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PHOTO BY JASON STEELMAN/THE GAMECOCK

First-year public relations student Kim Ballard participates in an Earth Day celebration on Greene Street Thursday. The event was sponsored by SAGE, Students Advocating a Greener Earth.

## Pharmacy students seek facts at meeting

### Group packs Carolina Plaza to lobby USC board members

BY GABRIELLE SINCLAIR  
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About 75 USC pharmacy students wearing white lab coats stood in the second floor lobby of the Carolina Plaza Wednesday, hoping to speak to USC Board of Trustees members about the possible merger between the USC and MUSC pharmacy schools.

Second-year professional student Sarah Lynn Norwood said

the Student Alliance to Protect Pharmacy in South Carolina is not against a merger, but rather the way this is being managed.

"We're pushing for a more efficient merger," Norwood said. "This one is based on bad data, and we want to reevaluate that."

USC President Andrew Sorensen said students at the Medical University of South Carolina aren't protesting, and that this shows students are looking at the proposed merger as though there is a winner and a loser.

"Because the dean is going to be (at MUSC) doesn't necessarily mean that one school is better than the other," Sorensen said.

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## Board loses female trustee

BY JACOB DAVIS  
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The General Assembly unseated one of only two female members of USC's Board of Trustees in a meeting Wednesday.

Helen Harvey had been a trustee at USC for 13 years. She was the only elected female member of the board, as financier Darla Moore, the other female member, was a gubernatorial selection.

The ouster makes Moore the

sole female member on the 18-person board.

Harvey lost the seat in a combined House and Senate vote 94-68 to William Jones, a Beaufort attorney. She was defeated despite strong support in the Senate because of the overwhelming majority against her in the House.

The Board of Trustees is in place to oversee USC activities. Specifically, its job is to assure that USC's mission statement is fulfilled. With one female board

member left, some are left questioning whether the university can effectively accomplish its mission statement.

While women now make up less than 6 percent of USC's board, 23 percent of the University of Florida's board is made up of women; 30 percent of Duke University's board is made up of women; and half of the board of trustees at the University of Kentucky are women.

Laura Woliver, associate director of Women's Studies at

USC, saw Harvey's dismissal as a setback.

"I think that it is pitiful to see a state moving backwards the way this state seems to be," she said.

While she was not sure why Harvey was dismissed, Woliver said she knows what the dismissal means. "You now have virtually no representation of the majority of the population, voters, and students of South

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PHOTO BY JASON STEELMAN/THE GAMECOCK

Phi Beta Sigma members dance at the second annual free formal-semiformal held Thursday at the Top of Carolina.

## Fraternity celebrates Carolina community

### Phi Beta Sigma's Blue and White Week includes scholarships, special awards

BY ALLYSON BIRD  
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Members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. watched the sun set over campus from the Top of Carolina Thursday night as they prepared for their second annual free formal-semiformal.

The event is part of Blue and White Week, named for the fraternity's colors and symbolizing its commitment to the community.

"Throughout the year we throw parties and we charge people to get in. During Blue and White Week

we give back," said JaRodd Webb, Phi Beta Sigma president and a fourth-year management and marketing student.

The group sponsored free skating Tuesday at Skate Station USA, and held a date auction Wednesday at Bates West to support Oliver Gospel Mission. The fraternity will hold a pool party at today at 6 p.m. at the Strom Thurmond Wellness & Fitness Center. The fraternity will hold a cookout Saturday at 1 p.m. at the

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## USC might land TV show spinoff

### University is 1 of 4 potential spots for collegiate bachelor dating show

BY LADONNA BEEKER  
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USC is one of four universities competing to become the focus of a college-version of the popular reality show "The Bachelor."

Fraternity Council Vice President Tyler Jeffrey said he participated in a conference call Monday with Student Life Director Jerry Brewer, Greek Life Director Gena Runnion, Sorority Council President Kinsey Cooper and an executive producer from a production studio in Los Angeles.

The call served to provide student feedback on whether USC students would be interested in having a reality show filmed on-campus.

ABC's "The Bachelor" features a group of 25 women trying to win the heart of a single, wealthy man. New York Giant quarterback Jesse Palmer is the single man in the show's fifth season.

Cooper and Jeffrey put together a video of student opinions on what they thought about the show coming to USC.

"The students thought it

was a great idea and were really excited, so it was pretty positive feedback," Jeffrey said.

The production, "Big Man on Campus," will include one male and 25 females.

The executive producer is looking for a college bachelor that is diverse, involved in activities and knows a lot of people, Jeffrey said.

If USC is chosen, casting will begin as early as Monday and last through May 8.

Jeffrey said he doesn't know the other universities being reviewed.

"The production committee chose USC because they said that they liked the diversity on-campus," Jeffrey said.

"When I asked where the other schools were located, they said that they were not universities near us."

"Big Man on Campus" is scheduled to air this fall. The production studio will sell its film to either ABC, CBS or WB.

USC should find out today if it was chosen as the final university.

Comments on this story? E-mail gamecocknews@gwm.sc.edu



PHOTO BY MORGAN FORD/THE GAMECOCK

Towers such as this one off I-26 can be seen more and more as cell phone companies try to keep up with service demands.

## Hidden towers let cell phone service grow with demand

BY GREG WEBSTER  
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At first glance, the four lights on top of the Bank of America parking garage on Main Street appear to be a mistake in architecture. Their positions on the building's four corners make them look like towers to a metro castle.

To add to the anomaly, the seven-story building is the same common cement brown that provides the background to South Carolina's capital city while the four lights stand out in their bright, snow-white color.

However, those walking on the seventh story of this parking garage may notice why these towers are different. On the southeast

tower reads a sign, "MicroPole A Wireless Site Solution."

These towers are in fact not lights, but rather "stealth" cell phone towers designed to hide cell phone towers in their environment. With America's unquenchable thirst for cell phones and increasing service demands, these new structures are providing subscribers better service in urban environments.

Columbia zoning administrator Marc Mylott recognizes the value of these towers in providing service to high-demand areas while fitting in with a city's strict zoning policies.

"When you have a community

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