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courses with the pharmacy college. "The first two years, students take a variety of courses, which is pre-pharmacy," Sadik said. "The last four years, 100 percent of courses will be in pharmacy, so we are going to get good revenues from those courses, so we are very supportive of the idea." The problem with VCM comes with duplication of courses. For example, if the business school were losing money on students taking English classes, the it could start offering English classes. "That's a serious concern," said Rob Wilcox, USC law pro-

fessor and president of the Faculty Senate. "The faculty have already begun to be more vigilant to ensure that as new courses are added, they are justified and not simply put in place to raise money for a body." One consequence of VCM will be more responsibility and control placed on the college deans. "I think this is really great, because that way we know exactly what kind of money we will be working with and we can plan ahead," Sadik said. On the other hand, colleges will have more expenses because of VCM. For example, space allocation, heating and air conditioning, and janitorial services for the buildings will fall under the responsibility of the colleges.

Wilcox said that because of this, more emphasis will be placed on the business managers. "The role of the business managers will be to provide the dean with information and ideas as to how to be more efficient where costs could be contained," Wilcox said. Blackwell said that most of the VCM requirements are already being implemented, resulting in a substantial amount of work. "It is going to kind of be tough," he said. "I'm finding more and more time demands to keep up with the normal operations and get along with new processes, the VCM requirements." *Comments on this story? E-mail gamecockudesk@hotmail.com*



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Above: Ralph Nader, a 2000 presidential candidate for the Green Party, spoke Tuesday night in the Russell House Ballroom to a sold-out crowd. Below: Nader on the 2000 campaign trail.

Nader

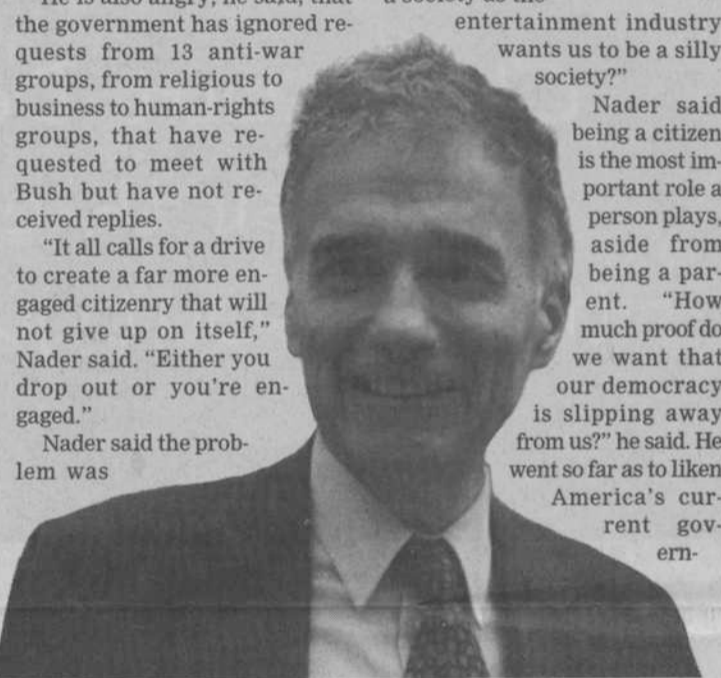
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that before the U.S. government can eliminate the problem of Saddam — or any dictator — it must first stop putting dictators like him in power. "As someone said the other day, 'Of course, he's got (chemical weapons) — we've got the receipts,'" Nader said. Nader also said Congress has given the right to declare war to Bush alone and called this motion unconstitutional. "But the founding fathers never thought once a group was given authority that it would give it up," Nader said. He is also angry, he said, that the government has ignored requests from 13 anti-war groups, from religious to business to human-rights groups, that have requested to meet with Bush but have not received replies. "It all calls for a drive to create a far more engaged citizenry that will not give up on itself," Nader said. "Either you drop out or you're engaged." Nader said the problem was

people not meeting their potential as citizens. He claimed corporations have the same rights as people, as well as privileges and immunities that people do not possess. "They have the power to raise our own children if we're not careful," Nader said. He also rallied against reality television and society's priorities. "Children spend less time with adults than any generation in human history," Nader said. "Are we going to be as serious a society as the entertainment industry wants us to be a silly society?" Nader said being a citizen is the most important role a person plays, aside from being a parent. "How much proof do we want that our democracy is slipping away from us?" he said. He went so far as to liken America's current govern-

ment to the rise of Hitler's regime. "As he increased power, people didn't take a stand. They were always too busy. And each step the excuses got better," he said. Nader's presentation was sponsored by the Ideas and Issues Commission of Carolina Productions. Skyler Nimmons, Ideas and Issues commissioner, said Nader was invited to speak to heighten student political involvement. "Nader is the No. 1 driving force for a lot of things our generation is interested in. He brings things that the student body wants to see," Nimmons said. Third-year finance student John Blackshire said more students should attend such speeches. "They should get involved in local, state, and national issues. Ralph Nader had a lot of good comments on the situation in Iraq and in the country on corporate globalism," he said. Nader donated several books to the university library at the end of his speech to encourage students to be more engaged in society. Nader said the threat of war in Iraq and other problems the country is facing "is why we have to have public discussion."

