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fraternity," Hutcherson said.

The colony would grow in strength by effective recruiting and proper training on operating as a fully functioning fraternity.

"Pike will be supported through on-site counseling, leadership training workshops, and alumni support and advisory, so they will be able to sustain a successful fraternity," Olsen said.

Pike will remain a colony for at least one year. If they recruit successfully and establish themselves, they will receive their charter, which includes the privilege of looking into housing options.

One of the essential parts of counseling the would-be fraternity will come from the fraternity's strong alumni base at USC.

"Alumni bring consistency, support and much-needed advice for the colony," Olsen said. "Without alumni, the new guys would have nothing to fall back on. With them, they have a history."

Fraternity Council President Justin Runager, a second-year business student, said Monday the council is concerned about how the fraternity's return to campus would affect the recruitment quotas of other fraternities; Greeks make up less than 20 percent of students.

Olsen, however, said

more fraternities would produce more interested students rather than increase competition for a limited few.

"With an extra fraternity present during recruitment come additional people who are interesting in rushing and eventually pledging. There would be a considerable increase in interest, benefiting all fraternities on campus looking to recruit."

Hutcherson agreed. "A new fraternity brings positive public relations to the entire greek community. We are not seeking to be their competitor, but rather, their partner."

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Services' general manager, said Thursday was chosen because it coincides with most college nights at clubs and bars, when students are more likely to be out late.

"We're trying to see if it works on college night, and if it does, we'll be looking to expand the program next semester," Scheffres said.

Spivey said he approached Helen Zeigler, USC's business affairs director, about a late-night dining area around two weeks ago.

Scheffres said an assessment of the cost of keeping the GMP open later was not yet available but said that extra security and personnel were obvious.

"This is a great time of the year for us to try and do

different things so we can make better plans for next year," Scheffres said.

Students should enter the GMP from the lower-level doors, which will be unlocked.

The rest of the Russell House will be closed after midnight.

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