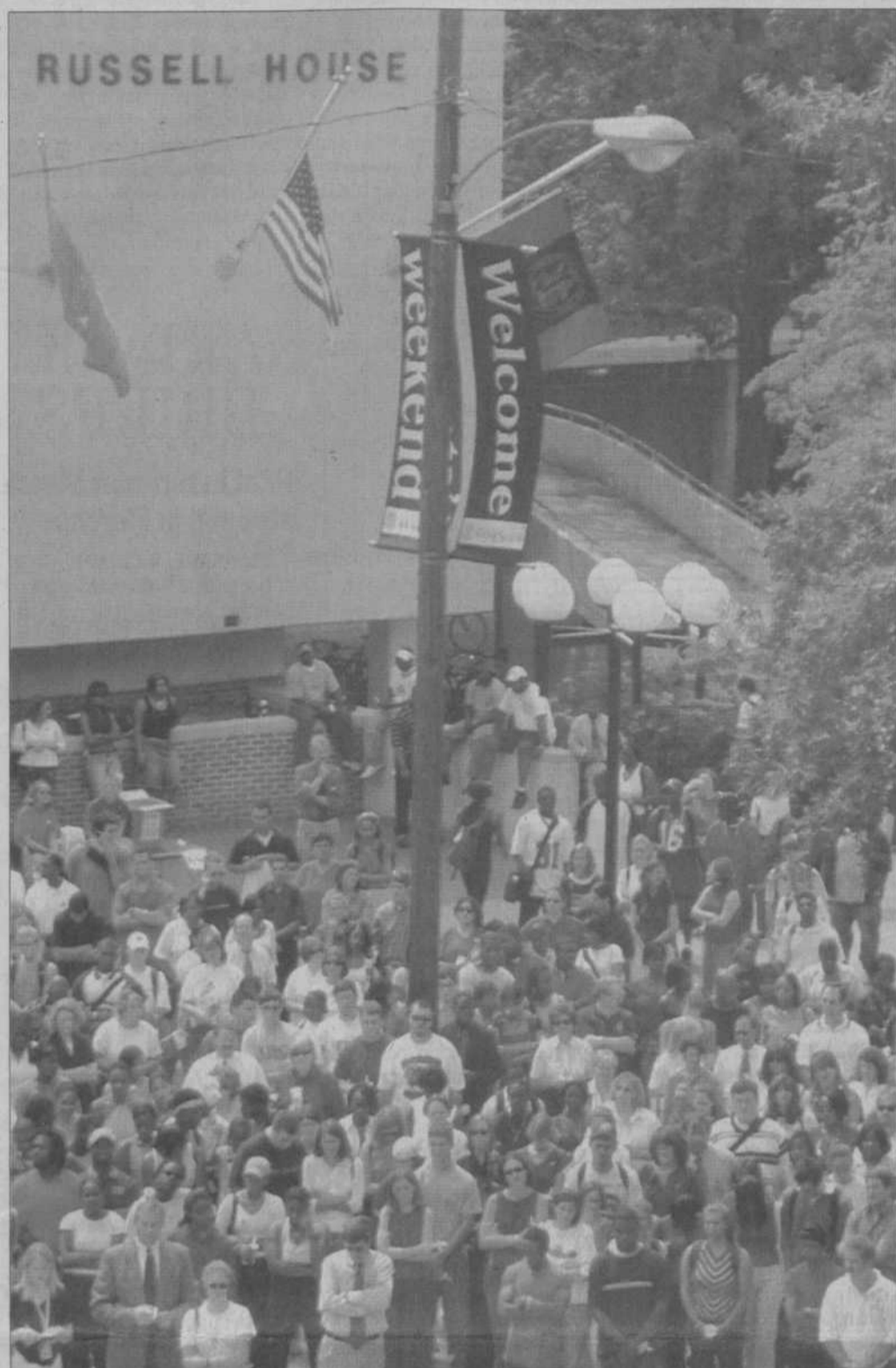


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SHOW OF SUPPORT



Staff and students gather outside the Russell House on Friday afternoon to participate in the candlelight vigil for victims of the terrorist attacks. PHOTO BY AARON HARK

Student forced to remove flag

USC student violates policy by hanging flag outside window

BY GABRIELLE SINCLAIR
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When William Gibson turned on his television this past Tuesday morning and saw the destruction, his first reaction was to do something to help the survivors in New York and Washington, D.C. He decided the best thing he could do at that moment was show a visual sign of support for his country.

That night, he and a few friends drove to Wal-Mart and bought American flags, which they hung from their windows in Moore residence hall.

The next morning, his R.H.D., Sean McGreevey, knocked on William's door and explained that, because of university policy, the flag had to come down.

Gibson did not immediately take down his flag. "I was angry. As a student, I think it's insane, a double-edged sword," he said. Gibson thinks this is an infringement upon his First Amendment right to free speech.

