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## USC responds to ZTA incident

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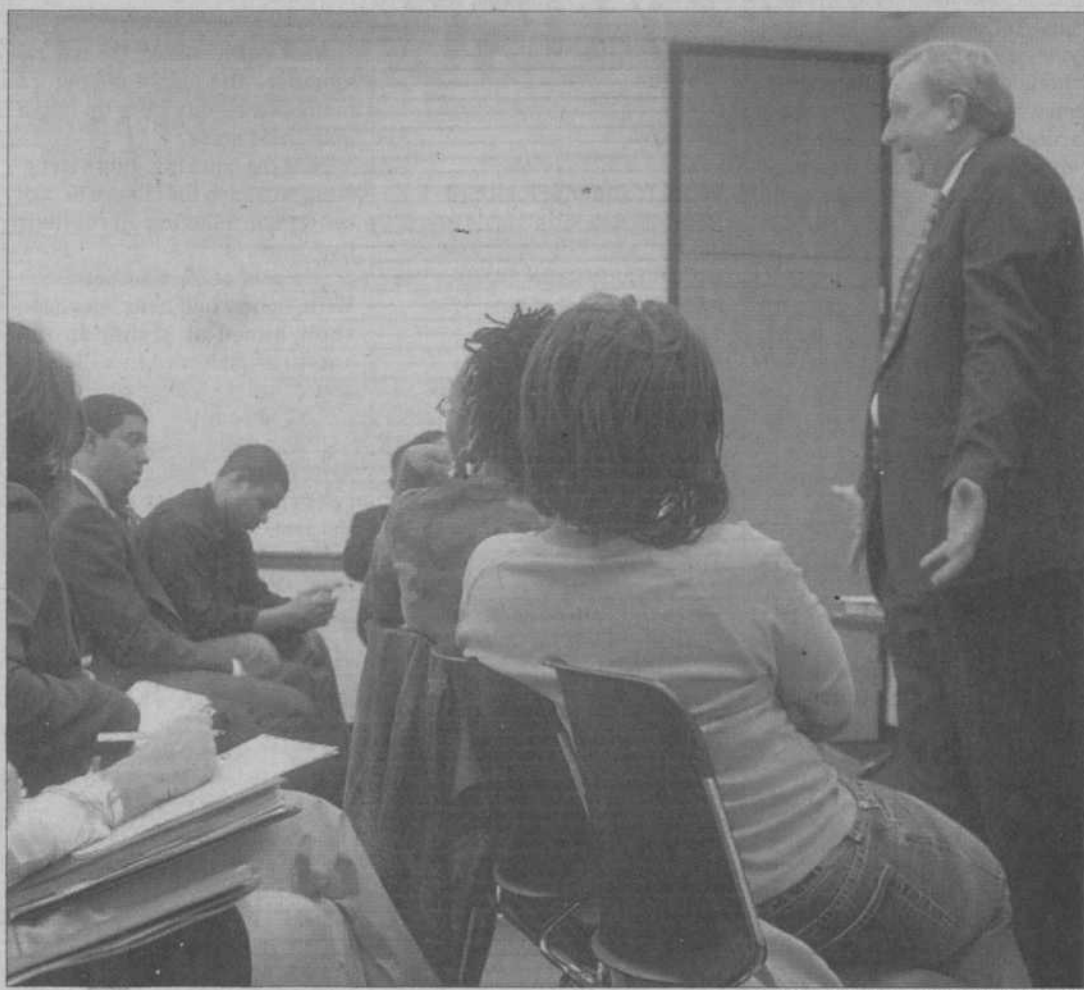
USC has moved a black staff member into the Office of Greek Life, and Zeta Tau Alpha's national president has offered a formal apology in response to a March 2 incident during a ZTA fund-raiser for breast cancer research. ZTA National President Julia Hill said in a news release that ZTA "deeply regretted that our worthy intentions were marred by the inappropriate actions of a few individuals." Hill also stated that ZTA does not condone the actions and apologized to "all members of the university community." The statement was sent to USC's ZTA president Lindsey Dupree in an e-mail March 17. The e-mail contains the disclaimer that it "may be released to the press as

**If you Go**

**WHO:** USC students and faculty  
**WHAT:** Meeting with Student Life Director Jerry Brewer to discuss USC's response to the ZTA incident.  
**WHERE:** Russell House, room 304.  
**WHEN:** 4 p.m. Tuesday.

approved by our national president." USC staff member Michael Goodwin, who is black, has been transferred to the Office of Greek Life as interim associate director until the position can be perma-

nently filled sometime this summer. A group of minority student organizations requested a black presence in the Greek Life office after Tim Tice, a second-year history student representing Alpha Delta Pi, wore black body paint to re-enact Janet Jackson's Super Bowl halftime performance during ZTA's Big Man on Campus fund-raiser. Goodwin said he was told of his new job Thursday afternoon and started Friday. Goodwin, who is keeping his current job as associate director of multicultural affairs, said it would be like juggling two jobs. "It was shocking," he said. "But I think it is important for the university to make some type of effort to try and meet the needs of the



Student Life Director Jerry Brewer answers a question during Tuesday's meeting with students.

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Program director Rachal Hatton works on WUSC's fund-raiser, which runs through Sunday.

