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Traffic watch

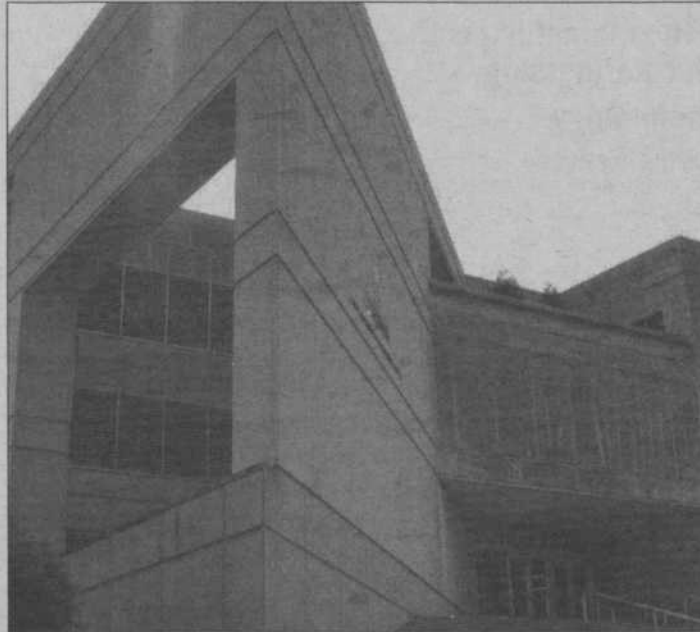
Your guide to navigating Columbia's mean streets

FROM NEWS RELEASES

◆ Read the last rites. The **600-800 BLOCK OF HARDEN STREET** is a traffic coronary waiting to sluggishly kick the bucket. Look for one-lane in and out of the Harden-Devine intersection. God be with Yesterdays.

◆ Even though **GERVAIS STREET TRAFFIC BETWEEN SUMTER AND ASSEMBLY STREETS** is still one way in and out, commuters have gotten used to the changes and traffic has picked up. Don't run the red light; even though it seemingly doesn't serve a purpose, it will help avoid running over a gaggle of politicians.

◆ The **1200 BLOCK OF MAIN STREET** is your Chevy's worst nightmare. All cars stay away. Foot traffic only.



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USC's fuel-cell research center, in Swearingen Engineering Center, will partner with the Korea Institute of Energy Research.

■ FUEL CELL

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underway at each institution and provide additional opportunities for our top scientists to conduct

research that will benefit our nations' energy needs," Choi said in the news release.

Along with additional research comes a reputation-builder for USC.

"This will make Carolina more

globally respected as a university," Pastides said. "I think that even though the partnership is with fuel-cell research, it will be in everybody's interest with the increase of the value of a USC diploma.

"Hopefully we will gain direct exchange programs for both USC and Korean students. With this (Memorandum of Understanding), both institutions will be able to give opportunities to students on either end. Hopefully our neighbors will see what we are doing and begin to see the benefits of working internationally."

USC houses the nation's only fuel-cell research center funded by the prestigious National Science Foundation.

According to the USC news release, the center fosters collaborative research among its industrial partners, who contribute nearly half a million dollars annually.

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■ RESEARCH

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city and county governments to build parking garages for the upcoming project. The total for the first phase is estimated to exceed \$123 million.

Harris Pastides, vice president for research and health sciences, sees the vote as encouragement for the university, not burdensome.

"To go ahead and have enough money for three university buildings as well as three parking decks or garages and the Greg Davis properties, we are talking about a project that is valued at \$150 million," Pastides said. "At any university, that is certainly a great day."

Typically, proposed plans undergo intense scrutiny and occasional significant changes, but the plans for Phase 1 underwent no change.

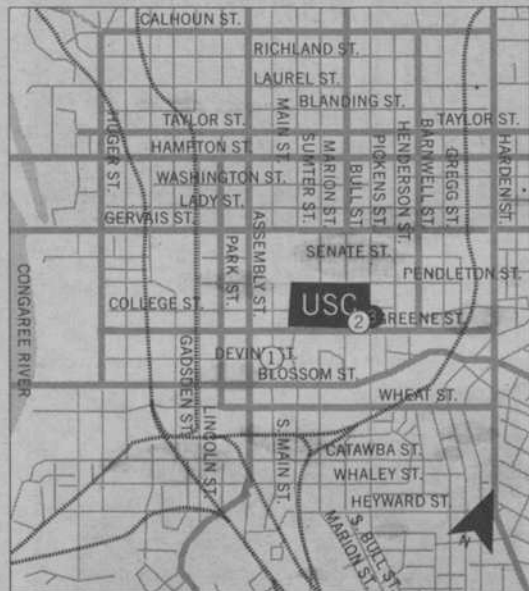
"They gave us 100 percent of what we asked for, they did change the requirements and they did not reduce it," Pastides said. "This is exactly what we needed."

Although the board approved the first phase with a unanimous vote, Pastides said he would have been happy with any endorsement from the board, even if unanimity sends a mission to those scrutinizing the university's plans.

"There was good detail to planning and preparation," Pastides said of the successful vote and vision. "But this also shows that there is recognition on part of state government to know that we are doing is not so much about what we are doing for the university, but what we are doing for the state."

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POLICE REPORT



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These reports are taken directly from the USC Police Department.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

① UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARM

Jones Physical Science Center, 712 Main St.

Reporting officers D. Davis and A. Mitchell responded to a fight where a convicted felon agreed to let the officers search his vehicle. The officers searched the subject's vehicle and discovered a semi-automatic firearm. The subject was arrested and taken off campus for possessing a firearm while on probation.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

② TRESPASSING AFTER NOTICE

Thomas Cooper Library, 1322 Greene St.

Reporting officers K. Adams, R. Baker and U. Mitchell approached a 27-year-old Columbia man as he

was walking down Greene Street and asked him why he went into the library. The man said he went to use the restroom. He was notified of trespassing in November 2004.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

● DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (FIRST DEGREE)

Greene and Pickens streets

A 22-year-old Irmo man was arrested after failing two field sobriety tests.

Officer C. Welch reported that the subject had trouble staying off curbs on Greene Street, as well as standing after exiting his vehicle.

The subject had bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and a smell of alcohol and was arrested with a blood-alcohol level of .13.