

CAROLINA

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH CAROLINA**

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For more than two centuries, the University of South Carolina has contributed to the greater good of society, improving the lives of individuals in the state and across the world.

- South Carolina's international master's of business program is ranked No. 1 among all public universities in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. The undergraduate program in international business also is ranked No. 1. The Moore School of Business is ranked among the top 50 collegiate entrepreneurship programs in the nation by *Entrepreneur* magazine.

- University programs ranked in the top 10 nationally include the Arnold School of Public Health's Ph.D. programs in exercise science and health education, and the School of Library and Information Sciences' graduate programs in library media and health information (according to *U.S. News & World Report's* 2006 rankings). University programs in marine biology and biological oceanography, physical oceanography, clinical psychology, and nuclear engineering were ranked in the top 10 in the most recent Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index. The School of Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management is ranked in the top 10 nationally, and its International Tourism Research Institute advises clients globally — from Macau and Shanghai, China, to Columbia — helping to develop tourism that creates economic opportunity, improving quality of life around the world.

- Carolina has the highest percentage of African-American student enrollment of any state flagship university nationally, according to the *Journal of Blacks in Higher Education*.

- University of South Carolina students have won more than 313 national scholarship and fellowship awards since 1994, earning more than \$9 million for advanced study. Included are Marshall, Rhodes, Truman, National Science Foundation, Fulbright, Goldwater, Madison, Cooke, and Javits Scholars, among others.

The Wall Street Journal has featured the University of South Carolina as one of eight flagship universities across the nation that are enjoying rising academic success.



The University of South Carolina and its alumni annually contribute \$4 billion in total economic output to the state's economy. Carolina has 40,000 students on eight campuses, more than 350 degree programs, and more than 236,000 graduates.



- The University of South Carolina has the highest research designation awarded by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching for all public and private universities in the nation. The only university in the state to be designated for "very high research activity," South Carolina is among a select list of 95 research institutions that includes Harvard, Duke, Johns Hopkins, Emory, and UNC-Chapel Hill. The University's Office of Undergraduate Research provides opportunities for student participation in research and scholarly projects in every academic discipline.

- The National Wildlife Federation gave the University a Green Star Award for being a leader in environmentally sustainable campus development. Especially noted were Carolina's recycling efforts and its grounds management programs. West Quad, a new "green dorm" designed to conserve energy and water, earned the prestigious Silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council for its construction standards and environmental efficiencies. West Quad Living and Learning Center is the largest "green" (environmentally sustainable) student residential complex in the world.

- The University's award-winning 192,000-square-foot Wellness and Fitness Center, opened in 2003, features an eight-lane indoor pool, aerobics rooms, volleyball and basketball courts, a climbing wall, and an auxiliary gym and auditorium. An outdoor pool and sand volleyball courts face the University's Greek Village, which houses about 19 fraternity and sorority organizations.

- SAT scores of incoming freshmen at South Carolina have risen several years in a row, going against the national trend. In 2006, the average freshman SAT score was a record 1171; Honors College freshmen averaged 1398. Impressive SAT averages were also recorded by recipients of the University's top scholarship awards, including Capstone Scholars, 1304; Alumni Scholars, 1389; Carolina Scholars, 1449; and McNair Scholars, 1477.

- South Carolina has the nation's only National Science Foundation Research Center for Fuel Cells and is also home to the Center for Hydrogen Fuel Cells, one of the University's nine research centers for economic excellence, which has received \$16 million in funds.

INNOVISTA: LIVE, WORK, LEARN, PLAY

The University's research initiatives — in biomedical and health sciences, Future Fuels™, the environment, and nanoscience and technology, as well as others — will be focused in a unique new intellectual ecosystem known as Innovista. The 500-acre research campus adjacent to the academic campus is an exemplary public-private partnership among the University, local and state governments, and private corporations and will be a powerful catalyst for creating jobs, raising income, and transforming the economic and social dynamics of Columbia, the state, and the region. Innovista represents a \$250-million investment in economic and educational excellence.

The first private sector buildings in the innovation district are scheduled for completion in 2007 and will focus on fostering science and creative research as well as promoting fitness, health, and environmental initiatives. By creating space for residences, retail, restaurants, and recreation that will complement the research, Innovista will be a place to live, work, learn, and play. The newly completed \$22 million Arnold School of Public Health Research Center in the Innovista district houses some of the University's top researchers focused on addressing some of the region's and nation's most pressing health problems.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

University 101 — a freshman seminar that introduces students to the Carolina campus and emphasizes time management, communication, and critical thinking — was an "academic program to look for" in the *U.S. News & World Report* America's Best Colleges 2007 guide. *U.S. News* also recognized the senior capstone experience, which brings the various elements of a South Carolina education together in a final project, thesis, or work of art.

Carolina is in the midst of hiring 600 new professors during the next six years with two faculty recruiting programs and the annual replacement of faculty members retiring from service. This major investment in intellectual capital is aimed at further improving the University's teaching and research strengths.

Student applications to the University have hit record highs in the past several years, making the competition keen for admission. At the same time, Carolina has established a Student Success Center that provides free tutoring and supplemental instruction for difficult freshman- and sophomore-level courses. In its first year of operation, the center has data showing that students who avail themselves of these resources achieve higher grades — a significant step toward retention and timely completion of degrees.

DEGREE PROGRAMS

ARTS AND SCIENCES

African American Studies
 Anthropology
 Art Education
 Art History
 Art Studio
 Biological Sciences
 Cardiovascular Technology
 Chemistry
 Classics
 Comparative Literature
 Creative Writing
 Criminology and Criminal Justice
 Dance
 Earth and Environmental Resources
 Management
 Economics
 English
 European Studies
 Film Studies
 Foreign Languages
 French
 Geography
 Geology
 Geophysics
 German
 History
 Industrial Statistics
 Interdisciplinary Studies
 International Studies
 Italian
 Latin American Studies
 Linguistics
 Media Arts
 Marine Science
 Mathematics
 Philosophy
 Physics
 Political Science
 Professional Science
 Psychology, Clinical-Community
 Psychology, Experimental
 Psychology, School
 Public Administration
 Public History
 Religious Studies
 Russian
 Sociology
 Spanish
 Statistics
 Theatre
 Women's Studies

BUSINESS

Accounting
 Business Administration
 Business Economics
 Economics
 Finance
 Human Resources
 Insurance and Risk Management
 International Business
 Management
 Management Science
 Marketing
 Real Estate

EDUCATION

Community and Adult Programs
 Counselor Education
 Curriculum and Instruction
 Early Childhood Education
 Education Administration
 Educational Psychology and Research
 Educational Research
 Educational Technology
 Elementary Education
 Foundations of Education
 Health Education Administration
 Higher Education and Student Affairs
 Language and Literacy
 Middle Level Education
 Natural Sciences
 Physical Education
 Secondary Education
 Special Education
 Social Studies
 Teaching

ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING

Biomedical Engineering
 Chemical Engineering
 Civil and Environmental Engineering
 Computer Engineering
 Computer Information Systems
 Computer Science
 Computer Science and Engineering
 Computer Software Engineering
 Electrical Engineering
 Mechanical Engineering
 Nuclear Engineering

