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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.

- The International Master of Business Administration (IMBA) program in the Moore School of Business is the nation's top-ranked public university MBA program for international business and No. 2 among all institutions in that specialty, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. This marks the 19th-consecutive year that Moore's IMBA program has been ranked either No. 1 or No. 2.
- A team of University researchers led by Dr. Frank Berger has received a \$10.7 million, five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health to continue building a comprehensive research center for colorectal cancer, which claims the lives of nearly 900 South Carolinians annually.
- Thomas Cooper Library and the Athletics Department recently unveiled the renovated Athletics Academic Center at the library. Used primarily as an academic area for football and men's basketball teams, the center features a computer lab, tutorial space and a large multi-purpose room.
- Research funding at the University of South Carolina reached a record \$185.2 million in fiscal year 2007, a 6.7-percent increase from the previous year. Several areas of the University achieved significant funding increases, including geography, psychology and health.
- South Carolina has long been a national leader in assisting with students' transition to campus and is, in fact, home to the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition. The pioneering University 101 program helps students adjust to campus life and has consistently been recognized in *U.S. News & World Report* as a "Program to Look For."



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- Dr. Ken Reifsnider, an international leader in solid oxide fuel research, has been named director of the University's Future Fuels Center. The center will serve as an umbrella for all of the University's programs on energy research.
- Through its Modern Political Collections, the University is collecting the papers and memorabilia of some of the state's legendary political leaders. Sen. Ernest F. "Fritz" Hollings helped launch the Modern Political Collections when he donated his political papers to the university in 1989.
- The University libraries house many comprehensive, valuable collections, including the papers and letters of Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, John Milton and the literary archive of writer Joseph Heller.
- Carolina's historic Horseshoe is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- The world's largest "green" dorm, the Green Quadrangle Living and Learning Center, is located on the University's campus.
- In April, the University launched an Institute for African American Research, which will enhance the scholarly study and public understanding of race and black life in South Carolina and the Southeast as well as the United States and broader African Diaspora.
- In 2006, The Wachovia Foundation gave \$1 million to the Moore School of Business to create the Wachovia Undergraduate Scholars Program, which funds a residential summer camp and scholarships to attend the University's Moore School of Business. This fall, 15 of South Carolina's brightest students from minority populations who attended the first summer camp in 2007 will enter the university; 10 will be business majors.
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- For more than 50 years, the College of Nursing has played a major role in training nurse leaders to serve the people in the Palmetto State and nation. The Center for Nursing Leadership is dedicated to developing leaders in healthcare.
- The Environmental Genomics Core Facility (EnGenCore) at the Arnold School is collaborating with Harvard University on a study that could lead to a better understanding of diseases and solutions to pollution problems.
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- The School of Medicine has been awarded a \$6 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to create a Center of Excellence for Complementary and Alternative Medicine Research on Autoimmune and Inflammatory Disease.
- The University of South Carolina and the Technical College System of South Carolina have signed a historic agreement to create the statewide Bridge Program. The agreement aims to expand access and enhance transfer of students from all of the state's 16 technical colleges.
- Since the Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs was established in 1994, University students have won 349 national awards, earning more than \$9.6 million for advanced academic study.
- The University of South Carolina ranked 19th among 155 comprehensive universities nationally and 14th among public universities for the number of start-up companies created in 2006, according to the latest national technology-transfer survey from the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM).
- The department of exercise science in the Arnold School of Public Health, which consistently ranks among the nation's best, is No. 1 in a new ranking of doctoral programs at research universities.
- The College of Engineering and Computing is a national leader in fuel-cell research and is the site of the nation's only Industry/University Cooperative Research Center for Fuel Cells.

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 and Media 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 and Gender 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
Hospitality/Tourism Management
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
Information Science
Journalism (Print)
Library and Information Science
Mass Communication
Public Health
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 Scientiae



