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Horseshoe might be all honors housing

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Many South Carolina Honors College sophomores will live in Horseshoe apartments next fall, but non-honors upperclassmen might have to look elsewhere for apartment-style housing.

For the last several years, SCHC on-campus residents have been allotted 70 percent of the total Horseshoe housing, while non-honors residents have been guar-

anteed 30 percent. A new plan could allow SCHC students to fill the entire Horseshoe.

The new policy, debated by SCHC officials and approved by the Housing Department, will create an honors community on the Horseshoe, according to SCHC Dean Peter Sederberg.

Sederberg estimates that the change, which lets rising Honors College sophomores choose Horseshoe apartments before any non-honors juniors and seniors,

will increase SCHC population on the Horseshoe to about 80 to 85.

Residence Hall Association President Brad Dawgert said it's unlikely that many sophomores will refuse Horseshoe apartments, and they will probably fill the 30 percent vacated by non-honors students after this semester.

"When they bring you here for the tour and walk you around the Horseshoe, they say you will defi-

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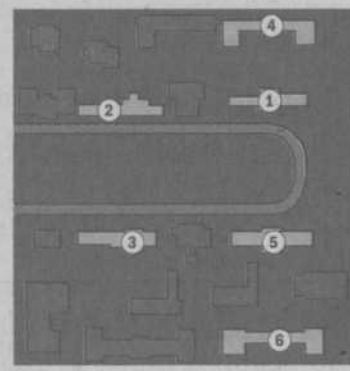
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Changing the Horseshoe

Under a plan approved by Housing, the entire Horseshoe could be more open to Honors College students; so sophomores might get apartment-style housing ahead of upperclassmen. Six of the 10 apartment-style residence halls are located on the Horseshoe. The number next to the building name indicates the capacity of the building.



Thornwell 60



Rutledge 46



Woodrow 100

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DANCE MARATHON



Participants at Dance Marathon follow direction from the dance leaders on stage in the Russell House Ballroom.

PHOTO BY CANDI HAUGLUM

STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

213 students at Dance Marathon raise \$75,532 for sick children

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Dance Marathon started off on the right foot four years ago at USC and continues to make strides for children in need.

In 1999, USC students broke the national Dance Marathon record

for first-year participation and fund raising.

This year, 213 USC students participated in Dance Marathon and raised \$75,532. Both numbers are higher than ever, according to this year's overall chair, Bergan Brennen. USC raised almost \$20,000 more this year than last.

More than 90 colleges participate in Dance Marathon, a fundraiser started in 1973 at the Pennsylvania State University to benefit Children's Miracle Network. Details vary at each college, but at USC, "dancers" are students who agree to participate

in the 28-hour event and raise a minimum of \$130.

The money raised by USC's Dance Marathon goes directly to Palmetto Health Children's Hospital. In the past, funds have contributed to a neonatal intensive care unit, a new ambulance, and the start of a camp for hearing-impaired children.

Callee Boulware, a Palmetto Health Children's Hospital employee, said Dance Marathon is helping the hospital not only create better facilities, but also raise awareness of the hospital's needs.

Brennan said the event is in-

tended to make the dancers feel tired, much like the sick children who will receive this fund-raiser's benefits.

"It's easy for us to go home and go to sleep after this is over, but these kids don't get to do that," Brennan said. "We try to experience a little bit of what it's like to be in their situation."

Before the event, dancers are asked to abstain from caffeine. During the event, dancers participate in games, karaoke, contests and, of course, dancing. Patients well enough to leave the hospital visit the event to meet and talk

with the dancers.

Donnal Taylor, a 20-year-old patient at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital, said Dance Marathon benefits patients' parents because the money provides for more staff who can temporarily relieve the parents from caring for their sick children. Taylor is a longtime patient at the hospital and a second-year visitor to Dance Marathon.

"It helps the kids not only to get better quicker, but it helps them feel more at home," Taylor said.

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Student Senate passes RHA bill

Bill would let students choose residence halls' visitation plans

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At the request of Residence Hall Association members, Student Senate passed a bill Wednesday that would allow residence halls to choose their own visitation policies.

