

GAMECOCK COACHES & STAFF



SOUTH CAROLINA

HEAD COACH KIM HUDSON



Kim HUDSON

HEAD COACH

12TH YEAR AT USC

18TH YEAR OVERALL

202-100 (.669) AT USC

372-144 (.721) OVERALL



Due to her dedication and commitment over the last 11 years, head coach Kim Hudson has elevated Gamecock Volleyball to a traditionally competitive and respectable program among the ranks of the collegiate level. Dedicated to helping young ladies become mature and successful women, Hudson has coached and mentored conference and district all-team selections, academic all-americans and student athlete of the year selections. With 16 wins, Hudson could reach another coaching milestone and record her 400th career victory during the 2004 season.

The 2003 season brought about Hudson's most recent player honors as the SEC named redshirt freshman Lynae Vanden Hull Co-Freshman of the Year, a first for Gamecock volleyball. In addition, setter Katelyn Panzau became the fifth freshman in South Carolina history to record 1,000-plus assists.

In 2002, Hudson led Carolina to a 22-7 overall record and a third straight NCAA appearance, the program's sixth in eight years. This marked the most NCAA appearances by any coach in Carolina volleyball history. The Gamecocks' 14 SEC wins in 2002 were the most in school history and also led the Gamecocks to a 10-0 start, the best SEC start ever in program history.

In her first season at South Carolina, the Gamecocks went from a 1-13 conference record (11-21 overall) to a 4-10 record (15-18 overall). Since Hudson first SEC victory in 1993 against Alabama, the SEC victories have become more plentiful. Hudson has led Carolina to SEC wins over all of the Conference foes at least once, including SEC Champion Florida, Georgia and SEC Western Division Champion Arkansas.

In 1994, Carolina advanced to the semifinals of the SEC Tournament and received a bid to play in the National Invitation Volleyball Championship (NIVC), marking the Gamecocks' first post-season appearance since the 1984



NCAA Tournament. The team finished with a 24-12 record.

In 1995, Carolina was 8-6 in the SEC, while finishing the year at 21-11 overall. Ending the season ranked at No. 29, Carolina also finished

THE KIM HUDSON FILE

High School Education: Amarillo High School, Amarillo, TX

College Education: Bachelor of Education Degree, Texas Tech University, 1982; University of Texas at Arlington, 1980.

High School Volleyball: Four-year letterwinner, 1976-72.

College Volleyball: University of Texas at Arlington, 1977-80; Team captain, Most Valuable Player in 1980; Athlete of the Year 1980.

Coaching Career: Head Coach, South Carolina, 1993 -; Head Coach, Northern Arizona Univ., 1991-93; Head Coach, West Texas State Univ., 1987-1990; Head Coach, Amarillo High School, 1986-83.

Coaching Honors: SEC Coach of the Year, 1997; Career Achievement Award, 1991; AVCA Division II Coach of the Year, 1990; Volleyball Monthly Division II Coach of the Year, 1990; Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame Coach of the Year-All Sports, 1990; Dick Risenhoover Award for Outstanding Sports Personality, 1990.



the third time in four years, falling 2-3 to Colorado State. Edlund and CindyRobarge guided the Gamecocks to four-straight seasons of 21 plus wins – a first in Carolina history.

In the summer of 1998, Hudson joined her former player Heather Larkin in the summer of on Nike's European Volleyball Tour. The All-Star tour traveled with Alec Peters of AMG Volleyball, including four coaches and 20 athletes to Europe and it marked the first time the tour had been done for women.

The tour was designed to expose more U.S. players to volleyball and Europe. Larkin signed with a team in Holland that went on to win the Holland Championship in 1999.

As a result of volleyball's success, matches have become more popular. South Carolina continues to break attendance records match after match. Carolina has hosted a number of crowds over the coveted 1,000 mark, including a school record crowd of 1,793 in a 3-2 loss to No. 10 Florida in 2001.

Carolina's players have been rewarded for their hard work under Coach Hudson. In 1998, Edlund was the only senior in the SEC to be named All-SEC all four years, while freshman Cally Plummer wowed the SEC coaches as the only freshman selection on the first team.

In 1995, Larkin picked up first team All-SEC honors, while Kori Ermigarat and Edlund were named to the second team, as Edlund finished second in the voting for Freshman of the Year. Four of Hudson players were named to the All-SEC team in 1994, including Amy Iannocciari, who became the first Carolina volleyball player

to be named to the All-SEC first team. Kori Ermigarat, Katie Gerst and Heather Larkin were named to the All-SEC second team.

Edlund was named a finalist for the 1999 SEC Female Athlete of the Year and was awarded the \$5,000 H. Boyd McWhorter post-graduate scholarship. Shani Abshier was named the SEC Female Scholar Athlete of the Year and was awarded the \$10,000 H. Boyd McWhorter post-graduate scholarship in 1998. She was named to the GTE Academic All-American District III team in 1996.