HOSPITALITY, RETAIL, AND SPORT MANAGEMENT

Business and Technology Education
 Interdisciplinary Studies
 International Hospitality and Tourism
 Management
 Retailing
 Sport and Entertainment Management
 Technology Support and Training
 Management

LAW

Mass Communications and Information
 Studies
 Journalism and Mass Communications
 Advertising
 Broadcast Journalism
 Journalism (Print)
 Library and Information Science
 Mass Communication
 Public Relations
 Visual Communications

MEDICINE

Biomedical Science
 Genetic Counseling
 Nurse Anesthesia
 Rehabilitation Counseling

MUSIC

Composition
 Conducting
 Education
 History
 Jazz Studies
 Opera Theatre
 Performance
 Piano Pedagogy
 Theory

NURSING

Nursing Administration
 Clinical Nursing
 Community Mental Health and Psychology
 Health Nursing
 Nursing Science

PHARMACY

Pharmaceutical Sciences

PUBLIC HEALTH

Biostatistics
 Communication Sciences and Disorders
 Environmental Health sciences
 Epidemiology
 Exercise Science
 Health Education
 Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior
 Public Health Administration
 Physical Activity and Public Health
 Physical Therapy
 Speech Communication
 Speech Pathology

SOCIAL WORK

SOUTH CAROLINA HONORS COLLEGE
 Baccalaureus Artium et Scientiarum

COLUMBIA

SOUTH CAROLINA

Located in the heart of South Carolina, Columbia combines the graces of a rich past with the vibrance of the emerging Southeast. The city serves as center for education and government as the state capital and offers something for everyone.

- Columbia's Population: 116,298
- Metro Area Population: 664,229
(Source: Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau – columbiacvb.com)
- Columbia is the largest city in the state of South Carolina, which provides South Carolina student-athletes with an array of opportunities for internships and networking while in college.
- Entrepreneur.com listed Columbia eighth of 63 mid-sized "Hot Cities for Entrepreneurs."
- In addition, *Expansion Management* magazine ranked Columbia among its "50 Hottest Cities for 2007."
- In June of 2006, Richland County, which encompasses the majority of Columbia, was one of 10 cities to earn an All-America City award from the National Civic League.
- In 2007, *Forbes* magazine listed Columbia No. 35 of 200 "Best Places for Business" and No. 50 of 100 "Best Cities for Jobs."
- The area is often cited for its high quality of life offerings, with its many cultural amenities, parks, and recreational features. The city is at the confluence of two major rivers, which makes it one of the best destinations in the country for kayak and canoe enthusiasts.

COLUMBIA CLIMATE

(Average Monthly Temperatures from National Weather Service)

| Month | High | Low |
|-----------|------|-----|
| January | 55 | 32 |
| February | 59 | 34 |
| March | 68 | 42 |
| April | 77 | 49 |
| May | 84 | 58 |
| June | 89 | 66 |
| July | 92 | 70 |
| August | 90 | 69 |
| September | 85 | 63 |
| October | 76 | 50 |
| November | 68 | 42 |
| December | 59 | 35 |

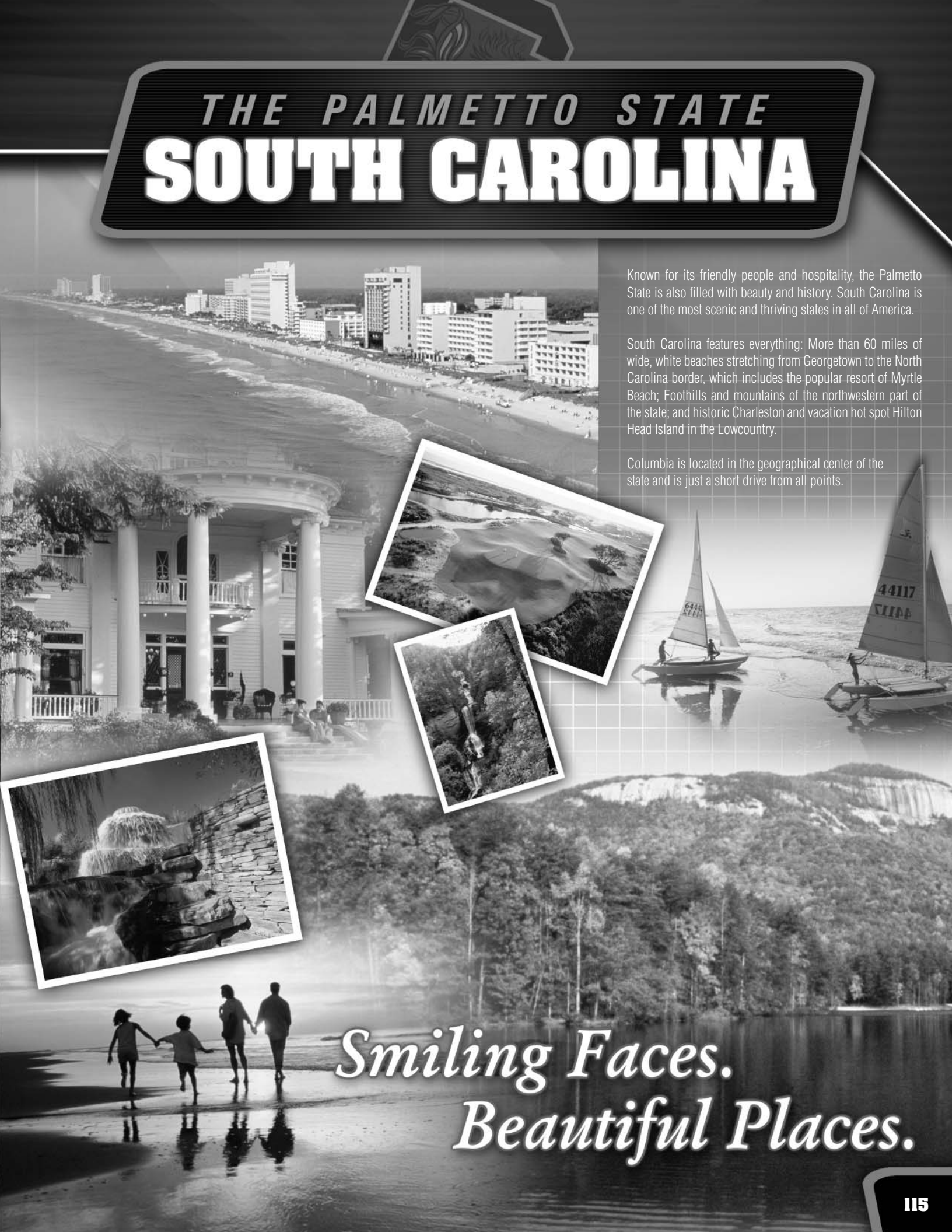


THE PALMETTO STATE SOUTH CAROLINA

Known for its friendly people and hospitality, the Palmetto State is also filled with beauty and history. South Carolina is one of the most scenic and thriving states in all of America.

South Carolina features everything: More than 60 miles of wide, white beaches stretching from Georgetown to the North Carolina border, which includes the popular resort of Myrtle Beach; Foothills and mountains of the northwestern part of the state; and historic Charleston and vacation hot spot Hilton Head Island in the Lowcountry.

