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TODAY'S WEATHER

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THIS WEEK: Mostly sunny, chance of rain next week

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Derek Watson cleared to rejoin football team

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ALSO IN SPORTS:

- Gamecock wins gold medal in Deaflympics
- Track & Field team represents USC in Edmonton, Canada
- Women's basketball team invited to Europe
- Previews of all fall semester sports

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Five Points: USC's social mecca by day and night

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ALSO IN SPOTLIGHT:

- Riverbanks Zoo premieres four gorillas
- "Burn" exhibit heats up Columbia museum
- Glimpses at USC's adventurous sports clubs

ONLINE POLL RESULTS

ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH YOUR HOUSING FOR THE FALL SEMESTER?

- 35% Of course not. Are we ever satisfied with housing?
- 25% Yes, housing is great and very convenient.
- 26% Yes because I am living off-campus.
- 14% Not sure yet. Ask me again after I move in.

NEXT WEEK'S ONLINE POLL

DO YOU THINK DEREK WATSON WAS GIVEN THE CORRECT PUNISHMENT?



Cast your vote at www.dailygamecock.com. Results will appear next Wednesday.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

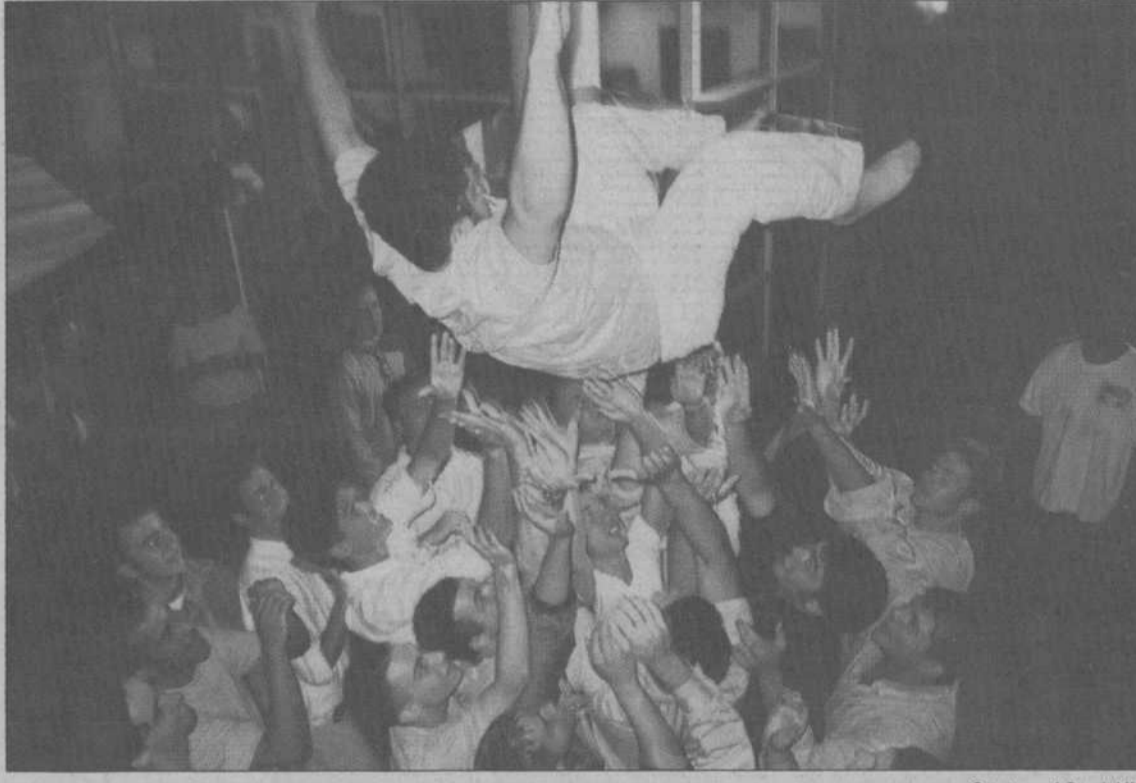
"There is nothing like returning to a place that remains unchanged to find the ways in which you yourself have altered."

— Nelson Mandela

OMISSION

AUG. 1 POLL RESULTS: What should be the result of the Condon-Hodges lawsuit? It should be dropped: 21% Condon is right — Hodges acted illegally: 44% Let Hodges win, already — he spared colleges from drastic tuition hikes: 15% MTV should ask Condon and Hodges to appear on a special S.C. version of "Celebrity Deathmatch": 21%

## WHAT A RUSH: Greeks prepare for recruitment



Courtesy of Greek Life

In keeping with their fraternity's tradition, members of Delta Upsilon toss a new member in the air when he accepted his bid.

## Sororities, fraternities looking for new faces

BY GINNY THORNTON  
THE GAMECOCK

Interested in joining a Greek organization? Your chance is coming up in a matter of days.

Fall fraternity and sorority recruitment starts Sunday with an orientation program in the Russell House ballroom.

Students interested in the recruitment process are encouraged to attend the orientations. Males will meet at 5:30 p.m. for fraternity recruitment orientation, and females will meet for sorority recruitment orientation at 7 p.m. There will be a registration table at 5 p.m. for those who have not pre-registered.

The 24 Greek organizations that operate under the National Panhellenic Council will be participating in this recruitment process. The remaining seven sororities and fraternities gain new members through a process called "intake," which starts September 18 in the Russell House Ballroom.

Recruitment, traditionally known as "rush," is regulated by the Office of Greek Life. Candice Braddock, vice president of recruitment for Sorority Council, is responsible for overseeing the sorority recruitment process.