South Carolina led the conference in the classroom in both 1993 and 1994, having seven athletes named to the All-SEC Academic Honor Roll, and one (Gerst) named to the GTE Academic All-America third team.

Entering the 2004 campaign with an overall 214-118 record at South Carolina, Hudson picked up her 100th win at South Carolina with a 3-0 victory over Tennessee on Nov. 7, 1997. In 17 years of coaching, Hudson has an overall record of 384-162. She captured her 300th career win in a 3-0 win over NCAA participant Virginia in 1999.

Hudson came to South Carolina following two highly successful seasons at Northern Arizona University, adding her Midas touch to the Lady Jacks1 program.

Determined to save a program that finished 9-22 in 1990, Hudson registered the biggest single-season turnaround in the nation in 1991 by leading NAU to a 26-8 mark accompanied by a Big Sky Conference championship appearance and a post-season tournament appearance,

second in the District Four ranking < both being its highest rankings ever. The 1995 Gamecocks advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament with a 3-0 win at Hofstra University, before being downed by Texas A&M.

In 1996, Hudson saw the Gamecocks post a 22-8 record, picking up second place in the SEC Eastern Division. A year later, Carolina topped its 1996 effort by going 11-3 in conference play, again posting a second-place finish in the SEC Eastern Division. That Carolina team advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the second time in three years. The Gamecocks opened up the tournament with a 3-0 sweep of Illinois State, but lost to the host school, Texas, in the second round.

Hudson's SEC peers recognized her hard work and dedication as they named her the SEC Coach of the Year in 1997.

In 1998, Hudson saw senior Ashley Edlund close out her career as the school's finest setter ever. Edlund, a four-time All-SEC and All-District selection, was named the school's Female Athlete of the Year after shattering the school record for career assists. That season, the Gamecocks again finished second in the SEC Eastern Division with an 8-6 SEC record and 21-11 overall. Carolina advanced to the NCAA Tournament for

COACH HUDSON'S COLLEGIATE RECORD

YEAR	SCHOOL	POST-SEASON	WON	LOST	PCT.
1987	West Texas State		25	7	.781
1988	West Texas State		32	9	.780
1989	West Texas State	NCAA Runner-up	32	8	.800
1990	West Texas State	NCAA Champions	38	1	.975
1991	Northern Arizona		26	8	.765
1992	Northern Arizona	NIVC	17	11	.607
1993	South Carolina		15	18	.455
1994	South Carolina	NIVC	24	12	.666
1995	South Carolina	NCAA Second Round	21	11	.656
1996	South Carolina		22	8	.733
1997	South Carolina	NCAA Second Round	21	8	.724
1998	South Carolina	NCAA First Round	21	11	.656
1999	South Carolina		14	12	.538
2000	South Carolina	NCAA Second Round	22	7	.759
2001	South Carolina	NCAA First Round	20	6	.769
2002	South Carolina	NCAA Second Round	22	7	.759
2003	South Carolina		12	18	.400
	West Texas State (four years)		127	25	.836
	Northern Arizona (two years)		43	19	.694
	South Carolina (11 years)		214	118	.645
	Overall (17 years)		384	162	.703

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which was a first in school history. During her two seasons with the Lady Jacks' program, Hudson teams broke a total of 40 school records with 30 of them occurring during Hudson first season as their leader.

Prior to working at Northern Arizona, Hudson achieved outstanding success at West Texas State (1987-90), leading that program to the 1990 Division II National Championship and a 38-1 record. Her coaching philosophy continued to work on the Lady Buffs' program during her first year in 1987, West Texas improved from a 10-24 season into a 25-7 winning program. Her teams won 127 games while losing only 25. Hudson rejuvenated team garnered two Lone Star Conference Championships and a Co-championship.

Being credited for her outstanding coaching ability, Hudson was named the Division II Coach of the Year by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (A.V.C.A.) in 1990 and received a similar honor from Volleyball Monthly. She was also named the South Central Region Coach of the Year on two occasions, in addition to a Career Achievement Award from the Amarillo Women1s Network. Hudson was also added to the West Texas Hall of Fame in 1995. Hudson, the winningest volleyball coach in WTSU history, completed a four-year coaching stint, with seven players receiving All-American honors.

Hudson came to West Texas from Amarillo High School, where her 1986 team finished the season in the 5A Texas State Finals with a record of 35-2. She was rewarded with Coach of the Year honors from the Amarillo Globe-News and was the first-ever recipient of the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame Volleyball Coach of the Year award, an honor repeated following her initial season at WTSU.

Hudson, a native of Amarillo, Texas, was the first woman to receive a full scholarship to the University of Texas-Arlington. She led the Arlington-based team, one of a handful of non-West Coast volleyball powerhouses, to eighth, ninth and 12th-place national rankings. In 1980, she was named UTA's Most Valuable Player and the Woman of the Year. She was a four-year letterwinner at Texas-Arlington and was named the school's athlete of the year in 1980. She received her Bachelors in Education from Texas Tech in 1982. Hudson is also a 1995 graduate of the Sports Management Institute.