Columbia is located in the geographical center of the state and is just a short drive from all points.



*Smiling Faces.
Beautiful Places.*

DR. ANDREW SORENSEN

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA PRESIDENT

Andrew A. Sorensen became the University of South Carolina's 27th president in July 2002 after serving as president of the University of Alabama, provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of Florida, executive director of the AIDS Institute at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, and director of the School of Public Health at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He has also been a visiting faculty member at the Harvard University School of Medicine and the University of Cambridge School of Medicine.



Dr. Sorensen has been an outspoken advocate for health and wellness, endorsing a new initiative called Healthy Carolina that includes a campus-wide no-smoking policy. In a broader scope, he helped bring together the state's six Historically Black Colleges and Universities to combine forces with South Carolina in research efforts to reduce health disparities in the state.

Dr. Sorensen has built a solid reputation as a strong and energetic leader, fostering more open and frequent communication between Carolina and the community, particularly with the City of Columbia where the University's main campus resides. Columbia's mayor and several City Council members point to Dr. Sorensen's sincere dialogue and ongoing cooperation as examples of his can-do style of leadership. His collegiality and astute leadership skills were cited often when the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce named him the 2005 Ambassador of the Year. As one prominent Columbia business leader put it: "He does the right things for the right reasons."

President Sorensen has supported many student-oriented initiatives, including establishment of the Office of Undergraduate Research to offer all students the opportunity to participate in research-based learning. He also supported the establishment of South Carolina's Arts Institute, which sponsors interdisciplinary performance projects in music, dance, theatre, language, and beyond.

One of Dr. Sorensen's most important initiatives is Innovista, a \$250-million research and innovation district that will expand the campus and provide an economic engine for Columbia and the state. True to President Sorensen's collaborative style, the project involves a partnership with the City of Columbia, Richland County, and private enterprise. He has made sure that the University's central role in this endeavor is to contribute the scientific talent and to create the research environment that will enable tomorrow's businesses to thrive in our city.



Dr. Sorensen has written or edited seven books and more than 100 articles. He is a professor of epidemiology and biostatistics in the University's Arnold School of Public Health. He holds a bachelor's degree in ethics and master's and doctoral degrees in medical sociology from Yale University. He also earned a BA in history from the University of Illinois and a master's of public health degree from the University of Michigan.

He is president of the Southeastern Conference, secretary-treasurer and past president of the Southern University Conference, past chair of the Southern Universities Research Association Council of Presidents, and a trustee of the Universities Research Association. He served on the Bush transition team Educational Advisory Committee (2000-01), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Council on Public Health Preparedness Bioterrorism (2002-05), and now serves on the National Board of Public Health Examiners and the National Institutes of Health National Science Advisory Board on Biosecurity.

DR. BILL BEARDEN

Faculty Athletics Representative



William O. Bearden is in his second year as the University of South Carolina's faculty athletics representative. Bearden is the Bank of America Chaired Professor of Marketing in USC's Moore School of Business.

As faculty athletics representative, Bearden's duties include advising University President Andrew Sorensen on matters related to the athletics program and working with Dr. Sorensen to determine the school's position on NCAA legislation. Bearden will also review the eligibility, admission and progress of student-athletes. He also assists in evaluating compliance with NCAA regulations and attends SEC and NCAA meetings, serving as the university's voting delegate at the NCAA's annual meeting and participates in the organization's certification program.

Bearden received his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina in 1975. Before returning to South Carolina, he served on the faculties of Western Kentucky University and the University of Alabama from 1976 to 1978.



ERIC HYMAN

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

Former National Athletics Director of the Year Eric Hyman is in his third year as the director of athletics at the University of South Carolina. Regarded as an architect of championship programs, an advocate for academic success and a skilled administrator, Hyman officially began his duties at South Carolina on July 1, 2005.

Under Hyman's leadership, the South Carolina Athletics Department completed another successful campaign both on and off the field in 2006-07. South Carolina was the only school in the Southeastern Conference and one of only five schools in the country to send both its baseball and softball teams to the Super Regionals. The Gamecocks won a Liberty Bowl championship in football and had nationally-ranked teams in baseball, softball, men's soccer, indoor men's track & field and indoor & outdoor women's track & field. The Gamecocks also reached the postseason in women's basketball, men's and women's golf, men's outdoor track & field, women's tennis and men's and women's swimming & diving, and captured a national championship in equestrian. Off the field, South Carolina student-athletes combined to surpass the 3.0 grade point average plateau for the first time in department history.

In addition, Hyman unveiled a \$200 million master plan of facilities and embarked on the school's first athletics capital campaign. The early phases of the master plan include the erection of a state-of-the-art baseball stadium (the fourth baseball construction project in his career), an academic enrichment center, an athletics training room and the enclosure of the north end zone at Williams-Brice Stadium.

During the 2005-06 academic year, South Carolina was one of only 11 schools in the country and the only school in the SEC to have its football team participate in a bowl game, have both its men's and women's basketball programs compete in postseason tournaments and have its baseball squad reach regional play. In addition, the women's outdoor track & field team finished third in the country while crowning a pair of individual national champions and the equestrian hunt seat squad claimed a national title. Men's soccer earned a conference title while both men's and women's golf and tennis teams advanced to postseason action.

Hyman came to South Carolina from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, where he served as the athletics director for over seven years. He was named the 2003-04 *Street and Smith's Business Journal* National Athletics Director of the Year and was also selected as the Division I-A West Regional Athletics Director of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA).

Under his leadership, TCU teams recorded 32 conference titles and consistently posted a graduation percentage rate higher than that of the overall student body. Hyman was instrumental in orchestrating TCU's invitation to join Conference USA in July 2001 and spearheaded the effort for the Horned Frogs to join the Mountain West Conference in July 2005, moving the program from its affiliation with the Western Athletic Conference when Hyman arrived in December 1997.

During Hyman's tenure, the TCU football team went to six bowl games in seven seasons, boasted a Heisman Trophy candidate in LaDainian Tomlinson and was ranked as high as sixth in the BCS polls; the women's basketball team went to five straight NCAA Tournaments; the baseball team earned back-to-back regional appearances for the first time in school history; and the



men's indoor & outdoor track & field and men's tennis teams finished seasons ranked among the top five in the nation. In the 2000-01 school year, TCU teams turned in the best athletics record in school history, registering eight WAC championships and fielding seven nationally-ranked teams. TCU was one of only four schools that season to record 10 victories in football and 20 wins in both men's and women's basketball, while setting a school record for football season tickets sold.

He helped raise over \$30 million in facility improvements and directed a three-phase building plan that included the construction of a soccer stadium, a track complex and football practice fields during the first phase, renovations to the coliseum and the construction of an athletics center housing the football offices and meeting rooms, an academic center, athletic administration offices and an athletics heritage area in the second phase, and the construction of a baseball stadium, basketball practice complex, tennis offices and locker room building, an all-weather football practice field and a volleyball gymnasium in the final phase.

Prior to his stint in Fort Worth, Hyman was the athletics director at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. During his tenure, Miami had the fifth-highest student-athlete graduation rate among all NCAA Division I schools in the country. His last two years at Miami brought home 10 conference championships. Hyman also served as athletics director at VMI in Lexington, Va., in the 1980s.

