

# S.C. thunderstorms knock down trees, snap powerlines

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AIKEN- The postponed football game between Lexington and Aiken high schools finally wrapped up with just a few hardy fans who waited out Monday's severe thunderstorms and heavy downpour to watch the end of the delayed game.

Monday's storm, pushed along by a cold front moving across the South, downed a few trees and dropped as much as 1.5 inches of rain as it moved across South Carolina, according to the National Weather Service.

No injuries were reported. In Aiken, thousands of fans rushed to their cars when heavy rains came out of nowhere.

As an Aiken kicker lined up to kick an extra point for a tying score, referees called the game, sending players and coaches to the locker rooms.

The game resumed later with just a handful of fans watching as Lexington beat Aiken 28-26.

"We had two trees down and some heavy water on the roadways, but that was about it for us," said Capt. Tom Galardi of the Aiken Department of Public Safety.

"There was some flooding in some spots, had heavy water on the roadways. Of course, whenever we have a

thunderstorm, we have a lot of alarms going off," Galardi said.

A ham radio operator in York County reported a 60 mph wind gust, and officials reported trees down all across Chester County, according to the weather service.

Power lines and trees were also reported down in Abbeville, Kershaw, Laurens, Lancaster, Lexington, Richland, Saluda, Union and York counties.

The rain was welcomed in the Upstate but presented flood possibilities for the coast, which has been hit twice this month by the remnants of tropical storms from the Gulf of Mexico.

Tom Matheson, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Wilmington, N.C., said as much as 3 inches could fall along the northern South Carolina coast, bringing the Waccamaw River to flood stage by Thursday.

The Waccamaw River at Conway was at 5.9 feet on Monday, Matheson said. Flood stage is 7 feet.

"It's going to go up a little bit, maybe a few inches," he said.

The Waccamaw River at Conway is forecast to be at 6.3 feet on Thursday, Matheson said.

# Most Southerners satisfied with quality of life, survey reports

BY JAMES JEFFERSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. — Southerners believe they live in safer, friendlier communities, brimming with more economic and recreational opportunities than anywhere else in the country, according to survey results released to the region's governors Monday.

Many hold fast to traditional ties of family, community and church, even as they embrace the need for greater economic growth, two national pollsters told chief executives attending the Southern Governors Association conference.

"Southern people are highly satisfied with conditions, highly satisfied with the quality of life," Republican pollster Dick Dresner said.

"There are no longer any traces of any sense of being behind the rest of the country or a sense of inferiority," Dresner said.

The SGA commissioned the survey as part of its focus on the South's quality of life as a major attraction for luring high-technology companies to the region.

Another area of focus for improving quality of life is the Southern States Energy Board. On Monday, South Carolina Gov. Jim Hodges succeeded Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore as chairman of the energy board, a non-profit interstate compact created in 1960.

Hodges said his primary goal is to cre-

ate a Southern States Bio-Based Alliance. "In spite of being the national leader in bioenergy, the Southern region still has tremendous untapped potential," Hodges said Monday.

In the quality of life poll, 15 percent of those surveyed rated the South's quality of life much better than in other parts of the country, while 33 percent said it was better and 35 percent said living in the South was about the same as anywhere else.

Six percent felt the Southern quality of life was worse than in other parts of the country, and 2 percent rated life much worse than in other places.

Dresner and Democratic pollster Paul Maslin conducted a telephone survey of 814 randomly selected adult residents of SGA states and territories between Aug. 21 and Aug. 25. The survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.4 percent.

By a 2-to-1 margin, respondents said they were satisfied with their jobs, business and investment opportunities and the availability of the latest technology in the South. Blacks, particularly black women, were less satisfied with economic conditions.

About a third of the respondents had school-age children, and 77 percent of them enrolled their children in public schools.

Fifty-one percent rated their schools as excellent or above average, and 31 per-

"The real challenge for us is to figure out how we can have a really strong government and expanding economy and not mean that automatically leads to sprawl and degradation."

**Parris N. Glendening**  
Governor of Maryland

cent rated Southern schools as better than schools elsewhere in the country.

"It's not an overwhelming affirmation, but certainly there is no sense that the region trails when it comes to education," Dresner said.

Sixty-two percent of those surveyed believed a surge in high-tech business in the region was a good thing, while 24 percent viewed high-tech growth as bad because of such potential side effects such as sprawl or pollution.

Maryland Gov. Parris N. Glendening said Southern governors need to work hard to make sure residents understand they can have technology-spurred growth without the undesirable side-effects.

"People are confusing economic growth ... with the issue of sprawl, congestion and loss of environment," he said.

"The real challenge for us is to figure out how we can have a really strong growing and expanding economy and not mean that automatically leads to sprawl and

degradation."

"We do not have to give up our air quality and our water quality to get jobs," Georgia Gov. Roy Barnes said.

Nearly two-thirds of respondents said attending regular worship services, living close to a house of worship in their own denomination or being part of a close-knit faith community was important to them.

The survey found Southerners enjoy a varied and active recreational life.

Sixty-six percent said they walk or run regularly, 47 percent said they hunted or fished more than once a year and 30 percent said they played golf or tennis more than once a year.

Other popular recreational activities included swimming, cycling, playing team sports, boating and hiking and camping.

## Six

from page 1

vote on the nominations. Each team will then work to bring the selected national or international figure in their respective category to campus during the Bicentennial year.

Through creativity and persistence, the teams will compose letters, make telephone calls and create videotapes that will provide necessary information to the selected people and encourage them to visit campus.