HUDSON VS. ALL OPPONENTS

Abilene Christian.....	7-1	Mississippi	14-0
Adams College	1-0	Mississippi State	13-2
Air Force	3-0	Missouri-Kansas City.....	1-0
Alabama	10-6	Montana.....	0-5
Alabama Birmingham	2-0	Montana St.....	3-1
Alaska-Anchorage	1-0	Murray State	1-0
Angelo State	7-3	Nebraska	0-1
American	3-0	Nebraska-Omaha	1-0
Appalachian State	3-0	Nevada	2-0
Arizona	0-2	New Mexico	1-0
Arizona State.....	2-3	New Orleans.....	1-0
Arkansas.....	5-10	Nicholls State.....	1-0
Arkansas St.....	1-0	North Carolina A & T.....	1-0
Auburn.....	10-2	UNC Asheville.....	2-0
Ball State	1-0	UNC Charlotte.....	1-0
Boise State	5-2	UNC-Greensboro.....	1-0
California Baptist	1-0	North Carolina	2-3
UC-Davis	3-1	NC State	1-0
UC-Irvine	1-0	North Dakota State.....	1-0
UC-Santa Barbara.....	0-1	Northern Colorado	5-0
Cal. Poly-Pomona	2-1	Northern Illinois.....	0-2
UC-Riverside	0-2	Northern Iowa.....	0-1
Cal. St.-Bakersfield.....	2-1	Northern Michigan.....	1-0
Cal. St. Los Angeles.....	2-0	North Texas.....	1-0
Cal. St.-Northridge.....	1-1	Notre Dame	1-1
Cal. St.-Sacramento.....	2-1	Oakland.....	1-0
Cameron.....	6-0	Oklahoma	4-2
Central Florida	3-0	Oklahoma Baptist.....	1-0
Central Missouri.....	1-1	Oral Roberts	4-0
Central Oklahoma.....	8-0	Oregon State	0-1
Chapman.....	3-0	Pacific	1-1
Charleston Southern.....	3-0	Portland State	1-0
Clemson	6-5	Purdue.....	2-0
Cleveland State	2-0	Regis	2-5
Coastal Carolina	2-0	Rutgers	1-0
College of Charleston.....	4-1	Sacramento State.....	0-2
Colorado State	0-1	Sam Houston St.....	1-0
Concordia	1-0	San Diego.....	1-2
Creighton	1-0	San Francisco.....	1-1
Davidson.....	3-0	San Francisco State.....	1-0
Delaware	1-0	Santa Clara	1-1
Denver	1-0	Seattle Pacific.....	1-0
Drake	1-0	Southeast Missouri.....	0-1
Duke	2-0	Southern California.....	0-1
East New Mexico.....	9-1	Southern Colorado	2-0
East Tennessee State.....	0-1	South Florida	0-1
East Texas State	7-1	Southwestern.....	1-1
Eastern Michigan.....	1-0	SW Louisiana	2-0
Eastern Kentucky.....	1-0	SW Missouri State	1-0
Eastern Washington.....	4-0	St. Mary's.....	1-0
Florida.....	1-22	Stephen F. Austin.....	2-0
Florida International.....	1-0	Tampa	1-1
Florida State	1-0	UT-Chattanooga.....	2-0
Florida Southern.....	1-0	Tennessee	18-5
Furman	1-0	Tennessee Tech.....	1-0
George Mason	1-0	Texas	0-1
George Washington.....	3-0	Texas A&M.....	0-2
Georgia	11-13	Texas A&M- Kingsville.....	8-0
Georgia Tech	1-0	Texas Lutheran	4-0
Georgetown.....	1-0	Texas Tech.....	1-2
Grand Canyon	5-0	Texas Wesleyan.....	0-1
Grand Valley State.....	1-0	Texas Women's.....	5-0
Harden-Simmons.....	1-0	Toledo.....	1-0
Hofstra	4-0	Troy State	1-0
Houston	0-1	Tulsa	1-0
Howard Payne.....	1-0	U.S. International.....	1-0
Idaho.....	4-0	Utah	2-1
Idaho St.....	4-0	Virginia.....	1-0
Illinois-Chicago.....	1-0	Virginia Tech	1-1
Illinois State	2-0	Wake Forest	1-0
Indiana.....	1-1	Washburn	1-0
Kansas.....	1-1	Washington.....	0-1
Kansas State	1-1	Washington State.....	0-1
Kentucky.....	16-7	Weber State	2-2
Lewis	1-0	Western Carolina.....	1-0
Liberty.....	1-0	Western Colorado.....	1-0
Long Beach State.....	0-1	Western Kentucky.....	2-0
Louisiana State	11-3	Western Michigan.....	1-0
Louisiana Tech	1-0	Western New Mexico.....	1-0
Mary-Hardin-Baylor.....	1-0	West Virginia.....	1-0
Maryland.....	0-2	Winthrop	2-0
Mercer	1-0	Xavier	2-0
Mesa	1-0	TOTAL	384-162
Metro St.....	4-1		
Miami-OH	3-1		
Michigan.....	0-2		
Michigan State	0-3		
Minnesota-Duluth	2-0		