No stranger to the Carolinas, Hyman coached football for nine years under Art Baker and Dick Sheridan, and was an associate athletics director for two years at Furman University, where he earned a master's degree in educational administration (1975). He and his wife, Pauline, coached the women's basketball team at North Greenville University in Tigerville, S.C., leading the team to national rankings in the '70s.

Hyman played football at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was an All-ACC football player, on the Dean's List and selected for the Hula Bowl. He also served as the executive associate athletics director at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C., in the early 1990s.

His wife, Pauline, is a native of North Carolina and also graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prior to her arrival at UNC, she played and later coached women's college basketball, taught sociology and psychology, and served as a college administrator. Pauline developed and taught the NCAA CHAMPS Life Skills course and various seminars for student-athletes at both Miami University and TCU. Since coming to South Carolina, she has taught the Etiquette Seminar in the Gamecocks' CHAMPS Life Skills course and assists with other seminars in preparing the student-athletes for their futures, such as the Dress for Success and Networking and Interviewing seminars.

The Hymans have two adult children: Ryan, who graduated from TCU in 2001 and Corrine, a 2004 graduate of TCU. Ryan works for Roach, Howard, Smith and Barton Insurance Company in Fort Worth and Corrine is a realtor with Williams Trew Real Estate in Fort Worth.



TOTAL ATHLETICS PROGRAM

BASEBALL

The South Carolina baseball team is one of only two schools in the nation to have reached the NCAA Super Regionals in seven of the last eight seasons. Carolina has made eight straight NCAA Regional appearances, the longest current streak among SEC schools, and put together eight 40-plus win seasons as well.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

After winning two straight NIT postseason titles, South Carolina saw senior captain Tre' Kelley pick up first-team All-SEC honors, Brandon Wallace was tabbed All-SEC honorable mention and Dominique Archie was named to the SEC All-Freshmen Team in 2006-07. In addition, Kelley was named the Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award winner — given to the top player nationally who is 6 feet and under — and he was a finalist for the Chip Hilton Award.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Gamecock women's basketball team has advanced to the postseason in four of the last six years and recently brought in its third top-20 recruiting class in the last five years. Carolina led the SEC by placing 10 of its student-athletes on the 2007 SEC Winter Sports Academic Honor Roll.

EQUESTRIAN

Coach Boo Duncan's South Carolina equestrian team has won two of the last three Varsity Equestrian National Championships, bringing titles to Columbia in 2005 and 2007. The Hunt Seat team posted a perfect 15-0 mark while the Western Team went 3-1 at the national championships to win the Reserve Championship in 2007.

FOOTBALL

The Gamecocks finished the 2006 season with three consecutive wins for the first time since 1973, including a victory over Conference USA champion Houston in the Liberty Bowl. The Gamecocks have had a player selected in either the first or second round of the NFL Draft in each of the last four and in six of the past eight years.

MEN'S GOLF

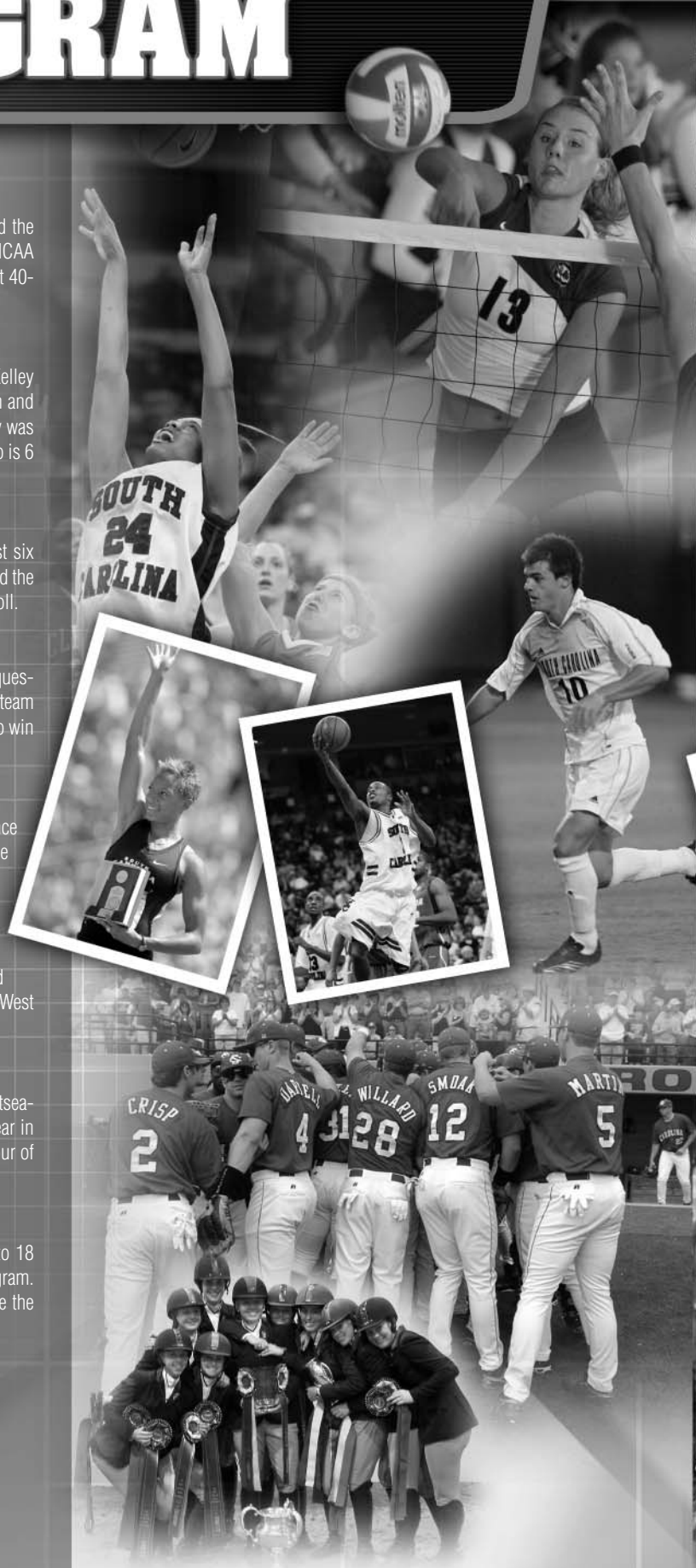
The South Carolina men's golf team has competed in 18 straight NCAA Championships and advanced to the finals 15 times. The Gamecocks shot 44 strokes under par to win the NCAA West Regional in 2007 and went on to tie for 11th at the NCAA finals.