USC's policy reads: "Breaking the vertical plane of a window, balcony, breezeway or similar structure is not permitted. This includes antennas, flags, signs, and apparel. This applies to throwing, or causing to fall, objects and liquids (including bodily fluids) from any residence hall. Failure to abide by this policy



Housing rules prevented William Gibson from showing his patriotism the way he had wanted to. PHOTO BY AARON HARK

may result in immediate removal from Housing."

Housing rules and policies used to appear in Carolina Community, along with basic information about campus life, university services and campus activities. The publication was placed in each student's room. This year, however, the policies are included only on the Web site www.housing.sc.edu/housingpolicy/menu.asp.

According to Brad Dawgert, president of the Residence Hall Association (RHA), most students don't know where this list of policies is, or how to find it, because of a lack of publicity for the site.

"There is a certain liability, and exceptions could be taken to

extremes," Dawgert said. "In this case, there is no perfect way to secure a flag to the towers." Last year, Dawgert said someone dropped a water balloon from Preston College and accidentally hit a student, causing nerve damage.

The flag hung from Gibson's window from Tuesday night until Friday afternoon. Only when the residence hall threatened expulsion and the police became involved did Gibson realize his original idea of supporting his country was slowly turning into something else.

"I was a student rebelling against the school for the sake of rebelling," he said. "And that's not

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Red Cross sets restrictions on blood donation

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THE GAMECOCK

The American Red Cross is turning away some donors despite the desperate need for blood, a representative from the organization said Saturday.

Kristi Mroch, local Red Cross marketing and communications manager, said, while there is a long-term need for donors, some potential donors are "deferred for one reason or another."

"It does make us feel bad," Mroch said, "but that way, the American public will be safe."

Donors must be at least 17 years old and 110 pounds, and they must be in good health.

"I tried to give blood two weeks ago, but they said I had low iron levels and should come back in a month. So I'm taking vitamins and eating red meat so that when the donations slow down, I can help," said Katie McClendon, a third year pharmacy student.

A 1985 federal mandate from the Food and Drug Administration also bars from donating blood any man who has had sex with another man, calling this a "high-risk be-

Blood bank information
Call 540-1214 if you're interested in giving blood.
Call 251-6000 for general information and appointments.

havior for certain infectious diseases." Last year, an FDA advisory committee voted 7-6 to keep the policy on gay men in effect.

Mroch said donors should ask a nurse at the donation site for guidelines about cancer, epilepsy, heart disease, hepatitis, malaria, Multiple Sclerosis, Lyme disease and other conditions. These guidelines prohibit anyone with AIDS from donating under any circumstances.

The threat of transmitting the human form of Mad Cow disease also keeps potential donors from giving blood because "there is no test for that," Mroch said.

"There are no known human cases with Mad Cow disease being transferred from one person to another."

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Recovery continues at trade center site

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NEW YORK — With hopes fading on Sunday that any more survivors would be found amid the dust, steam and gore that is now the World Trade Center, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani urged New Yorkers not to cower before terrorism.

"The life of the city goes on,"

Giuliani said. He said 180 people had been confirmed dead, 115 of whom had been identified. Eighteen city firefighters were among the confirmed dead, including two top officials. The total number of missing was increased by more than 100 on Sunday, to 5,097.

"The recovery effort continues and the hope is still there that we might be able to save some lives. But the reality is that in the last

several days we haven't found anyone," Giuliani said.

A high-ranking police official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said workers weren't even finding bodies, only body parts. No one has been pulled alive from the wreckage since Tuesday, the day when two hijacked jetliners were crashed into the trade center's twin towers.

"We can't even find concrete;

it's dust. What we're calling bodies aren't really bodies," the official said.

Much of downtown Manhattan is to reopen Monday with the help of a new service, a ferry carrying passengers across the East River from Brooklyn to Manhattan. The Empire State Building, dark since the bombings, was lit

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BREAKING GROUND



Officials break ground on the site of the new Greek Village. PHOTO BY AARON HARK

Greek housing one step closer to reality

BY MATT BUTLER
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Last Friday, USC continued to celebrate its bicentennial with another milestone in the university's two-century history: the groundbreaking ceremony for a Greek Village to house some of USC's fraternities and sororities.

Students, alumni and members of university administration attended the event. Each USC fraternity and sorority came with undergraduate members, alumni and even some national representatives.

One guest was Alice Matthews, national president of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. "We're very proud and excited to be the first sorority to break ground," said Matthews. She said she and her sisters "look forward to being in the new Greek Village."

The ceremony began at 9 a.m. with remarks by Gena Runnion, director of Greek Life; Jerry Brewer, director of Student Life, and Mack Whittle, chairman of the board of trustees.

According to Whittle, the construction is a new partnership between USC and its Greek organizations. "This is a partnership, a partnership that is only beginning now."

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SEPTEMBER 20, 1983: President Ronald Reagan became the first sitting president to receive an honorary degree from USC.

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Today Sunny, 82/55
 Tomorrow Sunny, 86/59

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ONLINE POLL

If the U.S. goes to war, would you enlist in the armed forces? Vote at www.dailygamecock.com. Results are published on Fridays.