Trina SMITH
ASSISTANT COACH
EIGHTH YEAR AT USC
(ARIZONA, 1994)



As Trina Smith enters her eighth season with the Gamecocks, she has evolved into one of the most dedicated and talented assistant coaches in the game. Prior to coming to Carolina, she worked at St. Mary's College in Moraga, Calif.

Among her responsibilities, Smith oversees the team's academic progress, is the recruiting coordinator, coaches the middle blockers, plans team travel and coordinates equipment. Smith also worked as a club coach for the Irmo Juniors club program in 1999.

While at St. Mary's, Smith worked as the interim head coach in the Spring of 1996. She also was the head coach of the LaMorinda Club Juniors, a club team in Moraga.

Prior to coaching at St. Mary's, Smith coached a year at Catalina High School. She also coached Club Cactus Juniors, a club team in Tucson, Ariz. Former Gamecocks Shani Abshier and Crystal Moore both played for Club Cactus.

Smith, 31, graduated from the University of Arizona in 1994, with a degree in communications. A middle blocker, Smith lettered four years in volleyball and three years as a small forward in basketball.

In 1999, Smith was named to the Pacific 10's All Decade team. During her playing days

Smith was selected to the Pac-10 All-Freshman volleyball team and finished her career ranked among the top 10 in solo blocks, block assists and digs at Arizona.

In 1993, Smith's Arizona team was the first team in Pac-10 history to defeat both UCLA and Stanford in the same season. Smith made two trips to the NCAA Tournament, making the NCAA West Regional finals in 1993. The Wildcats finished the season ranked No. 16 her senior year.

A native of Maywood, Ill., Smith attended Proviso East High School in Maywood. She lettered in volleyball all four years and in softball and basketball three times. She won MVP honors her senior year and was selected to the West Suburban and All-conference team her junior and senior years. She also played on the West Team at the 1990 Sport Festival team, winning a silver medal.

Smith was born December 13, 1970

in Maywood, Ill. She is the daughter of S.L. and Alma Smith. Smith has three brothers (Marvin, Tony, Tyrone) and three sisters (Linda, Rene, Alma).



THE TRINA SMITH FILE

- Born:** Catrina Denise Smith on December 13, 1970 in Maywood, Ill.
- High School Education:** Proviso East High School, Maywood, Ill.
- College Education:** Bachelor's in Communications, University of Arizona, 1994
- College Playing Experience:** University of Arizona volleyball team, 1989-93; UA basketball team, 1990-93
- College Coaching Career:** Assistant Coach, South Carolina, 1997-; Assistant Coach/Interim Head Coach, St. Mary's College, 1995-97
- High School Coaching Career:** Catalina High School, 1994-95
- Club Coaching Experience:** Gamecock Juniors, 1997-; Irmo Juniors, 1999-; LaMorinda Club Juniors, 1996-97; Club Cactus Juniors, 1994-95

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ASSISTANT COACH JASON HOU



Jason HOU
ASSISTANT COACH
THIRD YEAR
(BEIJING UNIVERSITY OF
PHYSICAL EDUCATION, 1993)



Jason Hou enters his third year with the Gamecock staff. A respected name in the world of international volleyball, Hou is a former Olympic assistant coach for the Chinese women's team and also played for the men's Chinese national team.

Hou comes to Carolina following a two-year stint at the College of Southern Idaho, a junior college where he helped lead the program to a national title in 2000-2001. Before he coached at Southern Idaho, Hou served as an assistant for the Chinese Women's National team. He helped lead the Chinese to a silver medal finish at the '96 Olympics, a second-place World Championship finish, a third-place World Cup finish and two Asian Games first-place finishes.

Hou's previous NCAA Division I coaching experience came when he served as an assistant at Saint Louis University during the 1996-97 season.

As an athlete, Hou competed as a setter on the Chinese National Team for six years.

He also competed in the World Military Volleyball Championships six times, helping lead China to the World Championship four times. He was twice named the best setter of the tournament.



The LiaoNing Province, China native joined the World League in 1992 and competed until 1995. While in the World League, Hou helped guide China to wins over world powers Cuba and Holland in 1993. The following year, China finished in second place in the Asian Games and 13th at the World Championships in Athens, Greece.

Hou, who also answers to the name Jing, and his wife Sally have a son named Bright (4) and a daughter Alice, that was born in February, 2004.