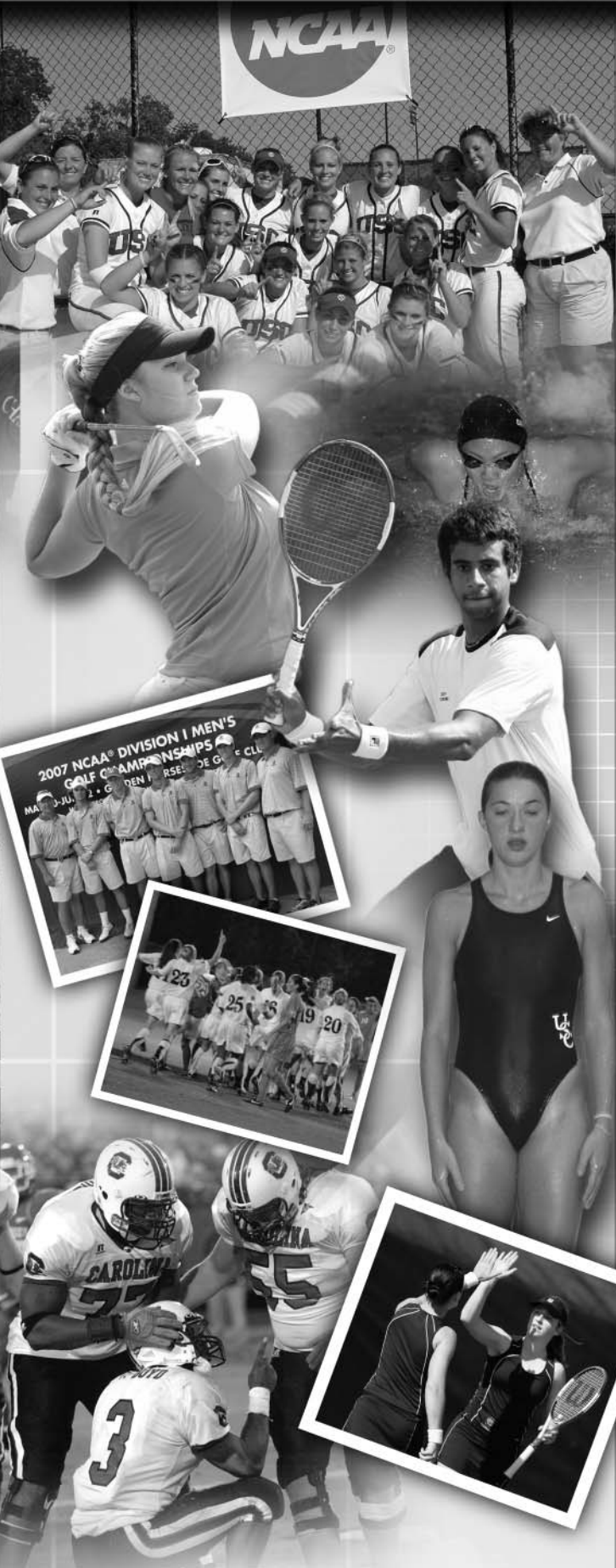
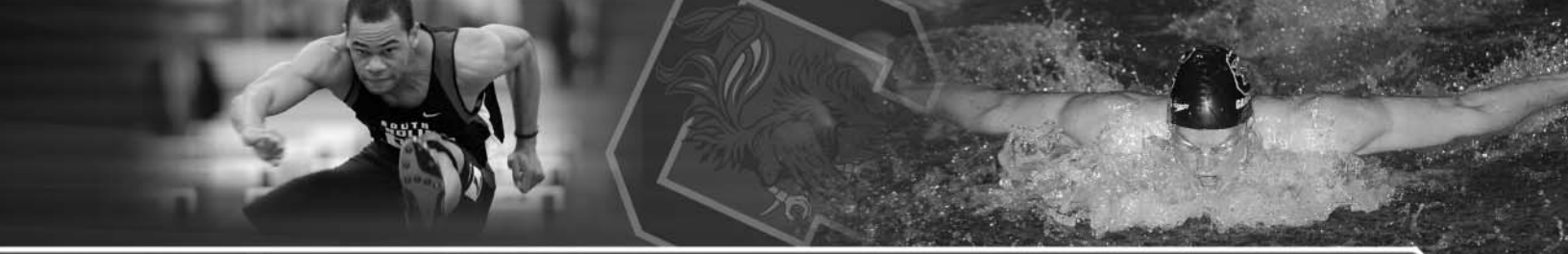
WOMEN'S GOLF

Under head coach Kristi Coggins, the Gamecock women's golf team has advanced to the postseason each of the last nine years and was recognized as the NGCA All-Scholar Team of the Year in 2005 and 2006. The Gamecocks have finished in the top four at the SEC Championship in four of the last seven years.

MEN'S SOCCER

Under the direction of head coach Mark Berson, the men's soccer program has advanced to 18 NCAA Tournaments, including two trips to the Final Four, in the 29-year history of the program. The Gamecocks won the 2005 Conference USA Championship and in 2006, Berson became the 11th Division I coach to reach the 400 victory milestone.





WOMEN'S SOCCER

South Carolina's women's soccer finished the 2006 season 11-6-5 overall including a 5-2-4 mark in the SEC. The five conference wins were the second-highest tally in school history. For the first time, the Gamecocks went undefeated at home with an 8-0-3 mark at Stone Stadium and also advanced to the semifinals of the SEC Tournament.

MEN'S TENNIS

South Carolina head coach Kent DeMars, who was selected as the 1989 National Coach of the Year, has guided his men's tennis program to 17 NCAA Tournaments, including a stretch of 13 straight trips from 1993 to 2006.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Gamecock women's tennis team extended its streak of consecutive NCAA appearances to 13 in 2007, the 11th-longest active streak in the nation. South Carolina recorded an 8-3 record in the Southeastern Conference for its second-most league victories since first competing in the conference in 1992. Gira Schofield, Natasa Vuckovic and Ana Marija Zubori were All-SEC selections.

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

The men's track and field team finished tied for 25th indoors behind the All-America performance of Thomas Hilliard in the 60m hurdles. The 4x400-meter relay team placed third at the national indoor meet as well. At the NCAA Outdoor Championships, Hilliard captured All-America honors in the 110m hurdles and the 400m hurdles after winning the NCAA East Regional title in the 110mH. The men's 4x400m relay also captured All-America honors. South Carolina tied a program-high with its third-place finish at the NCAA East Regional meet.

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

South Carolina's women's track and field team finished 10th indoors, marking the program's seventh straight top-10 finish. Natasha Hastings set the collegiate record in capturing the 400m title indoors and was the anchor leg of the Gamecocks' NCAA champion 4x400m relay. Outdoors, Hastings won the 200m and 400m NCAA East Region titles and led the women to the victory stand in the 4x400m relay as well. The Gamecock women finished 12th overall at the NCAA Championships, and Hastings collected the 400m NCAA title. Hastings was named the SEC Co-Scholar-Athlete of the Year and was a finalist for the Honda Award.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

In 2007, the South Carolina swimming and diving team earned eight top-eight finishes and set five school records at the SEC Championships. Seven swimmers advanced to the NCAA Championships with the men's 800-free relay team of Kyle Cormier, Dan White, Dominique Lendjel and Colby Mack earning honorable mention All-America honors.

SOFTBALL

In 2007, the South Carolina softball team won an NCAA Regional in Columbia and advanced to the Super Regional for the first time in school history. Senior McKenna Hughes also set the school record home runs in 2007. Under hall-of-fame head coach Joyce Compton, who has won more than 1,000 career games, the Gamecocks have competed in 13 NCAA Tournaments and two Women's College World Series.

VOLLEYBALL

In 2006, South Carolina's Shonda Cole finished third in the nation in kills per game and broke the school's single-season record for kills that stood for over 20 years. She was a first-team All-SEC selection, AVCA All-South Region Team member and an honorable mention AVCA All-American.