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Dreiling

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achieve that potential. "I think I've shown people in the past that I'm capable," she said. "I've never been someone to just sit in the background. I've always been someone who wants to get things done." An Irmo native, Dreiling has many plans for SG and the Safety Concerns and Issues Board, made up of student leaders, to discuss and address student safety issues on campus. "In an elected executive office,

Dreiling's plans include dealing with parking concerns by encouraging Parking Services and other university officials to look for outside funding for more parking garages and renovations. Dreiling, who said she feels strongly about community service, said she will form a community service board to aid service groups on campus and improve how well SG communicates with those groups. Through her research, experience and contacts, Dreiling said her promises and plans will be fulfilled. "In an elected executive office,

you see a lot of things that go on in an organization and see a lot of things that can be done to fix it," she said. She stressed that research is key to getting things done. "I've been in contact with the people you need to communicate with to get things done all year." Dreiling has played an active role at USC since her first year here. She was a university ambassador, SG director of safety, student liaison to the Board of Trustees, philanthropy chair for the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, orientation chair for Freshman Council, part of the USC Mock Trial Team and part of the University Safety Committee. Through her three years and several positions in SG, including Cabinet and executive placements, Dreiling said, she has been able "to see the inside and outside of the Student Government."

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The following table shows the percent of women who got pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

Method	Lowest Expected	Typical
DEPO-PROVERA	0.3	0.3
Injections (Norplant)	0.2*	0.2*
Female sterilization	0.2	0.4
Male sterilization	0.1	0.15
Oral contraceptive (pill)		
Combined	0.1	1
Progesterone only	0.5	-
IUD		
Progesterone	2.0	-
Copper I 350A	0.8	-
Condom (without spermicide)	2	12
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	3	18
Cervical cap	18	28
Withdrawal	4	20
Periodic abstinence	1.9	21
Spermicide alone	3	21
Vaginal Sponges		
used before childbirth	6	18
used after childbirth	9	28
No method	85	85

Source: Trussell et al. *Obstet Gynecol* 1997;45:58-67.
*From Norplant[®] package insert.
Who should not use DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection? Not all women should use DEPO-PROVERA. You should not use DEPO-PROVERA if you have any of the following conditions:
• if you think you might be pregnant
• if you have any vaginal bleeding without a known reason

- if you have had cancer of the breast
 - if you have had a stroke
 - if you have or have had blood clots (phlebitis) in your legs
 - if you have problems with your liver or liver disease
 - if you are allergic to DEPO-PROVERA (medroxyprogesterone acetate or any of its other ingredients)
- What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?** You will have a physical examination before your doctor prescribes DEPO-PROVERA. It is important to tell your health-care provider if you have any of the following:
- a family history of breast cancer
 - an abnormal mammogram (breast x-ray), fibrocystic breast disease, breast nodules or lumps, or bleeding from your nipples
 - kidney disease
 - irregular or scanty menstrual periods
 - high blood pressure
 - migraine headaches
 - asthma
 - epilepsy (convulsions or seizures)
 - diabetes or a family history of diabetes
 - a history of depression
 - if you are taking any prescriptions or over-the-counter medications
- This product is intended to prevent pregnancy. It does not protect against transmission of HIV (AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, genital herpes, genital warts, gonorrhea, hepatitis B, and syphilis.**

What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection? Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long-acting birth control method, it takes some time after your last injection for its effect to wear off. Based on the results from a large study done in the United States, for women who stop using DEPO-PROVERA in order to become pregnant, it is expected that about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 10 months after their last injection; about two-thirds of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months; about 83% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 15 months; and about 93% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 18 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA has no effect on how long it takes you to become pregnant after you stop using it.

What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection? The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA you might have one or more of the following changes: irregular or unpredictable bleeding or spotting, an increase or decrease in menstrual bleeding, or no bleeding at all. Unusually heavy or continuing bleeding, however, is not a usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA. If this happens, you should see your health-care provider right away. With continued use of DEPO-PROVERA, bleeding usually decreases, and many women stop having periods completely. In clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA, 50% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding (amenorrhea) after 1 year of use, and 68% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding after 2 years of use. The reason that your periods stop is because DEPO-PROVERA causes a resting state in your ovaries. When your ovaries do not release an egg monthly, the regular monthly growth of the lining of your uterus does not occur and, therefore, the bleeding that comes with your normal menstruation does not take place. When you stop using DEPO-PROVERA, your menstrual period will usually, in time, return to its normal cycle.

Use of DEPO-PROVERA may be associated with a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. This could increase your risk of developing bone fractures. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use, but after that, it begins to resemble the normal rate of age-related bone mineral loss.