THE JASON HOU FILE

Born: April 22, 1966, Anshan LiaoNing Province, China
High School Education: Anshan LiaoNing
College Education: Beijing University of Physical Education
Playing Experience: Setter, Chinese National Team- 1986, 1992-1994
College Coaching Career: Assistant Coach, South Carolina, 2002-present; Assistant Coach, College of Southern Idaho, 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 1997; Assistant Coach, St. Louis University, 1996-1997
International Coaching Experience: Assistant Coach, Chinese National Women's Team, 1998 & 1995-1996
Club Coaching Experience: St. Louis Sports
Wife: Sally
Children: Son, Bright and daughter, Alice.



Erin HARMON
Director of Marketing for Women's Sports

Erin Harmon is in her third year year as the Director of Marketing for Women's Athletics. A native of Ridgeland, S.C., she graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in Sport Administration.

Harmon then earned a Master's degree in Sport Management from the University of Tennessee in 2001. While at Tennessee, she worked in the Women's Athletic Department in

administration and development from 1999-2001.

At USC, Harmon is responsible for developing the marketing plans and promotions for all women's varsity sports.

Harmon is also a member of the National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators (NACMA).

In July 2001, the former Erin Thomas married Greg Harmon of Yemassee, S.C. The couple now resides in Columbia.



Kaye HUNKE
Volleyball Secretary

Kaye Hunke is in her eighth year with the Gamecock volleyball team. She is responsible for mailings, newsletters and general administrative duties. Hunke also helps manage the Sideout Youth Fan club and the mentoring group "Women Helping Women Achieve."

Hunke's family moved to South Carolina from Lexington, Ky., when her husband, Ken, was transferred in 1996.

She graduated from Scott County High School (Ky.) and attended Lexington Community College where she took classes toward a business degree.

In her spare time, Hunke enjoys reading, travelling, gardening and spending time with her family. Hunke and her husband have two children, John (18) and Jacob (16).

A native of Georgetown, Ky., Hunke has two brothers and two sisters and currently resides in Irmo.



Matt JENNINGS
Strength Coach

Matt Jennings was named the new strength and conditioning coach for men's basketball and volleyball in April 2004. Prior to USC, Jennings spent four years at Wake Forest University where he worked with men's and women's basketball, men's soccer and baseball.

He received a BA in Physical Education, Exercise Sports Science from the University of North Carolina in 1996, where he was also a two-year let-

terman for the Tar Heels football team.

Jennings completed a master's degree in Sport Administration from the Uni-

versity of Tennessee in 1998 and as a graduate assistant, he worked with football, men's basketball and baseball. Jennings also oversaw men's cross country and men's swimming and diving.

Jennings and his wife Jill have three children: Two-year old twins Delaney and Zachary and a newborn son Jacob.



Tara LEIN, MS, ATC, LMT
Athletic Trainer

Tara Lein was named assistant athletic trainer in July 2002. She is responsible for volleyball and men's and women's swimming/diving. Tara is currently the coordinator and Staff Athletic Trainer for USC Athletic Department's Management Team for Disordered Eating. Additionally, she serves as an adjunct teacher for the USC's Physical Education Department. Lein

came to USC from Charleston Southern University

where she served as the Head Athletic Trainer for Women's athletics and the Assistant ATC for football.

The Marlboro, NJ, native graduated from the University of Florida with a BS in Exercise and Sport Sciences in 1998. While at Florida, she specialized in athletic training and worked with football, women's soccer, and P.K. Younge High School.

In 2001, Lein graduated from James Madison University with a MS in Kinesiology, concentration in Athletic Administration. While at JMU, she worked with football, men's soccer, and wrestling.

Lein attended the Humanities School of Massage and Bodywork in 1999 and is a National Certified Massage Therapist with a specialization in Therapeutic Massage. In 1998, Lein interned at Disney Wide World of Sports before becoming the Head Athletic Trainer at Seminole High School in Seminole, Florida.

In her spare time, Lein enjoys dancing, photography, the beach and playing sports. She is also a member of NATA, SCATA, AMTA, and NC-MTB.



Nancy MARLEY
Assistant Director of Operations & Event Management

Nancy Marley was named Assistant Director for Operations and Event Management in July 2004. Marley, a former assistant swim coach, first came to the University of South Carolina in 1999. In July 2003 she hung up her coaching whistle and moved over into administration. Marley served as the recruiting coordinator in the USC Career Center from July '03 to June '04.

Hailing from Coral Springs, Fla., Marley was an 11-time All-America selection in swimming at the University of Florida from 1988-91, where she also graduated with a degree in Health Science Education.

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Earleen MICHELS
Academic Counselor

Earleen Michels joined the South Carolina Athletic staff in July 2003. She is the academic counselor for volleyball and women's basketball along with other C.A.R.E.S. duties assigned to the academic counseling staff.

