

Colleges consider pharmacy merger

Some USC students, faculty upset about possible Charleston move

BY KEVIN FELLNER
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The pharmacy schools at USC and the Medical University of South Carolina could merge into a primary Charleston campus, upsetting USC students and faculty members who are concerned it would mean the end of USC's pharmacy school.

The new school would be connected to Columbia through distance education techniques. Both universities' boards of trustees would have to approve the merger for it to happen.

"We endorse the recommendation that four-year education

should continue on both campuses, at least for the time being," wrote USC President Andrew Sorensen and MUSC President Raymond Greenberg in a joint letter dated April 7. "The external consultation team did not believe that either campus had sufficient facilities, infrastructure or faculty critical mass to comprehensively provide education to all of the state's current and anticipated pharmacy students."

The merger recommendation comes from a March 30 report from the merger consulting committee. The new school would be located in Charleston, with the dual instruction of the program's

first four years being taught with streaming video broadcasts to Columbia. Laboratory, small group and pharmacy practice experiences would be delivered on both campuses, while USC's research-focused faculty, current faculty vacancies and graduate programs would relocate to Charleston.

Opponents fear the move could mean the end of pharmacy education at USC. Sorensen and Greenberg wrote that they are not prepared to move basic science faculty to one campus. They are, however, interested in expanding distance learning techniques with the possibility of another program based in Greenville as a long-term goal.

"I think we're losing a pro-

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Kerry tours campuses to gain collegiate vote

BY JUSTIN CHAPPELL
THE GAMECOCK

Sen. John Kerry continued focusing his attention on college students Tuesday in a conference call with college newspaper reporters as part of his "Change Starts with U" campus tour.

The presidential hopeful spoke mainly of two issues affecting college students: tuition prices and political apathy.

"Over the last three years college tuition has increased 28 percent," Kerry said.

During the conference call Kerry said 220,000 young people in the nation were "priced out" of college this year and attributed it to misdirected monies in the Bush Administration.

His Web site, JohnKerry.com, lists a state-by-state breakdown of the number of students who would most likely be unable to attend a four-year public university given the tuition increase, ranking South Carolina eighth nationally.

Kerry said his educational plan, the "State Tax Relief and Education Fund," would include a \$4,000 tax credit to students pur-

suing higher education. According to his Web site, pre-college preparation incentives and maintaining college opportunities for women are included in this educational plan.

But it has its critics.

"Sen. Kerry's plan makes the poor people work while refunding the rich," said Randy Dargan, chairman of the College Republicans of USC and second-year hotel retail tourism management student.

The hope of his campus tour is

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Balancing Act

Special section looks at USC's efforts to embrace future while staying connected to past

Surf Yourself

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BY ADAM BEAM
THE GAMECOCK

It's a Tuesday afternoon at Osborne, and Andrew Sorensen is having trouble relaxing. The USC president sits straight and stiff on a couch in his office as he answers questions about USC's historic Horseshoe and its future. With the interview crammed in between administrative work, fund-raising missions and alumni receptions, Sorensen gives the usual, stock answers.

Until he sees his bookcase.

It's 150 years old, made of walnut and was a gift from his parents. It stands next to his desk, where just days earlier he was chatting with Sony Music Corp. about expanding campus Internet access to music for USC students.

"So I'm juxtaposed on the one hand on talking to Sony about music that goes out over the Internet through highly sophisticated engineering and technology, and I'm sitting next to a 150-year-old bookcase," Sorensen said. "I celebrate both."

It's an illustration that reflects the struggles of a university trying to stay connected with its past and still embrace its future. Last year Sorensen announced plans for a 5 million square foot research campus to work with private businesses on research. When completed — USC officials estimate it will take about 15 years — the campus will dramatically change the way USC looks and operates.

