

## Officials confirm Upstate pharmacy school

■ *New campus plans include announcement of executive dean DiPiro*

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Tuesday's announcement of a third venue for the South Carolina College of Pharmacy has USC officials looking forward to the prospects of creating a new pharmacy program, but has rekindled skepticism and outrage among some pharmacy students.

Speaking in the State House foyer, USC President Andrew Sorensen announced that a \$5 million investment from the Greenville Hospital System Endowment will provide the necessary funding for a third pharmacy program in that hospital system, which also relies on USC and MUSC schools of pharmacy.

"This will meet the needs of young people in the upstate," said Harris Pastides, vice president for Research and Health Sciences. "But it also means they can spend part of the time in Columbia and Charleston as well."

The USC Board of Trustees approved the merger of the USC School of Pharmacy with MUSC's Pharmacy School in October and approved the naming of Executive Dean Joseph DiPiro in December. DiPiro will resign as assistant dean of the University of Georgia's College of Pharmacy and of the College of Pharmacy and the School of Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia to take the job in May.

DiPiro, who also attended the news conference, said he is excited about the donation and new campus.

"This is really important — absolutely necessary



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◆ Please see **VENUE**, page 5 USC President Andrew Sorensen announces on Tuesday a \$5 million investment from the Greenville Hospital System to fund the new campus.

## Change stolen from USC parking meters

■ *Twenty machines vandalized during winter break*

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Sitting right on the curb, brimming with silver change, parking meters might have seemed ideal targets for at least one Columbia-area thief still at large after a December spree.

A string of parking meter vandalism during Christmas break left 20 machines damaged beyond repair, said Director of Law Enforcement and Safety Ernest Ellis.

Ellis estimated the replacement cost at \$75 per meter. Damage to one or two meters occurred along Wheat Street, College Street and the Capstone meter lot, with a larger group of 14 battered meters in the Business Administration Building's lot. Ellis said he thinks the Columbia Police Department had similar trouble with damage to their meters as well. The means of vandalism is still unknown.

USCPD incident reports date the first incident in the string of thefts to Dec. 10, when they found five meters had been forcibly removed from their posts. They later found four of these in bad condition behind a dumpster on BA Building grounds. The culprits likely got away with about \$50 per meter, according to an incident report filed by officer Marc Weiss. Though fingerprint dusting revealed no clues regarding the suspect's identity, police did find some blood on the face of one broken meter.

Ellis said an investigation is under way and that the police have a lead in the case.

Police reported three more incidents of parking meter vandalism on the morning of Dec. 25, at 451 Wheat, 902 Barnwell and 1700 College streets. The meters had not been taken from their posts or broken into.

Ellis said he was unsure whether the thefts were the work of one criminal or several but that the crimes were fairly distinctive.

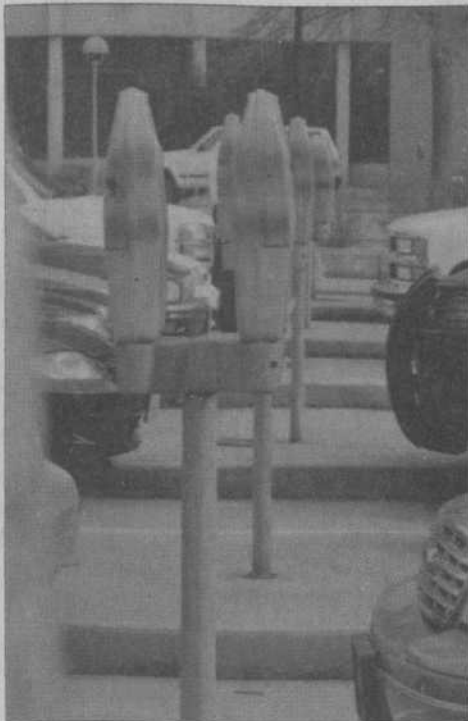
"We cannot prove they were

linked right now. It is still under investigation, but obviously that's an unusual crime. Perhaps the person who committed one may have committed all of those crimes," Ellis said.