Prior to Carolina, Michels taught 10 years in the Midlands/Greater Columbia

Area, worked in the state office of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a non-profit organization interfacing with South Carolina public and private middle schools, high schools and colleges. She also worked overseas one year with K MAG, the Military Advisory Group to the Korean Army. In Skaneateles, New York she worked as an EMT with the all-volunteer ambulance team, SAVES.

The Indiana native graduated from Purdue University with a B. A. in Elementary Education. After two years of field experience she returned to Purdue and received a Masters of Science in Education Degree. Michels has a daughter, Christina and a son, Doran.



Crystal MOORE
Graduate Assistant

Crystal Moore returns to Garnet and Black country as a graduate assistant to the 2004 team. A player for the Gamecocks from 1997-99, Moore enters the volleyball world after working on a cruise ship and traveling the world, and serving as an advertising coordinator for Creative Loafing Newspaper in Atlanta, Ga..

As a graduate assistant, the Tucson, Ariz., native will assist the coaching staff in day-to-day operations and with implementing coaching drills.

Moore has etched her name in the Gamecock record books as she ranks among the top ten in four categories, including fifth among USC's all-time dig leaders (1,116), sixth in kills (1109) and seventh among the service ace leaders (120) and attempts (2,920). In 1999, she led the team in digs for the season with 261.



Alex TRIVELLIN
Manager

Alex enters his first year as a manager for the Gamecock Volleyball team. A senior earning a degree in Actuarial Mathematics and Statistics, Trivellin is a native of Richmond, Va. He graduated from Varina H.S. in 2000, where he was a four-year volleyball letterwinner. He helped lead his team to two state champion titles in 1999 and 2000 and he was named all-metro and all-district in 2000.

Trivellin is also a member of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity.



Ayanna WAKEFIELD
Volleyball SID

Ayanna Wakefield is in her third year in the Gamecock athletics program as assistant sports information director. Wakefield joined the athletics department in February of 2002 and manages publicity duties for the Carolina softball program and is also the primary contact for the Gamecock volleyball team.

In 2003, she spearheaded the local campaign for Cocky, as he was named Capital One's National Mascot of the Year.

Wakefield joined the Gamecocks after working one year at the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau. Prior to her tenure in the Peach State, she spent three years as assistant sports information director at Auburn University, where she worked with swimming, volleyball, softball and football and coordinated media operations for the 1999 national championship men's swimming team.

Wakefield is a 1997 graduate of the University of Oklahoma, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations. During her time at Oklahoma, she worked as a student assistant in the sports information office with responsibilities in tennis, track and field and softball. In 1996, Wakefield earned the Association of Women in Sports Media Internship/Scholarship for public relations. She did that internship with the NFL's Minnesota Vikings.

Wakefield, born Feb. 18, 1974, is a native of Edmond, Okla.



Catherine WALKER
Manager

Mary Catherine Walker is in her first year as a manager of the Gamecock Volleyball team. Walker, a freshman, hails from Mt. Pleasant, S.C. and is a 2004 graduate of Bishop England H.S. In high school, Walker served on her high school boards all four years and was senior class president. At Bishop England, Walker participated in cheerleading, track and field and cross country. She also

earned the Father Manning Ring, awarded to the outstanding senior female, and she served as a delegate to Palmetto Girls' State in Summer '03.



Dr. Andrew SORENSEN
University President

As one of the nation's oldest state-supported institutions of higher education, the University of South Carolina is in its third century of service to the people and state of South Carolina.

The 2001 bicentennial celebration of the university's charter in 1801 marked a new era in the life of the university. Today, USC President Dr. Andrew A. Sorensen has set a goal of having USC become one of the nation's top 50 public universities.

Scholarships and Research Productivity

USC's freshman class continues to grow in academic excellence. In 2003 - 2004, USC captured a record number of awards in national competitions. USC students were awarded more than 50 scholarships, fellowships and honorable mentions in the prestigious Fulbright, Truman, Goldwater, National Science Foundation, National Security Education Program, Rhodes and Rotary International Scholarship programs. Since 1994, when the USC Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs was established, USC students have won approximately 250 national awards totaling more than \$6.2 million for advanced academic study.

The University also is attracting top research grants. A \$2.5 million grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to researchers in USC's College of Science and Mathematics, added to a \$1 million grant received earlier from NASA, will enable scientists to use satellite data to look for environmental trouble spots in the United States. Together, these grants will allow USC researchers to search for potential problem areas worldwide where climate change most likely will affect coastal communities. Their work will involve cutting-edge remote sensing, modeling and physiological approaches.

Selected Program Rankings

• USC's programs for first-year students were cited in the 2004 "America's Best Colleges Guide," as being a national model. The guide, published by *U.S. News & World Report*, listed USC and 32 other colleges under the heading, "First-Year Experiences," and under the broad category, "Programs to Look For."

• USC's international business degree for undergraduates is ranked No. 1 in *U.S. News & World Report*, 2004 Best Colleges Guide. The graduate international business program is ranked No. 2 in the country, also in *U.S. News & World Report*, Best Graduate Schools issue, 2004.

