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The Honeycombs are part of USC's freshman folklore.

■ TOWERS

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completion of West Quad and the Greek Village.

Luna said Housing is considering whether to use the residence hall for Honors freshmen. Growing enrollment has caused the university to move Honors students from Maxcy College into Capstone House.

Luna said the new housing will focus on first- and second-year students, as he said upperclassman needs have been met.

"As we design new residence halls, we take into consideration who they are for, as well as the university's enrollment objectives," Luna said. "When we started building (South Quad) in 1997, market research indicated that

housing didn't meet the needs of upperclassmen."

Other proposals for the dorm include an integrated group of learning communities, much like Preston Residential College and the Towers' Health & Wellness community. The communities would focus on undergraduate research and studies abroad.

Luna said Housing plans to develop its design partly through student focus groups.

Luna said Housing will have a design ready even if the Board of Trustees decides not to raze the dorms next summer.

Construction would be finished by fall 2008 if the Towers' demolition begins in June, Luna said.

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Briefs

USC fossil research shifts dietary studies

In a study of fossilized teeth from the Pleistocene period in South Carolina, researchers at USC have discovered the diets and habitats of carnivores, a finding that previously had eluded scientists because of the scarcity of fossilized carnivore teeth.

According to a USC news release, research reveals that a variety of animals — saber-toothed cats, wolves, sloths, tapirs, horses and camels resembling llamas and alpacas — roamed an area near Harleyville some 400,000 years ago. Researchers found evidence that jaguars and cheetahs, as well as a variety of smaller animals, lived in the area.

Saber-toothed cats dined on camels, and wolves enjoyed them as well, but the researchers claim the cats also had a taste for whitetail deer, which developed survival skills that allowed the species to thrive and ultimately roam freely in modern South Carolina.

"Paleontologists are interested in how different animals evolved

and what drove them in those directions," said Matthew J. Kohn, a USC geology researcher and lead author in the news release. "This helps us understand why some things are extinct, and others aren't."

Kohn conducted the research with James L. Knight, director of collections for the S.C. State Museum and a doctoral degree student in USC's geology department, and Moriah McKay, a marine science student who conducted the research for an independent study class.

Their research findings are published in the August issue of *GEOLOGY*, published by the Geological Society of America and considered one of the world's most widely read and cited geoscience research journals.

Fitness guru to speak at commencement

Kenneth Cooper, the "father of aerobics" and proponent of disease prevention through exercise, will speak at USC's commencement exercises Saturday, Aug. 6, at 10:30 a.m. in the Colonial Center.

According to a USC News release, Cooper will receive an honorary doctoral degree in science while state Sen. Kay Patterson, an advocate for public

education and health care as well as self-described champion for the disadvantaged, will receive an honorary doctoral degree in public service.

Commencement for doctoral candidates will be at 8:30 a.m. at the Koger Center.

Robert J. Feller, marine science professor and director of USC's Center for Science Education, will speak at that ceremony.

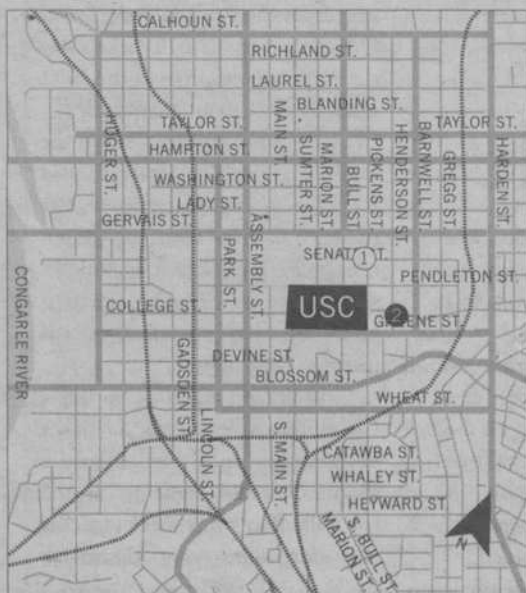
USC expects to award more than 1,024 degrees from the Columbia campus, including 521 bachelor's degrees, two pharmacy degrees, 11 graduate certificates, 397 master's degrees, five specialist's degrees, 84 doctoral degrees, two medical degrees and two law degrees.

Cooper was an Air Force physician when he published his first best-seller, "Aerobics," in 1968.

The release said he introduced a new word and concept to America and started a fitness revolution that would sweep the country and ultimately the world. In 1970, Cooper resigned from the Air Force and embarked on a study of the relationship between exercise, health and longevity.

Cooper is also the author of 18 books and has lectured in 50 countries.

POLICE REPORT



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Each number on the map stands for a crime corresponding with numbered descriptions in the list below.

DAY CRIMES
(6 a.m.-6 p.m.)

□ Violent
○ Nonviolent

NIGHT CRIMES
(6 p.m.-6 a.m.)

■ Violent
● Nonviolent

CRIMES AT UNKNOWN HOURS

■ Violent
● Nonviolent

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

① LARCENY OF VEHICLE TAG

Senate Street garage, 1600 Senate St.

The victim said someone removed the South Carolina license tag from her 1997 Ford Taurus and fled the scene.

Reporting officer: R. Millhouse.

THURSDAY, JULY 28

② ASSISTANCE RENDERED

Lot B-6, Gambrell loading area

A 30-year-old Columbia man was found sleeping on the sidewalk, partially in the parking lot. When officers arrived, his breath smelled strongly of alcohol, and he was transported to Palmetto Health Baptist Hospital.

■ TICKETS

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"We normally allot about 10,000 for the student body, and that will remain the same even with the ticket sale increase," Wilson said.

Grant was unable to comment.

"One of the best things about USC is the football season, and with things like Steve Spurrier being here and the obvious excitement from the community and campus just makes it even more exciting," said Vanessa Johnson, a second-year education student. "I am glad that they will still be giving the same number of student seats. I just hope that they soon begin giving away more."

A Gamecock Club official said some members will also be

affected by the ticket sale increase, as they will have to choose between two packages: a six-game package including home games except Clemson, or a four-game package including home games except Alabama, Florida and Clemson.

"I am thrilled that more people, especially parents, are becoming a part of the Gamecock Club," said Preston Grisham, vice president of events for the Student Gamecock Club and a fifth-year political science student. "It gives the Gamecock and Student Gamecock clubs a great name and allows more people to be involved in Gamecock news, events and exclusives."

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