

USC BRIEFS

Professor acquires sports medicine post

Larry Durstine, chairman of the department of exercise science at the Arnold School of Public Health, has been named president-elect of the American College of Sports Medicine.

Durstine is the third USC faculty member to be named to the post, but will not begin serving until June 2006.

With more than 20,000 members internationally, the American College of Sports Medicine is the world's largest organization devoted to sports medicine and exercise science.

Music school to hold piano sale for festival

The USC School of Music will

hold a piano sale in commemoration of the Southeastern Music Festival. Patrons can make appointments this week to choose upright or grand pianos or can wait for the open house Saturday.

The festival's performance pianos are being supplied by the Rice Music House of Columbia. A special selection of Steinway grand pianos, shipped from the Steinway and Sons warehouse in New York City, will be available for purchase as well.

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Blatt weight room closes, faculty heads for Strom

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FOR THE GAMECOCK

The Blatt P.E. Center's weight room is closed for renovations, as faculty, staff and students will have to commute to the Strom Thurmond Wellness & Fitness Center for the rest of June to work out.

Starting June 5, the Blatt's weight room closed for remodeling, but began receiving daily shipments of new equipment. The weight room is scheduled to reopen June 30.

Director of Campus Recreation Herbert Camp said the center will house 110 new training stations, as well as new free- and dead-weights. Camp noted the new Hammer Strength and Keiser fitness equipment, which works off air pressure instead of dead weight, letting users change the resistance by button and in smaller increments.

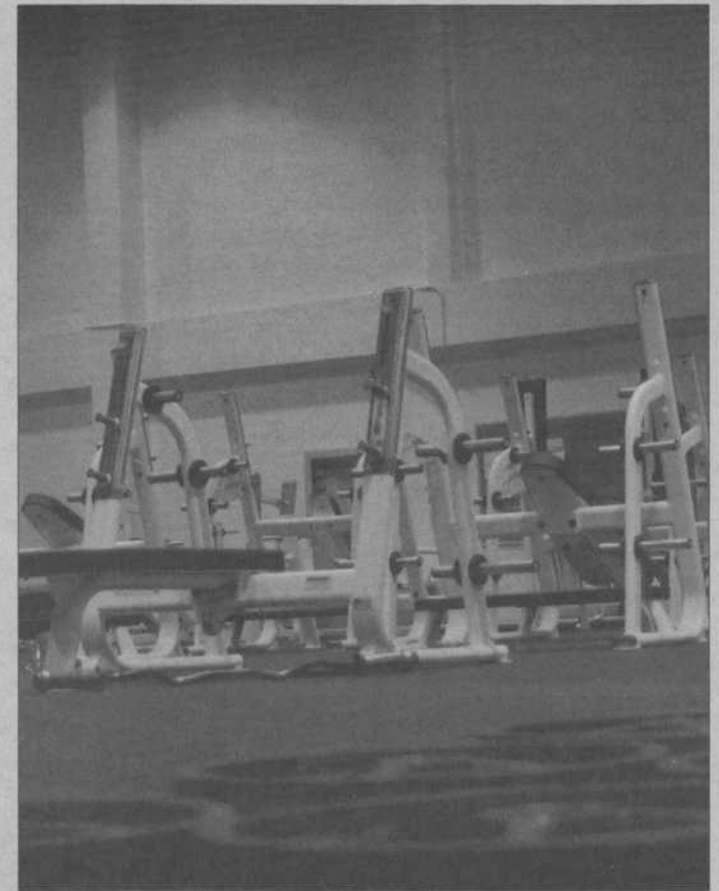
Camp said he thinks the remodeling will make the workout facilities one of the best in the state.

"After we are done with these renovations, the Blatt weight room will be the second-best in the state. It has nice, tall ceilings and brand-new equipment, all of which is very high quality," he said.

Many students switched to the Strom because of the Blatt's older workout areas and the Strom's contemporary feel. With the renovations, Camp said the two gyms would become more comparable.

Robert Apel, assistant professor for criminology and criminal justice, said the changes will be a good thing.

"I normally work out in the Strom P.E. center," he said. "With



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The Blatt P.E. Center is closed until the end of June for renovations which will include adding machines made by Keiser, Nautilus and Atlantis. The weight room will reopen June 30.

the new equipment and feel of the Blatt, I think more faculty and staff will be keen to going there, especially since it gives you more of a personal feel."

Students and other Blatt summer employees are beginning to see less traffic.

Third-year exercise science student Brittany Vallie said the longer the Blatt is being renovated, the fewer people will come to work out.

"I think that the remodeling is a great thing. It is hard for Blatt to compete with Strom due to its age," she said. "With the new equipment, though, I think that

students and staff will become more willing to workout at Blatt, but during these renovations we are seeing fewer and fewer people coming in and out."

Officials will hold a grand opening for the new weight room in the fall.

A similar grand opening will be held for the Strom's new cardio theater, featuring 50 machines with 15-inch LCD screens to allow students to watch DVDs or Gamecock cable or listen to CDs.

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