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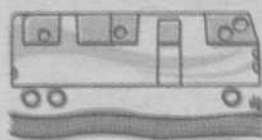
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PHOTO BY BRIAN RAY/THE GAMECOCK

The Black House on Pendleton Street, across from the National Advocacy Center, is slated to be the lobby and check-in of USC's new hotel.

USC plan would raise hotel and demolish three parking lots

BY BRIAN RAY
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USC President Andrew Sorensen announced Monday that the university could move on plans to build an inn across from the National Advocacy Center as soon as September. But Sorensen said the agreement comes at the cost of three parking lots on Pendleton Street.

"There had to be trade-offs," Sorensen said. "I'm aware of the fact that we've got a horrific parking problem."

Director of Parking Services Derrick Huggins said that the parking lots to be closed are most likely the faculty lot and two student lots near the Business Administration building on Pendleton Street. But, Huggins said, the decision to close these lots could change within the next 10 days.

Once the inn is built, according to the agreement, traffic that passes by the NAC will be redirected to Pickens Street. This means

drivers won't be able to take Pendleton straight to Capstone or any building past the NAC building.

But Sorensen said the trade-offs are worth it, considering the addition of parking spaces behind the Coliseum and the acquisition of the old BellSouth Building on Barnwell Street, which is being revamped into a parking garage.

City Council member Anne Sinclair said the Columbia City Council has yet to approve the agreement because Mayor Bob Coble and other key members of

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Preston lot to get greened

BY WES WOLFE
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Most of the faculty and staff parking behind Preston College and Woodrow will disappear this September as part the Preston Green project.

The parking lots, bound by Preston, Woodrow, Rutledge and Legare, will be replaced with grass to beautify a new walkway from the Russell House to Rutledge. The \$1 million project will feature a plaza at the base of the smokestack tower, a land-

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Intel, USC team up for graduate program

BY ASHLEY NORRIS
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USC will offer one of the nation's first signal integrity engineering programs starting this fall.

Signal integrity is "the subject of how to design the computer chip boards in an efficient way," said Yinchao Chen, associate professor of electrical engineering.

As new technology raises the speed at which electrical components "talk" to each other, the challenge to correctly send and

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