Parking Services Director Derrick Huggins could not be reached for comment, but officers at the USC Police headquarters said funds for replacement meters came from that department. When asked whether measures could be taken to prevent such crimes from occurring again, Ellis expressed doubt.

"Anywhere you have property in the public's access, vandalism can occur," he said. "The meters are very securely attached to the poles, but certainly it's an issue of vandalism that occurs in the public domain, and it is subject to continuing."

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Fourteen parking meters in the Business Administration Building lot were vandalized last week. Police incident reports indicate that the spree began Dec. 10.

## MLK DAY PREVIEW



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"Courage: The Carolina Story that Changed America," a McKissick Museum exhibit that features photographs, video, displays and interactive art, shows the efforts of local and regional activists who helped support the civil rights movement. The exhibit will be on display through Feb. 26.

## Forum to students: Is the dream alive?

By RYAN JAMES  
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USC students and staff reflected on the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. on Thursday as a forum discussed the question: Is the dream alive?

A three-panelist group and a moderator facilitated the discussion and allowed the audience to offer its input.

Cleveland Sellers, director of African-American studies at USC, Christopher Levey Johnson, USC professor of African-American Studies, and Catherine Fleming Bruce, from

the Modjeska Monteith Simkins Center for Justice, Ethics, and Human Rights, sat on the panel. Cynthia Pryor Hardy, owner and host of a WFMV 95.3 radio show, moderated the discussion.

Sellers, who participated in the civil rights movement and knew King, centered the discussion on King's humanity and the lessons that could be learned from his life.

"Dr. King never enjoyed being the most outspoken person for the civil rights movement. There was a lot of responsibility that came along

with that," he said.

Several students stood up to offer their insight on the how pop culture had molded the way blacks see themselves, and how luminaries and entrepreneurs like Sean "P. Diddy" Combs and Russell Simmons have offered invaluable economic opportunities and inspiration to blacks.

"African-Americans were taught for over 200 years to hate themselves and each other. There is so much hatred within the African-American community,"

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## New official looks to bring out-of-state funds to USC

By TYLER RAY  
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USC's newly appointed assistant vice president for university development said she's going to "take the university's fund-raising activities up a notch, so bam!"

Michelle Dodenhoff quoted fellow New Orleans native Emeril Lagasse in the first meeting with her staff. Dodenhoff said she hopes to bring some interstate flavor to alumni giving programs, encouraging outreach to errant students.

One of Dodenhoff's goals is to expand the scope of the university's development program. "I think we need not only look inside USC, but outside of the state as university alumni move away from South Carolina," she said.

She said university donors' charity was one of the greatest surprises for her at USC.

"The alumni donors, those I have met so far, are incredibly generous and loyal. There is real pride in this institution for the alumni."

Though Dodenhoff comes to USC with 21 years experience in the university development field, she said the job would still provide a challenge.

"One of the major challenges of any development job is the competition for the philanthropic dollar, and what's important is to distinguish us as a unique university," she said. "We are because we are the flagship university of the state. What we do here, beyond the mission of the students, has an impact on the state, and so it poses a great challenge."

Dodenhoff will be responsible for organizing and coordinating USC's various fund-raising efforts, including major gifts, planned giving, annual giving and corporate giving, as well as managing the fund raising conducted by USC's component schools and colleges.

Dodenhoff said USC's leadership attracted her.

"I was very impressed with Dr. Sorensen and his leadership team's vision for the university, so to have the opportunity to help raise the money to make that vision a reality was very appealing," she said.

She said her job entails more than attracting

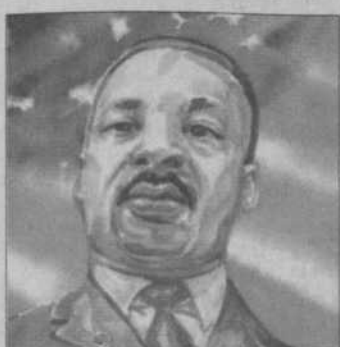
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