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UT VS. USC: 10 MINUTES THAT CHANGED IT ALL

## Game draws sellout crowd

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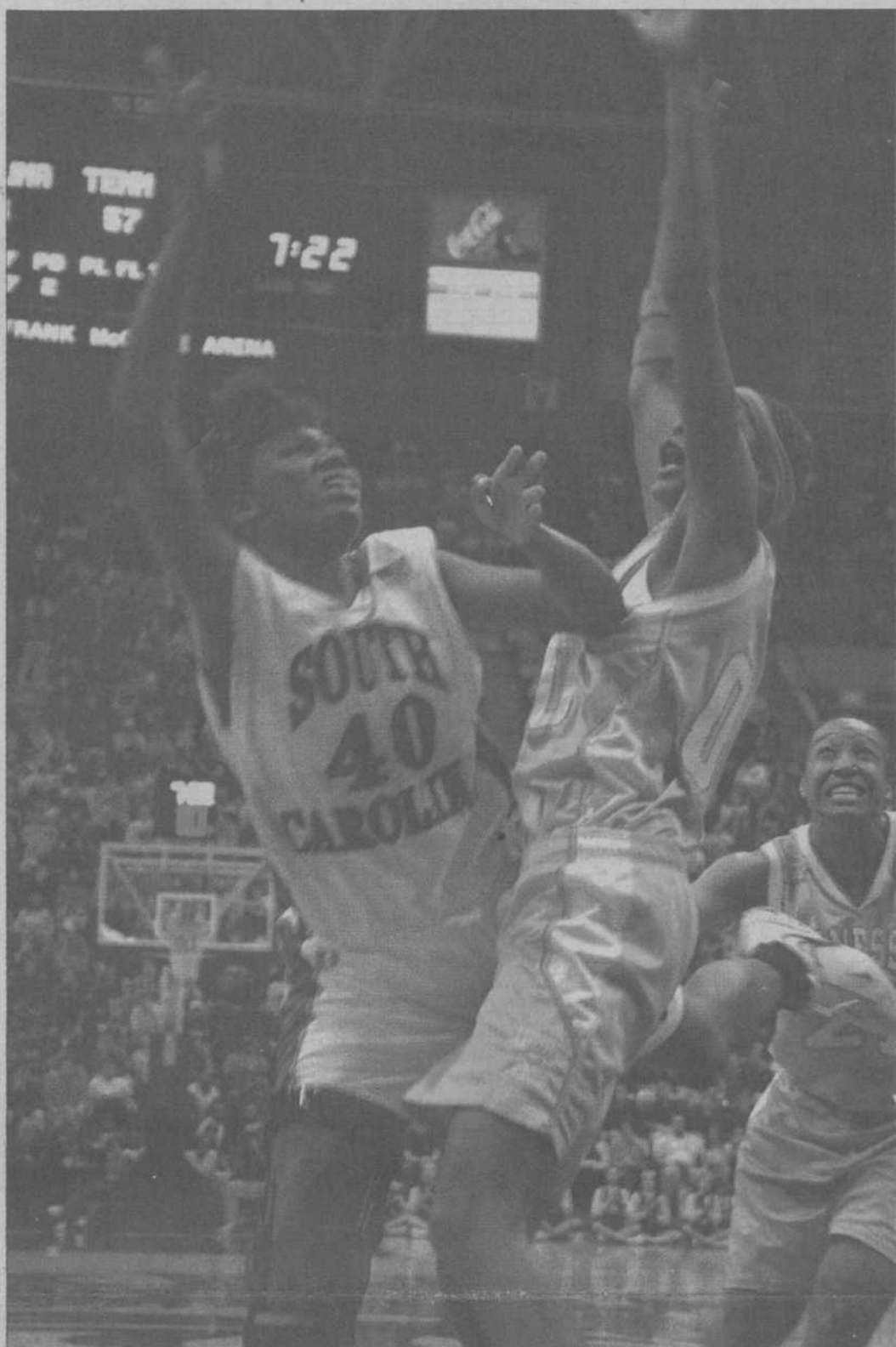
Thursday night witnessed the first-ever sellout crowd for a USC women's basketball game as the No. 8 Lady Gamecocks took on No. 2 Tennessee. Unfortunately, the crowd also witnessed why the Lady Volunteers are the second-ranked team in the country as they commanded the second half en route to an 80-61 victory.