• USC libraries rank in the top 50 for overall size of collections among more than 3,000 college and university libraries in the United States and Canada, according to the Association of Research Libraries' report.

Dr. Andrew A. Sorensen

Andrew A. Sorensen came to USC after serving as president of the University of Alabama (1996-2002) and provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of Florida (1990-1996).

Dr. Sorensen also has been 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 was a faculty member at Lincoln University, the University of Rochester, and Cornell University.

He also has been a visiting faculty member at the Harvard University School of Medicine and at the University of Cambridge School of Medicine.

Author or editor of seven books and more than 100 articles, he is professor of epidemiology and biostatistics in USC's Arnold School of Public Health.

Dr. Sorensen has focused his work on health policy, health services research, and epidemiology. He holds a bachelor's degree in ethics and master's and doctoral degrees in medical sociology from Yale University. He also earned a B.A. in history from the University of Illinois and a master of public health degree from the University of Michigan.

Currently, he is vice president to the Executive Committee of the Southeastern Conference and is the immediate-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 was a member of the Public Health Task Force on AIDS for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Education Advisory Committee for President Bush's Transition Team during 2000-2001. He was appointed in 2001 to U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson's Advisory Council on Public Health Preparedness.

Donna Sorensen

Donna Ingemie Sorensen holds a baccalaureate degree in chemistry from Wheaton College and master's degrees in nutrition from Cornell University and in chemistry from Wesleyan University. She was recently appointed by S.C. Department of Education

Superintendent Inez Tenenbaum to serve on the S.C. Department of Education Task Force on Nutrition and Health in Our Youth, a new effort that will examine the problem of childhood obesity. She also is a board member of the Girl Scout Council of the Congaree Area and a board member of the S.C. Arts Foundation. She currently serves as vice chair of the national Board of Directors for the American Social Health Association.

Mrs. Sorensen has focused her volunteer efforts in working with children and young adults, AIDS outreach, Easter Seals, Success by Six, and the Girl Scouts.

The Sorensens have two sons, Aaron and Ben, and a grandson, Art.



Russ PATE
NCAA Faculty Representative

In 2002, the University of South Carolina named Dr. Russ Pate as its faculty athletics representative to the Southeastern Conference and the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Pate, a professor and former chairman of the department of exercise science at the Arnold School of Public Health, is the school's associate dean for research. Internationally recognized for his research on the link between physical activity and health, Pate is a former president of the American College of Sports Medicine.

His duties will include advising USC President Andrew Sorensen on matters related to the athletics program and working with Dr. Sorensen to determine the university's position on NCAA legislation. Pate also will review the eligibility, admission and progress of all student-athletes. He will assist in evaluating compliance with NCAA regulations, attend SEC and NCAA meetings, serve as the university's voting delegate at the NCAA's annual meetings and participate in the organization's certification program.

Pate's research has been supported by the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Heart Association and the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Pate replaces Dr. Susie H. VanHuss, who continues in her role as executive director of USC Foundations and distinguished professor emeritus in the Moore School of Business.

SOUTH CAROLINA



**Dr. Mike
MCGEE**
*Athletics
Director*

Under the capable and strong leadership of Mike McGee, the University of South Carolina athletics department has steadily continued its climb toward the elite in collegiate athletics. During his tenure at Carolina, McGee has helped put together a program that is committed to excellence, with the goals of winning championships, graduating its student-athletes and having a positive impact in the community.

The Gamecock program has emerged as one of the most competitive across the board in the nation, with strong finishes in the NACDA Director's Cup all-sports rankings and consistent top 20 status with the majority of its athletic teams. Two of the past three years has seen Carolina post top 20 finishes in the Director's Cup, with a school-best 11th-place showing in 2002 and a final ranking of #18 in 2003. Among the highlights over the past three years include:

- Three straight appearances in the College World Series by the Gamecock baseball team, with finishes of 2nd, 6th, and 3rd in the nation to its credit
- The women's track team won the school's first-ever national team championship, claiming the 2002 NCAA Outdoor crown
- A record 17 teams competed in post-season competition in 2001-02, with 16 teams qualifying in 2002-03 and 15 teams advancing in 2003-04
- USC has won four SEC championships—baseball (2), women's golf, women's outdoor track
- Opened its new 18,000-seat Colonial Center in grand style, with the facility serving as home to Gamecock basketball and class A entertainment never before seen in the Midlands area
- The football team captured the 2002 Outback Bowl championship and finished 13th in the final national rankings. The Gamecocks also put together consecutive top 10 ranked recruiting classes – a first in the program's history
- The men's basketball team was one of the surprise teams in the SEC this past season and won 23 games while advancing to the NCAA Tournament
- The women's basketball team advanced to the NCAA Elite Eight in 2002 and posted back-to-back top 20 national finishes
- Continued the upward trend in academic performance, with the department establishing an all-time best semester grade point average of 2.936 for the spring semester, 2004
- Seen its fund-raising have record-breaking years, with more than \$11.9 million raised through the Game-

cock Club this past year, the most in the program's history

- Had the athletics department successfully certified by the NCAA

McGee assumed his duties with South Carolina on Jan. 1, 1993, having brought with him a wealth of administrative experience, national respect among his colleagues and peers and strong leadership skills. Since arriving at Carolina, McGee has made a multitude of positive moves in enhancing the total Gamecock program. Under his direction, the USC program has successfully moved from the Metro Conference (now Conference USA) to the nation's most competitive all-sports conference—the SEC.