The bill has been sent to the Board of Trustees, the University Housing, and President John Palms.

Brad Dawgert, president of the Residence Hall Association, and RHA Sen. Adam Hark introduced the recommendation to the Senate and then accepted questions from senators.

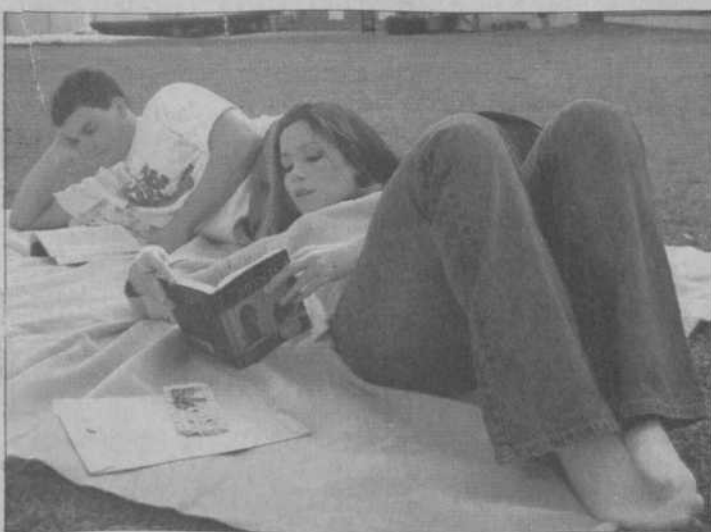
Hark, a resident of Maxcy and a student in the Honors College, said he was inspired to create the recommendation because the policy prevented other students in the Honors College from coming together to study past 2 a.m.

The recommendation is based on the three principles of "design, establish and amend." Hark stated that residence halls would "reserve the right to do all three of those, so when they put a policy in place, it stands until someone decides to change things. It's just like a constitution — it stands until someone amends it."

Hark said: "This does not change sign-in procedures. Also,

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USC praised for green space



Kara Monk, a fourth-year English student, and Wes Covington, a visiting Clemson student, study on the grass beside Longstreet Theatre. The National Wildlife Federation commended USC's plans to create more green space and an residence hall friendly to the environment.

PHOTO BY MARTHA WRIGHT

Faculty Senate votes 68-9 against SDI report

Senate questions how report will be implemented

BY ADAM BEAM
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After a month of deliberation, the Faculty Senate voted 68-9 last Wednesday to pass a resolution against the SDI report released in early January.

Sen. Jerel Rosati from the government and international studies department said it was "basically a vote against the SDI report, but in a polite fashion."

"I think the SDI had a huge goal and a huge task, and it couldn't have been done in a period of time with that number of people involved," Rosati said.

"It's a thoughtful beginning, but a lot more information and study and investigation needs to be done before they can come up with real blueprint of the future."

After several conversations with the Faculty Senate, Provost and SDI Chairman Jerry Odom said the resolution didn't surprise him.

"Well, I think that we need to hear everybody and hear what they think," he said. "I have some concerns for some people not really seeing the big picture, but, again, I feel like everybody needs to be heard and express their opinions."

The resolution was adopted just one day before the annual Board of Trustees retreat, at which the SDI report was a major topic of discussion.

Various recommendations of the report have been assigned to Board committees. "I think the



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Board wants to know how the president feels. At the same time, the Board committees will give their opinions to the full Board and we will go from there," Odom said.

The Board will begin voting on specific recommendations in March.

Two resolutions, one authored by Rosati and the other by School of Law Sen. Greg Adams, were presented to the Faculty Senate after a month of meetings to discuss the SDI report. The Adams resolution passed.

"My resolution was a little bit more to the point, but most of our

language was quite similar," Rosati said.

Adams couldn't be reached for comment.

The Adams resolution is composed of 10 parts expressing the faculty's concerns with the SDI report. The primary concerns deal with the report's failure to answer "important questions about the implementation of the recommendations" and the absence of a "goal for improvement in the teaching and service of the university, which are critical compo-

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TODAY'S WEATHER: Sunny skies. High 70, Low 43.



TOMORROW'S WEATHER: Partly sunny. High 71, Low 40.