## WUSC copes with FCC regulations

BY IRA KLEIN  
THE GAMECOCK

After the backlash surrounding February's Super Bowl halftime show, USC's student radio station has had to cope with new FCC regulations that raise the maximum fine for what is deemed "indecent broadcasting" from \$27,500 to a maximum of \$500,000. The fine applies not only to indecent programs but to each incident of indecency. Performers, disc jockeys and the station or distributor can be fined. While many advocate the new legislation as a necessary step to protect children from sexually explicit or inappropriate material, others say the new regulations are particularly harmful to low-budget, local, low-wattage stations. "These new regulations are especially harsh for local radio stations like us, because the fines are just so

outrageously high that a station like WUSC would never be able to afford it," said WUSC disk jockey and first-year electronic journalism student Stephen Waldon. "It's scary to think that just one minor incident could put us out of business forever." But while there is a threat of fines, most WUSC announcers say the regulations haven't immediately affected the station. "We've always kept a fairly clean slate of programming, because the FCC states that what constitutes indecency is determined by the standards of the surrounding community that receives the broadcast. Since Columbia is such a southern, conservative place, in order to conform to these standards, we've always had to be extra careful in making sure we don't let anything that could be objectionable slip onto the airwaves," said Nate Welker, a second-year mar-

keting student and WUSC announcer. Welker said the station keeps an "obscenity log" in which any profane language—spoken or in a song—must be recorded with the date and time aired. "This ensures that we don't get any surprises from the FCC," Welker said. "Since we have everything written down, if there ever was to be any sort of trouble with indecency, we could at least show the FCC that we know about it and that it was an accident." The FCC prohibits seven obscene words from being broadcast in addition to "sexually explicit" words. Some obscenities are allowed on the radio but only as long as they are not used in a sexually-explicit manner. According to WUSC executive staff member Jordan Redmond, a third-year English student, if an announcer receives complaints of indecency at WUSC, the radio station would pay the

fines, but the announcer would likely lose his show. "It really depends on whether the indecency was intentional," Redmond said. Another WUSC announcer, fourth-year journalism student Megan Treacy, pointed out that CDs at the station are labeled with stickers denoting which tracks have been deemed acceptable to play by the station manager. She said many commercial radio stations pay a monthly fee to the FCC to subscribe to "safe harbor," which allows more flexibility in broadcasting what would normally be deemed "indecent," between the hours of midnight and 8 a.m. Because WUSC is a low-budget station, it cannot afford to subscribe to this service, so it has to keep all programming within the normal bounds of FCC de-

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## National championship Carolina debate team takes first national title

BY ALLYSON BIRD  
THE GAMECOCK

The USC debate team returned from spring break with the first national title in its 150-year history. Fourth-year political science student Glenn Prince and third-year political science student J.D. Shipman beat out the top 48 teams in the country on March 13 and 14 at the National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence at the University of California, Berkeley. The team will participate in a public exhibition round on business ethics Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Gambrell 152. "We got our spring break shaved a little bit short," Shipman said. In fact, the team spent March

9-11 preparing for the competition and the rest of the week traveling and competing. Prince said the team meets every Tuesday night when each of the 10 members submits his research assignment. They practice debating once a week, and each member is assigned a newspaper to study. Shipman said information from mainstream news sources like CNN and Fox is generally discounted. "All they do is read and write briefs," said David Berube, debate director. "We usually spend 20 hours a week on cases. That's a pretty conservative estimate," Shipman said. He said he missed 17 days of class in the fall semester, since the debate season runs from October

through April. The team works from six broad areas of research, such as international justice or international finance, and, based on the flip of a coin, chooses either the topic or the resolution of the debate. The two debaters then prepare for 15 minutes before one member assumes the role of government and the other the role of opposition. "Every round is a different resolution. We just guess at what it will be and hope we luck out," Shipman said. In addition to the title-winners, USC's second team—second-year economics and political science student Chris Dickson and third-

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## Student plays her way to Italy for 5-week music program

BY GREG WEBSTER  
THE GAMECOCK

When Eliza Hesse picked up a violin for the first time, she could hardly get her fingers around the bow to hold it up. Her 1/32-size violin seemed big next to her

three-year-old frame. But when Eliza reached down and picked up her instrument, she had no idea of the musical career that lay in the path ahead of her. Her musical talents will take her to Italy in three months to

participate in the prominent Rome Festival Orchestra. There, Hesse will play with other musicians from all over the world in the five-week educational/performance program. ◆ ROME, SEE PAGE 7

## R.I. university incites debate with whites-only scholarship

BY MICHAEL MELLO  
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BRISTOL, R.I. — On the campus of Roger Williams University, a small liberal arts school unaccustomed to student activism, the College Republicans are reveling in the debate they've kicked up by offering a scholarship for whites only.

The \$250 award—which required an essay on "why you are proud of your white heritage" and a recent picture to "confirm whiteness"—has invited the wrath of everyone from minority groups and school officials to the chairman of the Republican National Committee himself. Jason Mattered, a junior who started the conservative campus

group in his freshman year, said kindling debate over free speech and affirmative action was just what he wanted, and he promises more. They did such a good job that school President Roy Nirschel, who has clashed with the group before, cut short a trip to

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