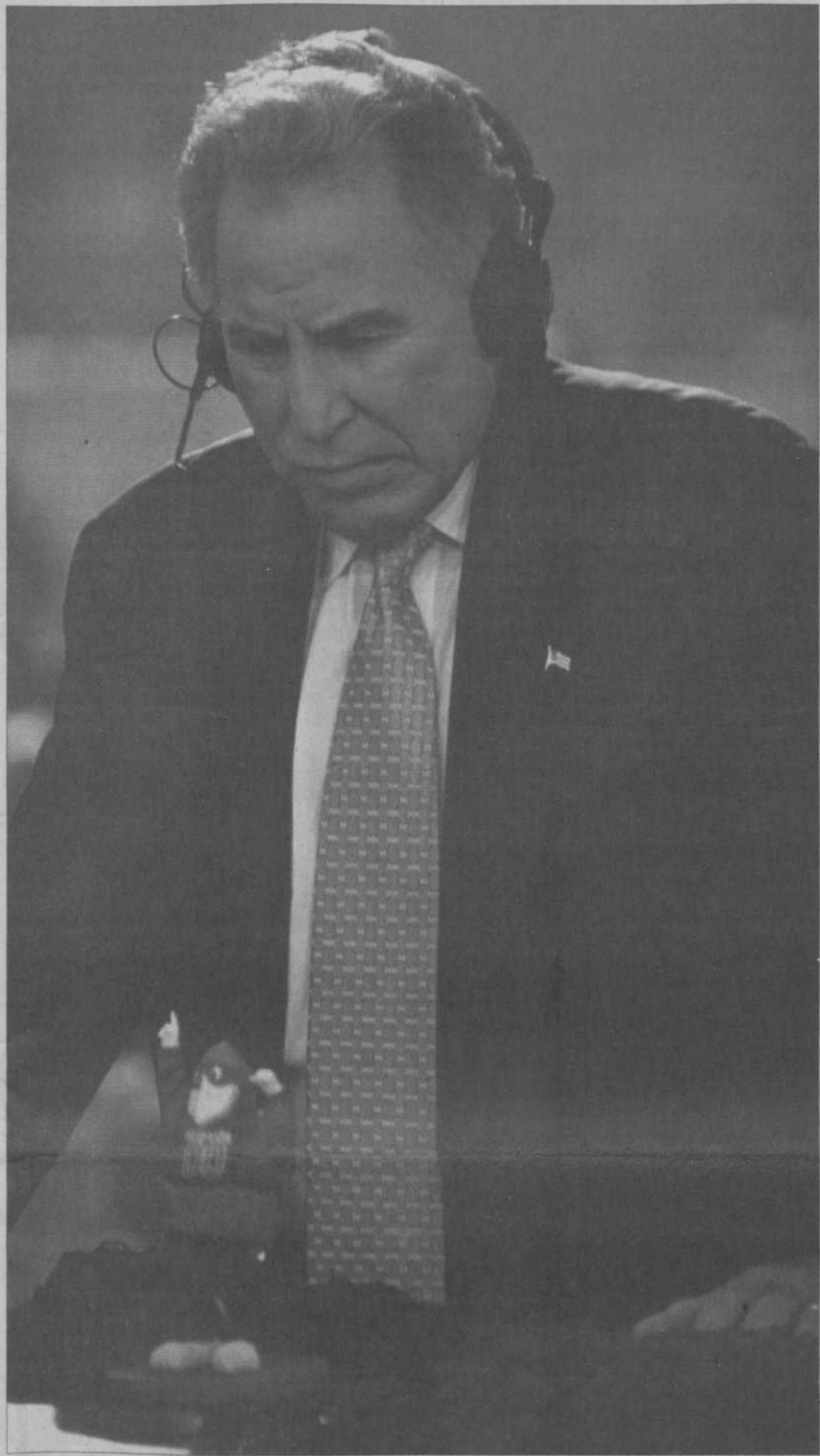




# THE GAMECOCK

HE DIDN'T BELIEVE



Lee Corso looks disapprovingly at a Cocky figurine during Saturday's GameDay broadcast from the state fairgrounds. PHOTO BY AARON HARK

## Corso chooses Florida, gets boos from crowd

*Carolina faithful get up early to show support at GameDay taping*

BY CHRIS FOY  
THE GAMECOCK

ESPN's *College GameDay* made its first-ever appearance in Columbia on Saturday morning in front of a record crowd estimated at more than 15,000. Chris Fowler, Lee Corso, Kirk Herbstreit and Tony Barnhardt hosted the show.

USC fans displayed countless signs and flags to show their support for the Gamecocks. When the fairgrounds opened at 9 a.m., the crowd pushed its way through the gates as people tried to get the best spots possible. Within an hour, the area behind the stage was swamped with screaming fans. The hosts of the

show arrived at about 10 a.m. and were greeted by cheers from the fans.

At 10:30 a.m., to start off the show, Gov. Jim Hodges declared the day 'GameDay Day' in South Carolina in recognition of the show's first taping in the state.

The crowd made their presence known throughout the show, shouting cheers like the call and response "Game ... Cocks." The enthusiasm constantly spurred Fowler to turn around and check out the crowd when the camera wasn't on him.

As the show began to wind into the last couple of segments, fans became antsy in anticipation of USC head coach Lou Holtz's live interview on stage. When Holtz arrived, the crowd went wild, chanting "Lou! Lou! Lou!"