"I make sure everyone's following regulations and that they're happy with the way things are going," Braddock said. "Sometimes we hear horror stories from other schools, but we've always been very lucky at USC. It reflects well on our Greek system that our chapters know how to rush responsibly."

Though both the fraternity and sorority recruitment processes begin with orientation and end with bid day, there are many differences in between.



Courtesy of Greek Life

Mary Bruorton, recruitment chair for Kappa Alpha Theta, and Sara Parrish, recruitment chair for Zeta Tau Alpha, compare notes about the different phases of sorority recruitment.

"The differences are distinct between fraternity and sorority rush," said John Floyd, vice president of recruitment for Fraternity Council. "They're distinctly male and female."

These differences are evident even in the 2001 Rush Guide. While the suggested men's attire is briefly described as "casual," "dressy casual" and "coat and tie" depending on the day, an entire page is devoted to pictures of recommended women's clothing.

Rho Chis are Greeks who disaffiliate from their organization to lead potential members during recruitment. Though males must visit all recruiting fraternities with a Rho Chi during Open House, they are free to visit the chapters of their choice until formal invitations are given for the Closed Round. Females are divided alphabetically into Rho Chi groups of 20-

30 for the entire week. They meet with these groups each day to receive their invitations to return to chapters.

Fraternity and sorority bid days are different, too. Women who have received bids gather excitedly on the Russell House lawn and run with their Rho Chis to meet their new sisters on the Horseshoe. Men simply meet in the Russell House ballroom to receive their bids.

"It's funny how you can see the differences between men and women," said Alice Kimball, Sorority Council president. "But the great thing is that even though we have many differences, Greeks focus on the same values: service, scholarship, leadership and friendship."

Greeks, who make up 17 percent of the USC student body, excel

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## Local hotel to house freshmen

■ Dozens of students will start semester at Holiday Inn because of lack of housing availability

BY CRISTY INFINGER  
THE GAMECOCK

The Holiday Inn on Assembly Street has become University Housing's newest freshman center — at least for now.

Housing Director Gene Luna expects that 70-80 students will live at the hotel, located across from the Coliseum, for "part of, if not the entire, first semester."

A desk manager at Holiday Inn said he does not expect any trouble from the addition of several dozen college students to the hotel.

"We do not anticipate them to be a problem. We have certain floors designated to students, and there will be RAs just like in a normal dorm," he said.

The manager also said he didn't think the students would hurt business during the busy football season.

About 500 more freshmen applied to live on campus this year compared to last year, Luna said, which resulted in more students than Housing could handle in its 26 undergraduate residence halls.

"We want all of our students to get as close to an on-campus experience as possible," Luna said. Exacerbating an already



Ann Marie Miani/The Gamecock

The Holiday Inn on Assembly Street will house about 70-80 freshmen during the fall semester. Director of Housing Gene Luna is doesn't know how long the students will stay in the hotel.

crowded housing situation, more non-freshmen have requested to live on campus since last year's housing sign-up deadline. Many of those students have been placed on a waiting list.

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## Bradbury cancels for reading event

BY GREG HAMBRICK  
THE GAMECOCK

Seven hundred freshmen expecting to meet science fiction and fantasy author Ray Bradbury on campus Monday will be surprised to see him on a movie screen instead.

Though the organizers of USC's First-Year Reading Experience expected to have the writer attend the annual event to speak about his book "Fahrenheit 451," the author canceled in early August because of health complications.

Students participating in the event weren't told about the

change because of the lack of time and the cost of postage, said Don Greiner, associate provost and dean of Undergraduate Affairs.

Looking for the next best thing to the writer being there, USC contracted a crew to tape remarks from Bradbury directed specifically to students at the seminar.

"This isn't something you can just pick up at Blockbuster," Greiner said.

Bradbury was to be the third author to appear at the event to discuss his own work.

He was selected to

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## Board of trustees launches search for next president

BY SHAWN MILLER  
THE GAMECOCK

The USC board of trustees might employ the same Washington search firm that helped select President John Palms in 1990 in seeking his replacement. Palms will retire June 1, 2002, to spend more time with his family.

The USC presidential search committee, chaired by trustee William Hubbard, has given the USC Educational Foundation, which is funding the search, the go-ahead to enter into contract negotiations with Korn/Ferry International, an award-

winning recruiting firm.

The board of trustees interviewed four search firms, but "settled on (Korn/Ferry) because of their experience in placing presidents at major universities," Hubbard said.

The firm has placed presidents at such prominent universities as Indiana, Ohio State, Tulane, Virginia, Vanderbilt, West Virginia and Texas.

The purpose of a search firm "is to make phone calls and use their network of contacts to create a deeper and wider pool of candidates," Hubbard said. "We're not limiting our source of nominations. We'll

take names and information from anybody."

The next president of USC is expected to earn between \$143,000 and \$222,500. Korn/Ferry's fee will most likely be a third of the president's starting salary plus expenses.

Hubbard is hopeful that the next president of USC will raise the university to national prominence.

The position has already been advertised in The New York Times and will also be advertised in The Wall Street Journal and other national, state and educational publi-

cations.

Palms, 65, considered running for the U.S. Senate earlier this year and sent a letter to trustees in March informing them that he would make his decision by May 1. This caused unease when Palms failed to decide by his self-imposed deadline. When he finally announced in mid-May that he'd forego a Senate run and stay on as president for another year, the trustees were understandably pleased as the university was undergoing turbulent times be-

PRESIDENT SEE PAGE A12



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