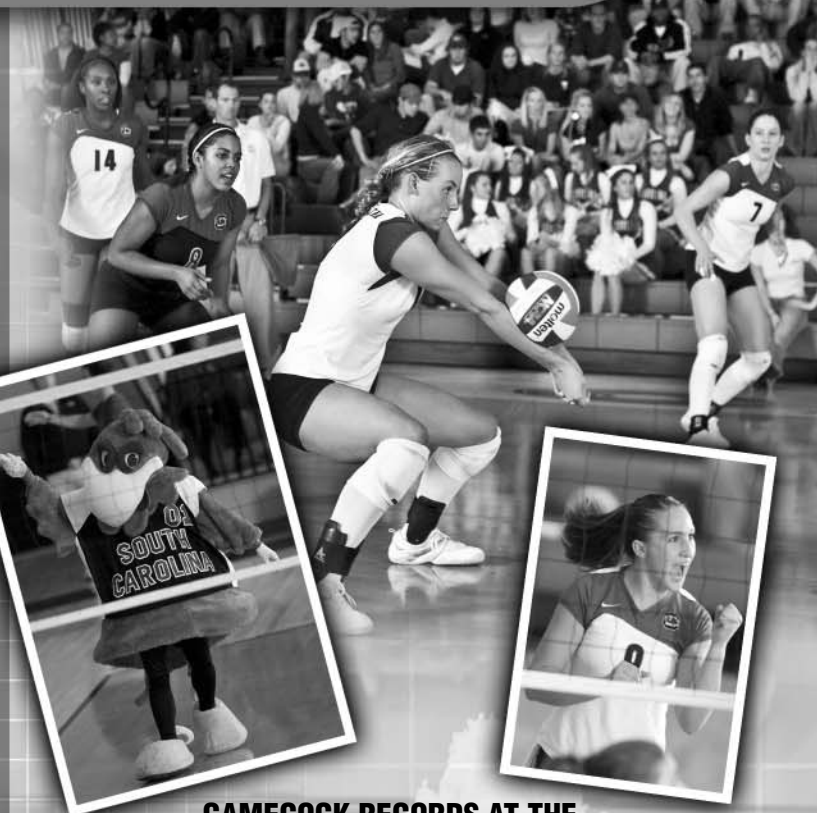
GAMECOCK VOLLEYBALL FACILITIES

The Gamecock volleyball program moved into a new facility in January 1996. Completed at a cost of \$4.6 million, the Volleyball Competition Facility also serves as a practice venue for both the men's and women's basketball programs.

In addition to the 2,000-seat gymnasium, the facility includes offices for the volleyball and basketball staffs. The volleyball team's athletic training and weight rooms are located in the Carolina Coliseum, which is adjacent to the Volleyball Competition Facility and connected via an underground tunnel. The Gamecocks' locker rooms reside in the Coliseum, as do those for opponents as well.

Since first competing at the VCF in 1996, the Gamecocks have won nearly 70 percent of their matches with a 97-42 (.698) record. South Carolina is nearly as impressive in SEC contests, boasting a 67.5 winning percentage thanks to a 54-30 slate.

The largest crowd to witness a match at the facility is the 1,793 who saw the Gamecocks drop a heartbreaking 3-2 decision to Florida on Sept. 21, 2001. South Carolina eclipsed the attendance figure a few years later when 1,965 patrons were on hand for the 2004 Clemson match, but it was played in the Colonial Center.



GAMECOCKS AT THE VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION FACILITY

| YEAR | SEC | | | OVERALL | | | TOP CROWD (OPP) |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------------------|
| | W | L | PCT | W | L | PCT | |
| 1996 | 5 | 1 | .833 | 11 | 3 | .786 | 1,284 (Clemson) |
| 1997 | 6 | 2 | .750 | 9 | 3 | .750 | 1,203 (Florida) |
| 1998 | 5 | 3 | .625 | 12 | 3 | .800 | 1,380 (Clemson) |
| 1999 | 5 | 1 | .833 | 7 | 2 | .778 | 894 (Florida) |
| 2000 | 5 | 1 | .833 | 15 | 2 | .882 | 1,582 (Florida) |
| 2001 | 6 | 2 | .750 | 9 | 2 | .818 | 1,793 (Florida) |
| 2002 | 7 | 1 | .875 | 12 | 1 | .923 | 1,276 (Florida) |
| 2003 | 3 | 5 | .375 | 5 | 7 | .417 | 1,024 (Florida) |
| 2004 | 2 | 6 | .250 | 5 | 7 | .417 | 787 (Florida) |
| 2005 | 4 | 4 | .500 | 6 | 4 | .600 | 793 (Alabama) |
| 2006 | 6 | 4 | .600 | 6 | 8 | .600 | 881 (Southern Calif.) |
| TOTAL | 54 | 30 | .675 | 97 | 42 | .698 | |

TOP-10 HOME CROWDS

| RANK | CROWD | OPPONENT (DATE) | SCORE | W/L |
|------|-------|--------------------------|-------|-----|
| 1. | 1,793 | Florida (9/21/2001) | 2-3 | L |
| 2. | 1,582 | Florida (11/18/2000) | 0-3 | L |
| 3. | 1,380 | Clemson (9/16/1998) | 3-0 | W |
| 4. | 1,290 | Florida (10/2/1998) | 1-3 | L |
| 5. | 1,284 | Clemson (9/18/1996) | 3-0 | W |
| 6. | 1,278 | Georgia (11/10/2000) | 3-0 | W |
| 7. | 1,276 | Florida (10/27/2002) | 0-3 | L |
| 8. | 1,246 | Clemson (9/10/2002) | 3-2 | W |
| 9. | 1,207 | Mississippi (11/22/1996) | 3-0 | W |
| 10. | 1,203 | Florida (10/31/1997) | 1-3 | L |

Note: In 2004, South Carolina hosted Clemson in front of 1,965 fans, however, the match was played at the Colonial Center.

GAMECOCK RECORDS AT THE VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION FACILITY (Team First, Individual Second)

| | Player | Opponent | Date |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|
| Kills | | | |
| 86 | | Arkansas | 11/23/1996 |
| 36 | Shonda Cole | Auburn | 9/15/2006 |
| Attacks | | | |
| 225 | | Arkansas | 11/23/1996 |
| 73 | Shonda Cole | Tennessee | 11/12/2006 |
| Hitting Pct. | | | |
| .561 | | Liberty | 9/1/2000 |
| .615 | Berna Dwyer | Georgia | 11/10/2000 |
| Assists | | | |
| 76 | | Florida | 9/17/2006 |
| 70 | Ashley Edlund | Alabama | 10/6/1996 |
| Aces | | | |
| 16, 5x | | Alabama, last | 9/29/2002 |
| 8, 2x | Megan Hosp, last | Creighton | 9/7/2002 |
| Digs | | | |
| 98, 2x | | Auburn, last | 10/4/1996 |
| 31 | Fernanda Laires | Kentucky | 10/24/1997 |
| Block Solos | | | |
| 12 | | Illinois-Chicago | 9/7/1996 |
| 4 | Heather Larkin | Arkansas | 10/5/1997 |
| Block Assists | | | |
| 30 | | St. John's | 9/8/2006 |
| 11 | Crystal Johnson | St. John's | 9/8/2006 |
| Total Blocks | | | |
| 20.0 | | St. John's | 9/8/2006 |
| 13 | Crystal Johnson | St. John's | 9/8/2006 |



Locker Room



Weight Room



Training Room



GAMECOCK ATHLETIC FACILITIES

COLONIAL CENTER

The Colonial Center

Weems Baskin Track

Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center

Beckham Field

Sam Daniel Tennis Center

Volleyball Competition Facility

Williams-Brice Stadium



USC Indoor Facility



Carolina Natatorium



One Wood Farm



Cobblestone Park



Eugene E. Stone III Stadium



THE FUTURE

South Carolina's Athletics Department has unveiled a \$194-million master plan to upgrade its facilities. Included is a \$24-million, 6,800-seat baseball stadium, scheduled to open in 2008 along the riverfront in Innovista.