USC Head Coach Susan Walvius thought her team still played a hard-fought battle in their loss. "Tennessee is a great basketball team," Walvius said. "But I think tonight our team earned the respect of our fans. They played hard."

The Lady Gamecocks went into the locker room at the half trailing by one, but after a huge 19-5 Lady Volunteers run, the game was out of reach.

Nonetheless, Tennessee guard Kara Lawson thought the USC team and their fans were quite a sight.

"Tonight we faced a great crowd and a great atmosphere. Credit is due for South Carolina and their fans."



Teresa Geter tries to put two on the board against her former team. After an early lead, the Lady Gamecocks succumbed to Tennessee's superior play. PHOTO BY ROBERT GRUEN

## Governor highlights education

### Republicans call State of the State speech 'vague'

BY BRANDON LARRABEE  
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Hodges

Urging legislators to undertake "the work of the swift and the strong," Gov. Jim Hodges unveiled a raft of new proposals for education and homeland security in his State of the State address Wednesday night.

Republicans blasted the speech as vague, saying it was filled with politically popular but expensive initiatives despite a sparse state budget.

In the speech, Hodges repeated his plan to devote \$40 million in lottery proceeds to endowed chairs at the state's research universities. Hodges said such support for higher education was necessary to boost the state's sagging economy.

"Look no further than Atlanta, Georgia; the Research Triangle in North Carolina; and Austin, Texas, to see the impact a research university has on the economic development of their communities," Hodges said. "Our universities can also be engines of economic opportunity. But only if we dramatically increase research funding to support promising new ideas."

That was just one of the governor's many education proposals,

which include a "Marshall plan" for school buildings that would put a read-aloud library in every elementary school room. Other proposals include putting 3,700 additional nationally-certified teachers in the state's classrooms and, in a move that was mocked by Republicans, an initiative to send every high school student a copy of Tom Brokaw's book, "The Greatest Generation."

Hodges also focused on homeland security in the address, promoting legislation that includes antiterrorism training and greater cooperation among law enforcement and health care officials.

Hodges proposed one measure to deal with the state's slumping budget. He said the General Assembly should try to trim its session to 60 days and throw his support behind a bill sponsored by House Speaker David Wilkins that would shorten the session. The move would save the state \$60,000 for each day the legislature didn't operate, according to the governor.

"If Florida can do the people's business in 60 days, and Texas can do this by meeting once every other year, then South Carolina can do the people's business in two months," Hodges said.

Republicans — including sev-

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## McKissick's size could complicate merger

### Combining with Visitor Center might cause space problems

BY ADAM BEAM  
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USC might soon see the merger of the Visitor Center with McKissick Museum to give prospective students a more personal view of the campus on university tours — if there's room.

The Strategic Directions and Initiatives Committee recommended the merger in its recent report to President John Palms.

McKissick Museum director Lynn Robertson said, "If they want to bring the Visitor Center over here, which I think we could do some really good cooperative programs, there will be the need for using some additional space that is now university offices."

McKissick has 10 employees who take up less than 6,000 square feet of the building's ground floor for office space, which includes building management offices, exhibition research departments, a graphic design studio, a photography laboratory, an exhibition workshop and staff offices.

While most McKissick staff personnel share offices, Robertson said the museum has "done this specifically to keep as much of the

public area as open to the public."

The Visitor Center has 75 employees — including student ambassadors — who occupy 8,600 square feet at University Plaza on Assembly Street.

"There is no magic to the amount of space we have or we need," Visitor Center Director Denise Wellman said. "We need a lot of space for the staff that we need to get the work done."

One possible solution for the space problem would be to move the Visitor Center staff to McKissick's third floor, which houses seven employees in media relations, four in special events and six in internal audit.