Furthermore, exhibits will be developed centering on the selected honorees. Including biographical and miscellaneous information about the nominees, the exhibits will be displayed in the Russell House lobby about one month prior to the person's visit.

Those selected will receive sufficient financial support for their travel, lodging and meal expenses. In addition, the individuals will have dinner with the sponsoring students who worked to bring them to campus.

Jerry Brewer, director of student life, said he is both excited and confident about the Search for Six program.

"The process involved is very incredible and gives students an excellent chance to become involved in the celebration of the uni-

versity's Bicentennial," he said.

Several students offered their opinions on who they felt exemplified the Creed and who was worthy of receiving an invitation to campus.

"Anyone who is working to do good in the world rather than just make money would be a good candidate for the search," said Julie Broxterman, a sophomore advertising major.

Honors College anthropology major Ben Johnson felt John McCain was worthy of invitation because he "manages to be a Republican without being a hypocrite." Johnson also nominated the Dalai Lama, saying "he treats everyone and everything with respect." Other students' nominees include Tiger Woods, Bill Gates, and U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan.

The bicentennial will officially begin January 10, 2001, with a public ceremony on campus. Events and celebrations will carry on throughout the course of the year. Scheduling of the honored speakers and additional activities will be determined as the time draws closer.

Organizations and departments may obtain a sign-up sheet from Russell House 218. A kickoff meeting is scheduled for Sept. 28 at 6 p.m. in the Russell House Theater and is open to the public.

The university desk can be reached at [gamecockdesk@hotmail.com](mailto:gamecockdesk@hotmail.com).

# Second guard arrested for sex with inmate

ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA - A second prison guard accused of having sex with convicted child-killer Susan Smith was arraigned Tuesday.

Capt. Alfred R. Rowe Jr. was charged Monday with one count of sexual intercourse with an inmate, punishable by up to 10 years in prison. He was held in lieu of \$10,000 bond.

Smith, who is serving a life sen-

tence for drowning her two sons in a lake, told investigators she had sex with Rowe at the Women's Correctional Institution between July and August. He confessed, according to an arrest warrant.

A woman who answered at a Columbia telephone number given for Rowe said he did not live there.

Prosecutors said Rowe was a supervisor who worked with the Cor-

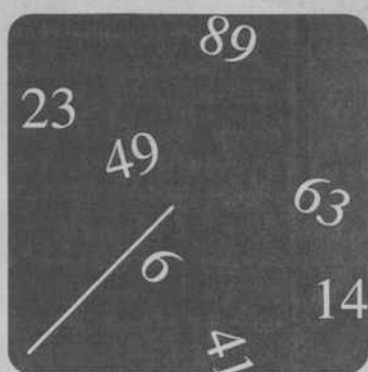
rections Department for nearly 13 years.

Charges that another guard, Lt. Houston Cagle, had sex with Smith triggered the investigation that revealed the second encounter.

The first encounter was discovered when Smith was treated for a sexually transmitted disease, prosecutors said. Corrections Department spokesman John Barkley refused to

comment on whether she had a sexually transmitted disease but said Smith was not pregnant.

Smith was sentenced to life in prison after drowning her two sons in a South Carolina lake in 1994. She had staged the boys' disappearance as a kidnapping and pleaded tearfully for their safe return on national television broadcasts.



## LOTTERY SEPTEMBER 28, 2000

Priority Reservations Lottery  
2nd Floor Lobby Russell House  
September 28, 2000  
9:00 A.M. - 1st Ballroom Date  
10:00 A.M. - 2nd Ballroom Date

For more information, contact the Event Services Office at 777-7127 or stop by Russell House 218.

## Russell House University Union Priority Reservations Deadlines January - July 2001

Priority I: University Wide Events . . . . . by September 20, 2000  
(See definition on page 101 in the *Carolina Community*)

Priority II: Carolina Productions . . . . . by September 25, 2000  
(See definition on page 101 in the *Carolina Community*)

Priority III: Registered Student Organizations . . . . . on September 28, 2000  
(See information below about the Lottery on February 22, 2000)

Priority IV: Other . . . . . after October 2, 2000  
(Academic Departments or administrative units or other student organizations as designated in the *Carolina Community*, page 101)

NOTE: Academic Space will not be reserved until January 30, 2001  
(See definition on page 101 in the *Carolina Community*)

Because of the high demand for space in the Russell House a lottery system is used to ensure equitable distribution of space to registered student organizations. The highest level of demand is for Ballroom reservations however, the lottery system will apply to all reservable spaces in the Russell House.



# COMMUNITY SERVICE LEADERSHIP TEAM

## Service Coordinator Positions Available:

Alternative Breaks  
Disability Services

- Organize and initiate service opportunities for USC students
- Work with faculty, community agencies and other students
- Gain leadership and organizational skills while doing something you love
- Receive a partial tuition credit for serving the Carolina community

Applications available in the Campus Activities Center. Call 777-5780 for more information.

# Riverbend Apartments

100 Riverbend Drive  
W. Columbia, SC 29169

- State of the art Fitness Center
- Multi-station Computer Lab
- Fax and modem station linked to USC campus
- Study area
- Two on-site laundry facilities
- Spacious 1, 2, & 3 bedroom apartments
- Swimming pools
- Tennis courts
- Catering to students
- Lounge Area
- On-site 24hr maintenance



794-2948 Fax: 794-0017 [www.riverbendapts.com](http://www.riverbendapts.com)