Improvements to athletics' current 41-acre "Roost" site will incorporate architectural features that mirror the Horseshoe, the University of South Carolina's historic campus. Upgrades will include a new academic enrichment center, a world-class sports medicine facility, improvements to several practice or playing fields, and construction of a new field for women's lacrosse.



Expansion of Williams-Brice football stadium will add 6,000 to 8,000 seats and include renovations of locker room and training areas.

LIFE SKILLS ACADEMICS

The Carolina Academic Resources and Enrichment Services program employs a team of dedicated staff and tutors to work in a collaborative effort to assist student-athletes with day-to-day activities. It is the mission of the C.A.R.E.S. staff to help all student-athletes realize their personal, academic and athletic potential. The athletics department is dedicated to developing the total student-athlete.

CHAMPS/LIFE SKILLS

USC was selected to begin a CHAMPS/Life Skills Program by the NCAA in 2000. CHAMPS is an acronym meaning CHallenging Athletes' Minds for Personal Success. The Life Skills program addresses commitment to five areas: academic excellence, athletic excellence, personal development, career development and service.

ETIQUETTE SEMINARS: "MANNERS MATTER"

The Etiquette Seminar prepares student-athletes for internships and job-hunting by emphasizing table manners and other etiquette appropriate for interview situations in an interactive, formal dinner-setting.

GAMECOCK ATHLETICS CAREER NETWORK

It is essential for each student-athlete to plan for the future and to prepare for life outside of college athletics. A component of the CHAMPS/Life Skills Program, the Gamecock Athletics Career Network, has resources available for identifying practicum and internship experiences to enhance the career development process. Other programs include: mentoring and assistance with résumé development and job interviewing skills, résumé books, student-athlete networking seminars, and collaborations with the University Career Center.

GAMECOCK NETWORKING SEMINARS

In the fall of each year, the athletics department invites South Carolina lettermen and members of the career network to assist the department staff in training student-athletes with the skills needed to begin their professional careers. These seminars include topics such as interviewing, résumé and cover-letter writing, networking skills, dress and presentation.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

In the spring of each year, the athletics department invites local business partners and South Carolina lettermen to assist the department staff in training our student-athletes with the skills needed to appropriately present themselves in all professional settings. This seminar has a male and female presentation and covers all current trends of what is acceptable proper business attire.



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UNIVERSITY 101

Each freshman student-athlete enrolls in University 101, an internationally-renowned seminar course dedicated to helping new students succeed, during his/her first semester.

THE STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

South Carolina has a Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) made up of student-athlete representatives from each sport team within the athletics department. SAAC has been active in promoting department-wide community service projects and student-athlete camaraderie, and is a means for student-athletes to communicate with administration about issues that affect them.

ALL SPORTS BANQUET

The athletics department gives special recognition to all student-athletes each spring, in conjunction with National Student-Athlete Day, by honoring the athletic and academic accomplishments of its student-athletes and teams. The evening includes the presentation of each team MVP and the President's Award, the highest honor among Carolina student-athletes.

SENIOR RING CEREMONY

In April of each year, the athletics department presents each of its graduating seniors with a USC class ring. At a dessert reception, individual recognitions and presentations are made to each senior by his/her head coach.

MEDIA TRAINING

Through the Life Skills program and the media relations office, Carolina student-athletes participate in media training sessions that are designed to make them more comfortable in dealing with members of the media. The sessions include tips on dealing with the media and give student-athletes the opportunity to practice interviewing and speaking publicly.

NEW STUDENT-ATHLETE CENTER

Dolores F. Anderson made the largest philanthropic gift in the history of South Carolina athletics in December 2006, a donation that will fund the construction of a new student-athlete center. The projected 35,000-square-foot center, a key component of a comprehensive master plan unveiled for the athletics department, will provide a learning environment that will enhance student-athletes' education.

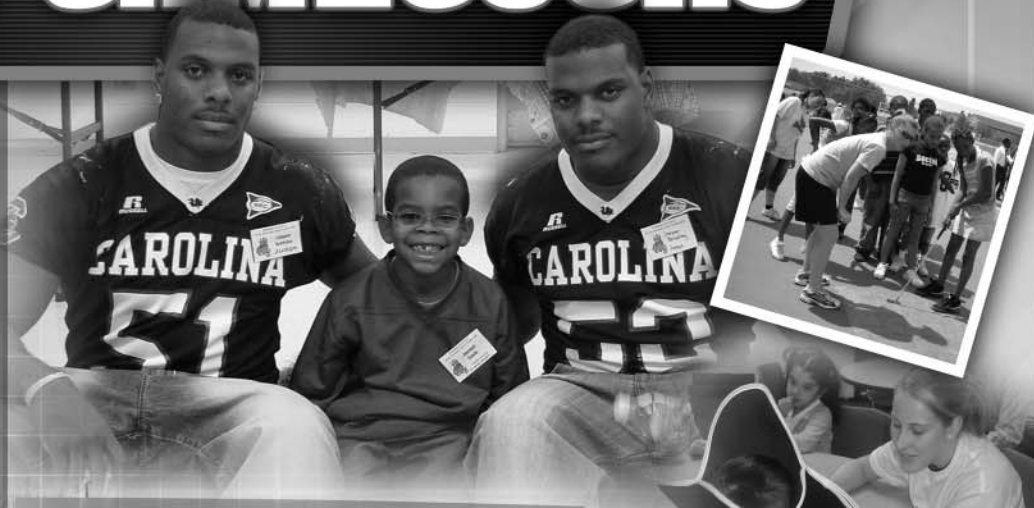


STUDENT-ATHLETES WHO CARE TEAM GAMECOCKS

The athletics department's community service program, "Team Gamecocks," represents a continuing commitment by Gamecock student-athletes, coaches and staff to respond with both time and effort to the needs of their local communities.

CAROLINA IN THE COMMUNITY

- In 2006-07, South Carolina student-athletes participated in over 125 community service projects, logging more than 3,000 hours of service.
- The women's soccer team won the athletic department's 2006-07 Life Skills Team Award.
- Thomas Hilliard, a senior on the track & field team, received the Male SEC Community Service Postgraduate Scholarship, while senior swimmer Kendel Fiorentino received the Female SEC Community Service Postgraduate Scholarship for 2006-07.
- Team Gamecocks annually participates in a variety of service projects including Pigskin Poets, Camp Kemo, Children's Chance, hospital and elementary school visits, and food drives.