But according to Charlie Jeffcoat, facilities planning and

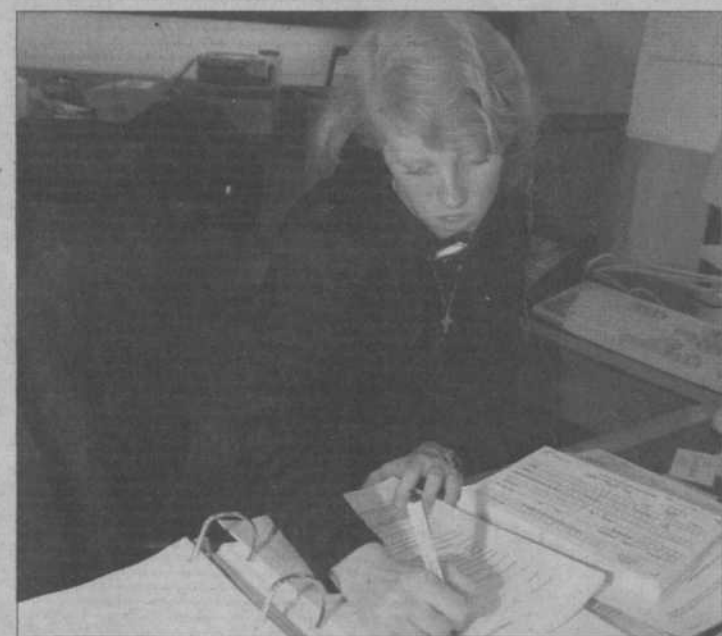
construction director, the third floor has only about 6,000 square feet of office space — 2,600 square feet less than the Visitor Center has now.

"I think we need to explore it a lot more," Wellman said about merging with McKissick.

Provost Jerry Odom said it wasn't the committee's job to consider matters of operations.

"This committee has not recommended operationally how things are going to happen," he said. "One of the things that I think will occur after the president decides what recommendations he will take to the board — and something like that would

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Alle Burriss registers a prospective student for a campus tour at the Visitor Center on Thursday afternoon. PHOTO BY CANDI HAUGLUM

### Celebrate the Dream

A LIST OF USC EVENTS THIS WEEKEND BEING HELD TO CELEBRATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY ON MONDAY.



Breakfast featuring Rep. Joseph H. Neal, South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus chairman  
Friday, 7:30 a.m., Russell House Ballroom  
Tickets: \$6 (available at the Russell House information desk)

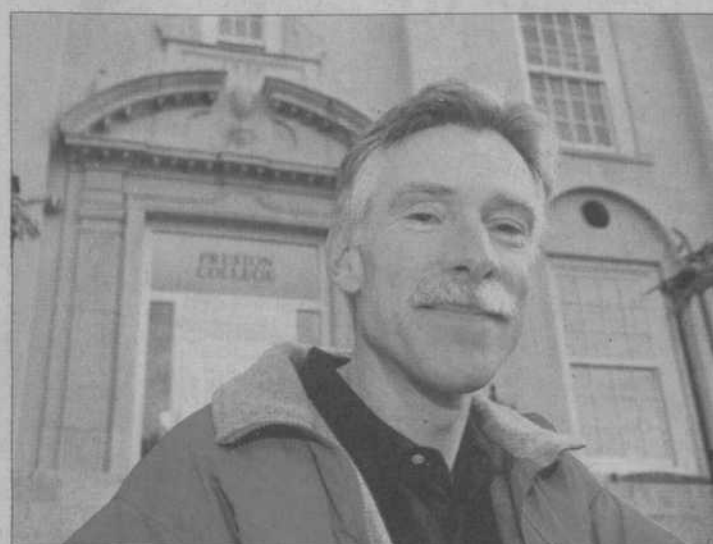
The Black Law Students Association and S.C. Bar Association Young Lawyers Division hosts forum on the role of lawyers in the civil rights movement  
Monday, 3 p.m., USC School of Law

The Williams Brothers, Grammy-nominated gospel group, perform.  
Monday, 6:30 p.m.  
Tickets: \$6 (available at the Carolina Coliseum box office)

Students sign up for Service Day events  
Monday, 9:30-10 a.m., Russell House

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## Continuing a USC tradition



Dr. Chris Robinson is poised to become the next principal of Preston College beginning in July. PHOTO BY CANDI HAUGLUM

### Preston selects new principal; art professor loves adventure

BY LOGAN BARLOW  
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In August 2002, art professor Chris Robinson will succeed Ken and Margaret Perkins to become Preston College principal.

Robinson has taught art at USC for 27 years. Hired as a sculptor, he is now a computer graphics instructor.

Robinson, a faculty associate in the college, has been involved with Preston since it was estab-

lished as a residential college in 1995.

According to Kevin Lewis, 1995-1998 Preston principal, the job is an integral part of the traditional college atmosphere. Lewis compared Preston College to British universities Oxford and Cambridge, which try to bring students and faculty together in a living and learning environment.

Robinson's strong background in public service stems from his role as a parent. To be more involved with his children's education, he ran for the Lexington County School Board in District 5.

Robinson served for twelve years, acting as committee chairman for four of those years. He

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