record my textbooks onto a cassette."

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USC seeks speakers for 200th anniversary

■ Students, faculty embark on 'Search for Six'

BY GINA CARUSO
THE GAMECOCK

To mark the 10th anniversary of the Carolinian Creed and celebrate USC's bicentennial, Bicentennial Student Events Committee and the Division of Student and Alumni Services is sponsoring a "Search for Six."

The program will identify and work to bring to USC six people who are most admired by students and whom students believe best exemplify the Creed.

The individuals will be chosen from the following categories: Art, Entertainment, Pop Culture and Sports; Business, Industry, Science, Technology and Medicine; Education, Literature and Media; Politics, Law, World Figures and Government; Religion and Alumni.

Academic departments and student organizations will form six teams representing each of the six categories.

They will brainstorm a list of candidates for each category who clearly demonstrate the ideals of the Carolinian Creed in their professional or personal lives.

Once the people have been nominated, their names will be released to the student body, which will

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APO, USC shuttle service search for equilibrium

BY CHARLES PRASHAW
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When USC Parking Services brought back a long-ago abandoned evening shuttle service to campus, the fate of the Alpha Phi Omega escort service was in limbo.

So much in doubt was the student-run program that some University 101 professors told their students APO wasn't even operating this year.

Additionally, inside the 40-member

APO service organization, members started to hear rumors that Parking Service Director Derrick Huggins thought there wasn't a need for the group anymore, a rumor that ultimately turned out to be false.

"There is still a place for the escort service at USC," APO President Joanna Atkins said. "We are going to make a big push this semester to let everyone know that we are still running."

The APO escort service, which has been in operation for almost 10

years at USC, started soon after Parking Services abandoned the old evening shuttle service. The coed Greek service organization operates a van that escorts students anywhere on campus from 8 p.m. to midnight, Sunday through Thursday.

While the USC evening shuttle service runs Monday through Friday 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and makes stops at Capstone/B.A. area, Bates area, Russell House, Carolina Coliseum, Byrnes building, Swearingen engineering building, Maxcy honors

college residence hall, the Towers and Blatt P.E. Center, Huggins said the system is in the pilot stage.

Parking Services will evaluate later whether to extend services to the weekend and to make more stops for the system, he added.

The failure of the original evening shuttle was the great number of core parking spaces on campus, including parking near the center of campus, Huggins said. Recently, USC has developed a plan to replace core parking with perimeter parking to make

campus more pedestrian-friendly, a plan that Parking Services feels will one day make the evening shuttle more useful.

"Of course there is still a distinct service APO can perform at USC," Huggins said. "They have the advantage of going directly to where someone is and picking them up."

If someone is going from Capstone to Thomas Cooper Library, he or she can use the evening shuttle. However, if they're going from Cap-



Amy Goulding THE GAMECOCK

Sophomore Michael Forrest takes a turn behind the wheel for APO.

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