After Holtz left, the announcers, except for Fowler, gave their picks for the matchup between USC and Florida.

Though Barnhardt and Herbstreit each initially sound-

ed like they were going to pick the Gamecocks, they went with Florida.

Then it was Corso's turn. Corso, renowned for not only calling upsets but for showing the crowd his choice in a goofy fashion, had teased choosing both sides throughout the show. When his time came, the veteran broadcaster leaned back and picked up the head of the Florida mascot. With the alligator head firmly on his shoulders, Corso went for the Gators in spite of the loud boos he received from the crowd.

The *GameDay* crew stayed the rest of the day, broadcasting several times during the day and twice during the game. After the game, they returned to the set to do a final broadcast, recapping the day in college football. Only this time, the large crowd behind them was predominantly Gator fans.

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## USC prepares for blood drive

*USC-Clemson rivalry extends beyond the field*

BY KEVIN FELLNER  
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The 17th annual Carolina-Clemson Blood Drive will begin today in the Russell House Ballroom. The event, sponsored by Fraternity and Sorority councils and Clemson's Alpha Phi Omega fraternity, is traditionally held during the week of the Carolina-Clemson football game. Blood can be donated from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. through Friday.

The blood drive is a competition between the two schools to

see who can recruit more blood donors. Both students and area residents are allowed to participate in the event. All of the donated blood will be given to the American Red Cross.

The blood drive's assistant director, second-year student Lara Bratcher, said USC's organizers are more confident of their chances of winning because of their advertising tactics this year.

"We've had more promotional ideas this year," Bratcher said. "We talked with the faculty senate and asked them to give incentives to their students to come out, we put it on the radio, *The State* will do an article and we're hoping to get WIS to come out early in the week and do some footage."

Bratcher said all of these new advertising strategies are in addition to the handouts, daily announcements at meetings and events and information tables in the Russell House that have been used to promote the event in recent years. Free food and prizes will be available this year for blood drive participants. Each donor will also receive a free T-shirt.

This year, participants can make appointments to donate. A table will be set up on Greene Street from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. where students can sign up. Bratcher said doing this would cut the amount of time students would have to wait in line.

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## No place like home

*USC's Habitat for Humanity chapter builds its first house*

BY JACOB RABON  
THE GAMECOCK

USC's chapter of Habitat for Humanity began building its first house on Nov. 9 on Greene Street in front of Preston College. Nearly 200 students will put in 1,100 volunteer hours to finish the house by Nov. 12. The house's permanent location will be Graham's Alley off of Gervais Street.

Fourth-year marketing major Christy Dickhans, volunteer coordinator, said the volunteer turnout and response was much better than she expected. Dickhans has been involved with Habitat for Humanity since high school and wanted to continue when she came to USC.

Laura DeWitt, fourth-year journalism major, said: "I became involved because it is such a good cause. Although I am not



Jason Bliss, a volunteer worker with Habitat for Humanity, constructs a door frame on the house being built this week on Greene Street. PHOTO BY CANDI HAUGLUM

great with my hands, it is for the people; so I am just glad to help."

Beth Tally, executive director of the Central South Carolina chapter, which is helping the USC branch with the house, said: "Clemson has put up a house

every year for the last six years, and last year, they put up six houses at once in a blitz build. The USC student organization came to me and said that

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## Bin Laden says his mission will continue even if he is captured

BY GREG MYRE  
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ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN — Osama bin Laden said he had nothing to do with the anthrax attacks in the United States and declared he would never allow himself to be captured in the second part of a newspaper interview published Sunday.

"America can't get me alive," bin Laden was quoted as saying. "I can be eliminated, but not my mission."

Bin Laden granted the interview Wednesday to Pakistani journalist Hamid Mir, who said he was blindfolded and bundled into a jeep in the Afghan capital, Kabul. He said he was driven five hours to a cold, mud hut where he spoke with bin Laden for two hours.

It was impossible to independently verify Mir's account of the interview.

"America can't get me alive."

OSAMA BIN LADEN  
SUSPECTED TERRORIST MASTERMIND

Mir's newspaper, *Ausaf*, published part of the interview Saturday and included additional excerpts Sunday. Mir, who has written a biography of bin Laden that will be published soon, said the terror suspect declined to answer many of his questions.

When Mir asked if bin Laden was responsible for the anthrax attacks, he laughed and said: "We don't know anything about anthrax."

Bin Laden did claim in the portion of the interview published Saturday that his al-Qaida organization had nuclear and chemical weapons and would use them if the United

States employed such weapons on him.

Mir wrote that when he asked bin Laden where he allegedly got the mass destruction weapons, bin Laden replied: "Go to the next question."

The United States says it has no evidence that bin Laden possesses nuclear weapons. Intelligence experts believe al-Qaida has experimented with crude chemical weapons at a training camp in Afghanistan.

Mir said bin Laden vowed that if his Taliban allies lose the capital Kabul and other cities, "we will move to the mountains. We will continue our guerrilla warfare against the Americans."

### USC'S PAST

Nov. 16, 1895

The Clariosophic Literary Society amended its constitution to prevent women from becoming members of the society.

### WEATHER



Today  
Sunny,  
69/35



Tomorrow  
Sunny,  
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Actor/singer gets chance to shine in new movie. ◆ PAGE 5



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Loss is worst in Lou Holtz's USC career. ◆ PAGE 7

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