\$34 Million in donations.
23 Years of giving.

PILO CHARITIES



GAMECOCK ATHLETICS

TOTAL CARE



SPORTS NUTRITION

Healthy eating can be challenging for busy student-athletes attempting to excel both in their sport and in the classroom. The University of South Carolina Athletics Department recognizes the importance that proper diet and hydration play in sport, as well as in academics. To help them minimize nutritional challenges and optimize their performance, our sports dietitian serves as an involved member of the sports medicine team by providing education and counseling to student-athletes, coaches and athletic training staff. Proper food choices and meal timing enhance the performance gains obtained during training. The sports dietitian is also involved in planning training table and travel team meals.

SPORTS MEDICINE

Injuries are unfortunately a common part of participation in intercollegiate athletics. The University of South Carolina is strongly committed to providing its student-athletes with the best medical care possible in order to maximize performance in the athletic arena and the classroom. Gamecock student-athletes are provided medical care 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This coverage includes daily medical clinics in the athletic training room by team physicians, including specialists in family and preventative medicine and orthopedic surgery. In addition, numerous consultants are available to USC student-athletes for optometry, dentistry, cardiology, sports psychiatry and sports nutrition.

Health care for University of South Carolina student-athletes is provided by the USC Sports Medicine Center, a collaboration between the USC Department of Orthopedic Surgery and Department of Family and Preventative Medicine.

Orthopedic care is provided by Dr. Jeffrey Guy, who serves as medical director for the athletics department, and Dr. Christopher Mazoue, both of whom are sports medicine fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeons. Dr. Jason Stacy and Dr. Brian Keisler, who specialize in primary care sports medicine, work hand-in-hand with our surgeons to provide superior care for USC student-athletes.

The day-to-day care of Gamecock student-athletes is provided by the USC athletic training staff. The athletic training staff consists of eight full-time certified athletic trainers and nine graduate assistant athletic trainers who are responsible for emergency care, initial evaluation and diagnosis of injuries and post-injury treatment and rehabilitation.

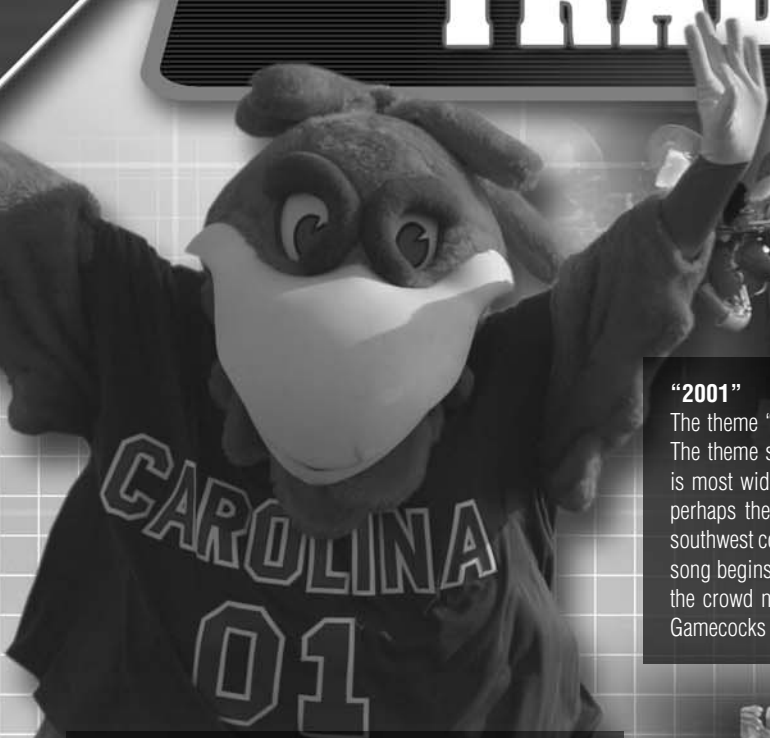
TRAINING TABLE

In the spring of 2007, the athletics department opened a new training table for its student-athletes. The cafeteria offers a wide variety of healthy and delicious foods that student-athletes can enjoy for dinner Monday through Thursday and on other special occasions.

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

The University of South Carolina is dedicated to helping its student-athletes reach peak physical condition, allowing them to be at their best. Eight full-time strength and conditioning coaches are on staff at South Carolina, and every athletic program is assigned one of those eight individuals. Strength coaches develop workout programs specific to each sport and provide guidance to assist student-athletes in reaching their full athletic potential.

GAMECOCK TRADITION



COCKY, THE SOUTH CAROLINA MASCOT

South Carolina's official mascot, Cocky, appears at many Gamecock Athletics events. Cocky is widely-recognized around the country and makes countless appearances at events throughout Columbia and the Palmetto State.

"2001"

The theme "2001" corresponds with the University's Bicentennial, which was celebrated six years ago. The theme song from "2001 - A Space Odyssey" is played at nearly all Gamecock athletic events and is most widely-recognized for its use with the Carolina football team's pregame entrance, regarded as perhaps the most unique and electrifying in all of college football. The Gamecocks assemble in the southwest corner of Williams-Brice Stadium, and as more than 80,000 fans roar in anticipation, the theme song begins to blare over the stadium sound system. As the music continues, the excitement builds and the crowd noise grows deafening. At the precise moment, in perfect coordination with the music, the Gamecocks storm onto the field.



ALMA MATER

"We Hail Thee Carolina"

We hail thee, Carolina, and sing thy high praise
With loyal devotion, remembering the days
When proudly we sought thee, thy children to be:
Here's a health, Carolina, forever to thee!

Since pilgrims of learning, we entered thy walls
And found dearest comrades in thy classic halls
We've honored and loved thee as sons faithfully;
Here's a health, Carolina, forever to thee!

Generations of sons have rejoiced to proclaim
Thy watchword of service, thy beauty and fame;
For ages to come shall their rallying cry be:
Here's a health, Carolina, forever to thee!

Fair shrine of high honor and truth, thou shalt still
Blaze forth as a beacon, thy mission fulfill,
And crowned by all hearts in a new jubilee:
Here's a health, Carolina, forever to thee!

FIGHT SONG

"The Fighting Gamecocks Lead the Way"

Hey, Let's give a cheer, Carolina is here,
The Fighting Gamecocks lead the way.

Who gives a care, If the going gets tough,
And when it is rough, that's when the 'Cocks get going.

Hail to our colors of garnet and Black,
In Carolina pride have we.

So, Go Gamecocks Go — FIGHT!
Drive for the goal — FIGHT!
USC will win today — GO COCKS!
So, let's give a cheer, Carolina is here.
The Fighting Gamecocks All The Way!

THE COCKABOOSE RAILROAD

The Coackaboose Railroad is like no other tailgating tradition in the country. Twenty-two cabooses line a railroad track just outside of Williams-Brice Stadium — but these rail cars do not move and they certainly are not something you would see passing by on the rear end of a train. Running water, cable television, air conditioning, heating and a living room highlight each and every Cockaboose.

You would be hard-pressed to find fans with more passion and spirit than those at the University of South Carolina.