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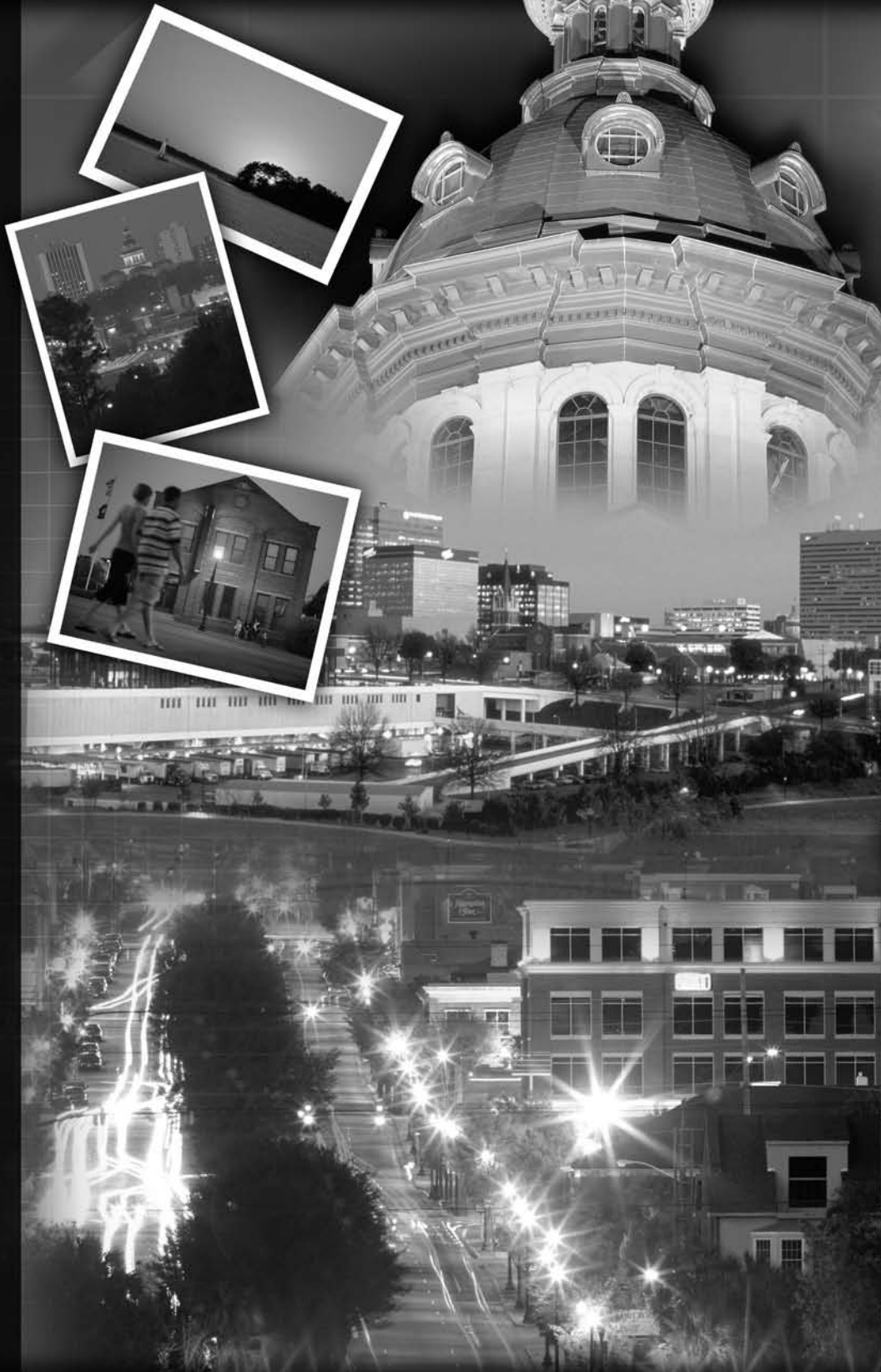
Located in the heart of South Carolina, Columbia combines the graces of a rich past with the vibrance of the emerging Southeast. The city serves as center for education and government as the State Capital and offers something for everyone.

- Columbia's Population: 116,287
- 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 University of South Carolina student-athletes with an array of opportunities for internships and networking while in college.
- In addition, *Expansion Management* magazine ranked Columbia among its "50 Hottest Cities for 2007."
- In June 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 2008, *Forbes Magazine* listed Columbia No. 56 of 200 "Best Places for Business and Careers."
- 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