Cancer Studies of women who have used different forms of contraception found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, ovary, uterus, cervix, or liver. However, in women under 35 years of age whose first exposure to DEPO-PROVERA was within the previous 4 to 5 years may have a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss this with your health-care provider.

Unsuspected Pregnancy Because DEPO-PROVERA is such an effective contraceptive method, the risk of accidental pregnancy for women who get their shots regularly (every 3 months [13 weeks]) is very low. While there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal infant death or other health problems in infants conceived close to the time of injection, such pregnancies are uncommon. If you think you may have become pregnant while using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, see your health-care provider as soon as possible.

Serious Reactions Some women using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection have reported severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reactions known as anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid reactions. Symptoms include the sudden onset of hives or swelling and itching of the skin, breathing difficulties, and a drop in blood pressure.

- Other Risks** Women who use hormone-based contraceptives may have an increased risk of blood clots or strokes. Also, if a contraceptive method fails, there is a possibility that the fertilized egg will be directed outside of the uterus (ectopic pregnancy). While these events are rare, you should tell your health-care provider if you have any of the problems listed in the next section.
- What symptoms may signal problems while using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?** Call your health-care provider immediately if any of these problems occur following an injection of DEPO-PROVERA:
 - sharp chest pain, coughing up of blood, or sudden shortness of breath (indicating a possible clot in the lung)
 - sudden severe headache or vomiting, dizziness or fainting, problems with your eyesight or speech, weakness, or numbness in an arm or leg (indicating a possible stroke)
 - severe pain or swelling in the calf (indicating a possible clot in the leg)
 - unusually heavy vaginal bleeding
 - severe pain or tenderness in the lower abdominal area
 - persistent pain, pus, or bleeding at the injection site
- What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**
 - 1.Weight Gain** You may experience a weight gain while you are using DEPO-PROVERA. About two-thirds of the women who used DEPO-PROVERA in clinical trials reported a weight gain of about 5 pounds during the first year of use. You may continue to gain weight after the first year. Women in one large study who used DEPO-PROVERA for 2 years gained an average total of 8.1 pounds over those 2 years, or approximately 4 pounds per year. Women who continued for 4 years gained an average total of 13.8 pounds over those 4 years, or approximately 3.5 pounds per year. Women who continued for 6 years gained an average total of 16.5 pounds over those 6 years, or approximately 2.75 pounds per year.
 - 2.Other Side Effects** In a clinical study of over 3,900 women who used DEPO-PROVERA for up to 7 years, some women reported the following effects that may or may not have been related to their use of DEPO-PROVERA: irregular menstrual bleeding, amenorrhea, headache, nervousness, abdominal cramps, dizziness, weakness or fatigue, decreased sexual desire, leg cramps, nausea, vaginal discharge or irritation, breast swelling and tenderness, bloating, swelling of the hands or feet, backache, depression, insomnia, acne, pelvic pain, no hair growth or excessive hair loss, rash, hot flashes, and joint pain. Other problems were reported by very few of the women in the clinical trials, but some of these could be serious. These include convulsions, jaundice, urinary tract infections, allergic reactions, fainting, paralysis, osteoporosis, lack of return to fertility, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, breast cancer, or cervical cancer. If these or any other problems occur during your use of DEPO-PROVERA, discuss them with your health-care provider.
 - Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**
 - 1.Missed Periods** During the time you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, you may skip a period, or your periods may stop completely. If you have been receiving your DEPO-PROVERA injections regularly every 3 months (13 weeks), then you are probably not pregnant. However, if you think that you may be pregnant, see your health-care provider.
 - 2.Laboratory Test Interactions** If you are scheduled for any laboratory tests, tell your health-care provider that you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception. Certain blood tests are affected by hormones such as DEPO-PROVERA.
 - 3.Drug Interactions** Cyclosporin (an immunosuppressant) is an anticancer drug that may significantly decrease the effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA if the two drugs are given during the same time.
 - 4.Nursing Mothers** Although DEPO-PROVERA can be passed to the nursing infant in the breast milk, no harmful effects have been found in these children. DEPO-PROVERA does not prevent the breasts from producing milk, so it can be used by nursing mothers. However, to minimize the amount of DEPO-PROVERA that is passed to the infant in the first weeks after birth, you should wait until 6 weeks after childbirth before you start using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception.
 - How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?** The recommended dose of DEPO-PROVERA is 150 mg every 3 months (13 weeks) given in a single intramuscular injection in the buttock or upper arm. To make sure that you are not pregnant at the time of the first injection, it is essential that the injection be given ONLY during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. If used following the delivery of a child, the first injection of DEPO-PROVERA MUST be given within 5 days after childbirth if you are not breast-feeding or 6 weeks after childbirth if you are exclusively breast-feeding. If you wait longer than 3 months (13 weeks) between injections, or longer than 6 weeks after delivery, your health-care provider should determine that you are not pregnant before giving you your injection of DEPO-PROVERA.

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