

NAACP to help register voters

Members plan to spend 3 days a week on campus to register 1,000

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The USC chapter of the NAACP will register students to vote in the Nov. 5 election as a part of its recognition of September as National Voter Empowerment Month.

Chapter volunteers will be available on Greene Street throughout

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JEROME BRYANT
PRESIDENT OF USC
CHAPTER OF NAACP

Bryant, the chapter's president, said registering students to vote is not only a part of the chapter's duties as a service organization, but also mirrors a national effort by the NAACP for voter empowerment.

"For 90 years, this has been a focus of (the NAACP), and we have always been at the forefront of getting people the right to vote," Bryant said.

Volunteers will also mobilize their efforts in several campus residence halls. Bryant said they would try to target freshman and sophomore halls where students are younger and probably haven't voted in previous elections.

The chapter's effort is only the first phase of its voter empower-

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More students, less parking



Cars outside the Carolina Center are ticketed for parking illegally. Finding parking spaces on campus is increasingly difficult as the student body grows. Parking Services Director Derrick Huggins says students shouldn't rely on street spaces for parking.

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Construction, bigger freshman class limit campus spaces

BY HOLLY BOUNDS
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The arrival of the largest freshman class in USC's history has boosted SAT scores and increased the popularity of the flagship university of South Carolina — but one negative result is an increased parking demand on an already cramped campus.

The Coliseum lot is the largest right now, but the new Carolina Center, slated to be completed in November, will bring an additional 1,000 spaces. Those spots will replace the ones on Wheat Street, where the new West Quad dorm, expected to be completed by fall 2004, will eliminate parking spots.

Bryan Cox, a third-year broadcast journalism student, says he is trying to understand what caused the parking problem.

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When cries for help are heard too late

Suicide of former USC grad student shocks family

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Sometimes the people you least expect take their own lives, and former USC psychology graduate student Kimberly Terrell-Crum is proof of that.

After completing her undergraduate degree at Ohio University, she and her high school sweetheart married just a week after graduating college and were ready to start a new life together in South Carolina — a life that ended July 29, 2002, when Kim took her own life.

"I was really shocked," said Jenny Savitz-Smith, Kim's friend and co-worker. "She shared stories about her life with me, but never talked about being depressed."



Terrell-Crum

Close to earning her Ph.D., Kim wanted to become a clinical psychologist and eventually to have children with her husband, Dave. Even though close family members knew Kim had struggled with depression for years, friends and co-workers said they were not aware of her depression.

"Kim was so put together from the outside; she did such a good job of putting on a mask," Dave Terrell-Crum said.

Shortly before Kim took her life, she went through therapy with a psychiatrist who, according to Dave Terrell-Crum,

helped her and her family "to see a light at the end of the tunnel."

"But unfortunately," he said, "help didn't come quickly enough."

According to the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention, more than 30,000 Americans die from suicide each year, making it the 11th leading cause of death for Americans, and the second leading cause of death for college-age students.

Though suicide rates have declined among 15- to 24-year-olds in the last six years, the rates have nearly tripled over the past several decades.

Statistics indicate there is no way of predicting when sui-

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A DIVIDED MESSAGE



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Pro-life demonstrators protest on Sumter Street Jan. 12. The pro-life movement is split over how far to go in spreading its cause.

Pro-life advocates split over how best to spread message

BY EMMA RITCH
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They are a common sight at USC football games, high schools and Planned Parenthood clinics.

Members of Columbia Christians for Life, a pro-life organization known for its graphic signs depicting abortions, have shared a pro-life message with local churches for 11 years in Columbia. Steve Lefemine, director of the four-member group, recently distributed a news release indicating a split in the pro-life

movement. He said the group protested at several sites, including the South Carolina Governor's Mansion, Richland Memorial Hospital and two local churches: Forest Drive Baptist and Shandon Baptist. The release identifies the churches as "not far from Planned Parenthood's death camp, both of whom lack any direct Christian presence" at this "gate of hell." Representatives from the churches did not return calls.

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Gamecocks brought low



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Corey Jenkins, who was sacked three times in Saturday's game against the University of Virginia, gets pulled down by Chris Canty of Virginia. For more on USC's loss, see page 7.

Bush officials go on TV to urge attack on Iraq

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Saddam Hussein is aggressively seeking nuclear and biological weapons and "the United States may well become the target" of an attack, Vice President Dick Cheney said Sunday, as the Bush administration pressed its case for toppling the Iraqi leader.

Cheney and top administration officials took to the Sunday talk shows as part of President Bush's effort to convince the public, Congress, and other countries that action against Saddam is urgently needed. The officials cited the Sept. 11 attacks in making the case that the world cannot wait to find out whether or not the Iraqi president has weapons of mass destruction.

"The problem here is that there will always be some uncertainty about how quickly he

can acquire nuclear weapons. But we don't want the smoking gun to be a mushroom cloud," national security adviser Condoleezza Rice told CNN's "Late Edition."

"How long are we going to wait to deal with what is clearly a gathering threat against the United States, against our allies, and against his own region?"

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld added on CBS's "Face the Nation": "Imagine, a September 11 with weapons of mass destruction. It's not 3,000; it's tens of thousands of innocent men, women, and children."

Cheney, citing unspecified intelligence gathered over the past 12 to 14 months, said Saddam has the technical expertise and designs for a nuclear weapon and has been seeking a type of aluminum tube needed to enrich uranium for a weapon. The tubes have been intercepted through one known channel, Cheney said.

"We know we have a part of the picture and that part of the picture

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