McGee has taken steps to improve the department's sports programs by upgrading facilities and making staff additions across the board. Under his watch, the department continues to be a leader in addressing the gender equity issue in a proactive manner, as two women's sports have been added since his arrival. In addition, USC is a leader for hiring female head coaches, as the Gamecocks feature six female head coaches, tops in the SEC.

McGee has been a leader in facilities improvements and additions since coming to South Carolina. With the completion of the new arena, he has overseen more than \$110 million in facilities improvements

The new \$65 million Colonial Center, which opened in November, 2002, has drawn rave reviews, and is recognized as one of the premier sports and entertainment facilities in the Southeast. Currently under construction is a \$3 million remodeling of the south end zone at Williams-Brice Stadium, including a new weight room, meeting and recruiting rooms.

Under his leadership, fan support at Carolina has never been better. Over the last six-year aggregate period, USC's home football attendance ranks among the Top 10 in the country, with a per game average of better than 80,000. The overall athletics budget has also increased significantly during McGee's tenure. The athletics department generates more than \$45 in annual revenues, reflecting a \$27 million increase since McGee came to Carolina.

The academic progress of the athletics department has continued its steady climb under McGee's watch. USC's graduation rate for its student-athletes consistently has ranked as high as second in the SEC, while the football graduation rate in 2003, as calculated by the American Football Coaches Association, is at an all-time high of 76 percent.

McGee has served on numerous NCAA and conference committees. During the last two years of his tenure at Southern California, he represented the Pac-10 Conference on the NCAA Council and served on the Special NCAA Committee to Review Financial Conditions in Intercollegiate Athletics. He currently serves on the NCAA Management Council and is a member of the Division 1 Incentives and Disincentives Working Group. He also served on the SEC Task Force Committee on Compliance and Enforcement. McGee was previously a member of the NCAA Division I Working Group to Study Basketball Issues. For four years he

served as chair of the NCAA Recruiting Sub-Committee. Together with the athletic departments and business schools of the University of North Carolina and University of Notre Dame, he founded the Sports Management Institute to train future college and professional sports administrators. SMI's partner schools now include South Carolina, Southern Cal, North Carolina, Texas and Michigan.

In 2002, McGee received the Order of the Palmetto by the Governor, which is the highest honor a civilian can receive in the State of South Carolina.

McGee and his wife, Ginger, have four children and 13 grandchildren. Kathy, her husband, Tom, and their children, Lauren, Kyle and Luke; Michael Jr., his wife, Amy, and their children, Alex, Michael III and Samantha; Matthew, his wife, Chantal, and their daughters, Maddison, Abby Grace, Rebekah and Eden; and Jerry, his wife, Alana, and their sons, Graham, Emmett, and Charlie. Four members of the McGee family — Michael Jr., Matthew, Chantal and Tom — are current or former U.S. Air Force pilots.



**Val
SHELEY**
*Senior Associate
Athletics Director/
Senior Women's
Administrator*

Val Sheley, who has experience as an athletics director and in several other administrative areas, including compliance, academics, and student-athlete development, is in her first year as Senior Associate Athletics Director/Senior Women's Administrator at the University of South Carolina. Sheley fills the position previously held by Laurie Massa, who was at USC for nine years before taking the Athletics Director's post at John Carroll University in May, 2004.

Sheley returns to USC for the second time during her college athletics career, having served as an Associate Athletics Director/NCAA Compliance Officer at the school from 1995-2000. She left Carolina to become Athletics Director at Presbyterian College, where she oversaw that school's athletics program for three years. In 2003, Sheley served as the interim Associate Athletics Director for Academic Support and Career Development at the University of Maryland.

Sheley began her work in athletics administration in 1988, where she served as the Assistant AD/Senior Women's Administrator at UNC Asheville. From there she went to the NCAA Office in Overland Park, Kan., working as a legislative assistant for the national organization.

Sheley has a bachelor's degree from Murray State University, where she excelled as a track athlete. She has a master's degree from the University of Houston.

Sheley was a 1984 Olympic qualifier for Great Britain's track and field team. Her husband, Mike, is a former track All-American and NCAA relay champion at South Carolina.

Sheley is also a graduate of the Sports Management Institute.