And to the north sits the Horseshoe, USC's birthplace. It's old now, about 200 years, but it still carries that same charm that has sustained it as an oasis in an urban jungle. But when the research campus is built and becomes USC's crown jewel, where will the Horseshoe fit in? Will students still clamor to live there? Will the Horseshoe continue to be USC's symbol, or will an expansive new project that is supposed to reinvigorate South Carolina's economy relegate the Horseshoe to second fiddle?

These are the questions The Gamecock tries to tackle in today's special section: "USC Horseshoe: Past, present and future." Take a look as we explore some of the Horseshoe's best stories.

Will the Horseshoe ever change? Will it ever disappear? Sorensen is clear.

"It won't happen on my watch."

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'It's not about competing'



PHOTO BY MORGAN FORD/THE GAMECOCK
Marianne Parrish and Bill Florian work on construction at the Red Tub Bar, which they plan to open by midsummer.

BY GABRIELLE SINCLAIR
THE GAMECOCK

Before climbing up the back steps of State Pub, fourth-year French student Marianne Parrish offers a caveat.

"Don't step anywhere that isn't cement," she said.

Parrish, who plans to graduate in May, is renovating an art studio above the State Pub on State Street. She and business partner, Bill Florian, plan to have The Red Tub, at 134 1/2 State St., open by midsummer.

Inside are hammers, pizza crusts, playing cards, caulk and a pressurized spray painter. The bar, which Parrish and Florian built, is made from two antique doors. Furniture has been gathered from the state government surplus, the Habitat for Humanity store and from various homes of friends.

Parrish met Florian while working at Courtyard Coffee House on State Street and the two decided to open this business together in February. Parrish said she isn't ready to leave Columbia.

"Since I'm graduating, I could just keep working in small cafes or help my friend open a bar. I de-

cided to do this," she said.

The area is made up of two main rooms for seating, a kitchen, a bar area and storage, along with a bathroom with the signature fire-engine red, claw-foot bathtub. The seating area also includes a skylight. Parrish and Florian are renting the gallery-style area from Carey Fluitt, who rents out rooms to artists to use as studios. Parrish said they intend to display the artists' work.

Parrish, who has been working in restaurants since she came to college, said she thinks the bar will be a success.

As far as a menu, she said they'll keep it simple with things like red beans and rice and different soups. She said they will also encourage customers to order pick-up from area restaurants on the street.

"It's not about competing," she said. Café Strudel and Congaree Grill have agreed to deliver food to the bar for customers.

They plan to be open Tuesdays through Fridays from 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. and Saturdays until midnight. For now, they're just trying to make a comfortable space.

"We want it to be calm,"

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USC students discuss 'Ex-gay Myth' in forum

BY IRA KLEIN
THE GAMECOCK

Ex-gay ministries, organizations that work to change gay people to heterosexuals, were the topic of a forum Tuesday night at the Calcott Social Sciences Center.

Wayne Besen, author of

"Anything But Straight: Unmasking the Scandals and Lies Behind the Ex-Gay Myth" spoke about his investigations and research into these ministries, most of which he said are unsuccessful, and usually end up exacerbating

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Gamecock correction

An article in Monday's Gamecock, "S.C. bill offers tax incentives to attract filmmakers" was not accurate.

Jeff Monks was not interviewed by reporter Jocelyn Meyer. Monks' quotes in the story came from an e-mail from a USC student pitching a story idea to The Gamecock. News editor Michael LaForgia sent the e-mail to Meyer, who used it to write her story.

The three quotes from Monks: "Right now we're not competitive, really;" "So far, all three colleges have voiced their support for the plan;" and "South Carolina has to have a lot of incentives to compete and when a film company can save millions by

going to another country, this isn't easy," came from this e-mail. These quotes should not have been attributed to Monks. All of the information in the story came from the e-mail. Meyer said she tried to contact Monks, but was unsuccessful. This inaccurate reporting stems from a poor system of editor and reporter communication. Usually, reporters are sent news releases to use as background for reporting and writing their story. In this case, Meyer assumed the e-mail she received was a news release, when in fact it was just an e-mail of information about a possible story. The Gamecock apologizes to its readers and to Jeff Monks.

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