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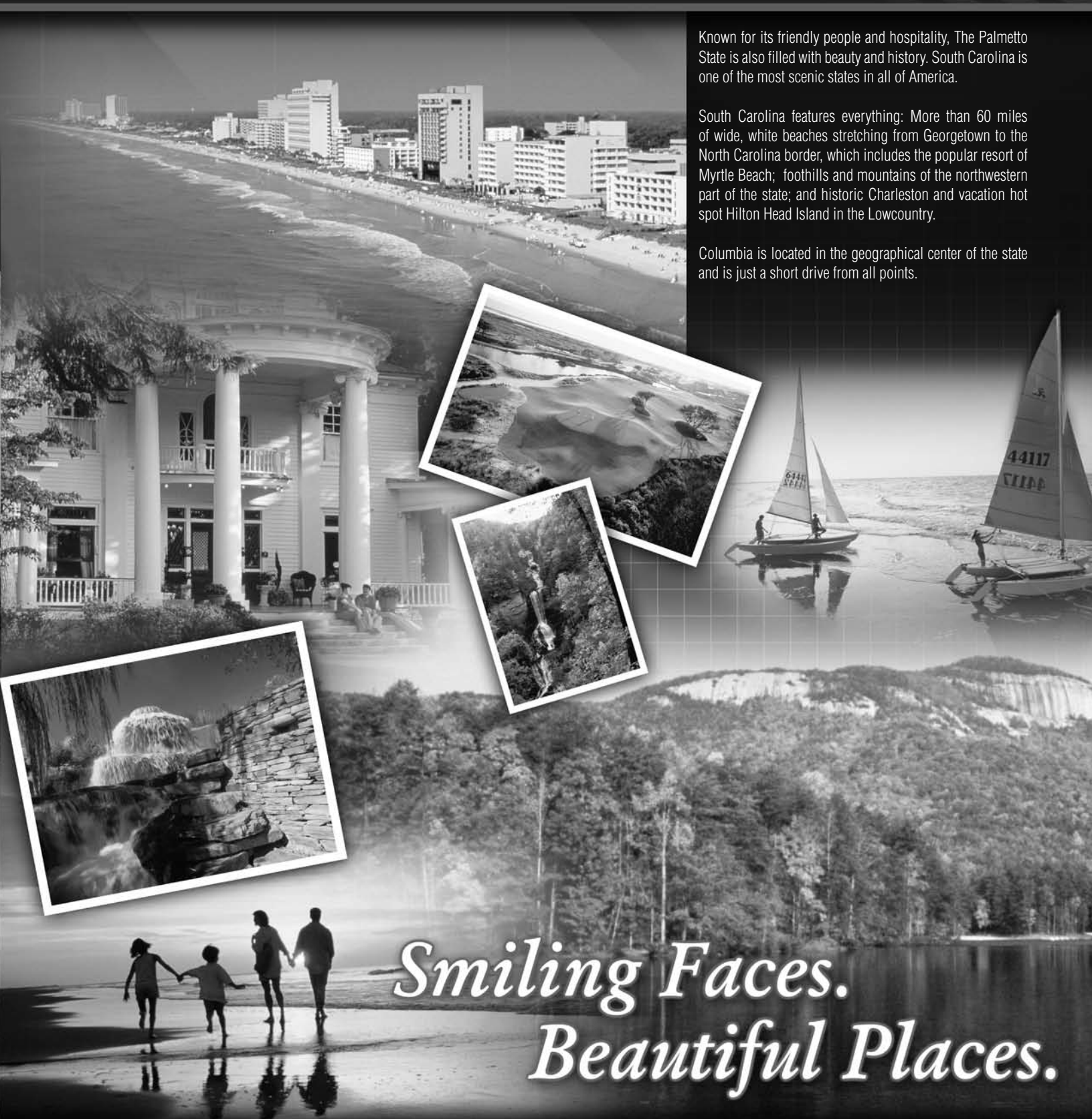
THE PALMETTO STATE



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 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. HARRIS PASTIDES

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA PRESIDENT

Harris Pastides, the University of South Carolina's 28th president, was previously vice president for research and health sciences at South Carolina. He is also executive director of the university's Research Foundation.

Under Pastides' leadership, research funding and sponsored programs at South Carolina have increased 69.2 percent since 2002, reaching a record \$185.2 million for fiscal year 2007.

Pastides served as dean of the University's Arnold School of Public Health from 1998-2003. He was instrumental in helping to secure a \$10 million gift from Norman and Gerry Sue Arnold for the naming rights to the school in 2002. The new \$22 million Arnold School of Public Health Research Center opened in October 2006.

Before joining the South Carolina faculty, Pastides served as a professor of epidemiology and chairman of the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He received his Master's of Public Health and his Ph.D. in Epidemiology from Yale University.

Pastides is charged with accomplishing major growth in federal and industrially sponsored research. The following have been chosen as focus areas that have the potential to be recognized as among the top programs nationally: nanotechnology, Future Fuels™ (including fuel cell and hydrogen research), and several targeted areas of biomedical research.

Pastides manages the university's research budget and directs investments toward faculty hiring, enhancing research infrastructure, and developing the Innovista research and innovation district.

In his economic development role, Pastides is the university's chief contact with business, industry, and the state's Department of Commerce. The economic development office includes intellectual property and technology transfer programs, a small-business incubator, and consultative services for small manufacturers and start-up businesses.

The Division of Health Sciences comprises approximately 450 faculty and 3,400 undergraduate, graduate and professional students enrolled in some 52 degree programs. Because biomedical research has been selected as one of the university's major research priorities, he has established a major faculty hiring emphasis and a master plan for major new research facilities to support this research area.



Pastides has overall responsibility for academic affairs in the five health sciences colleges, including curricular matters; student welfare; and faculty recruitment, promotion and tenure, and retention.

The University of South Carolina has affiliate agreements with the two largest health systems in the state, as well as with the Dorn Veterans Administration Hospital, with which the university operates residencies and other educational and research programs.

Pastides serves as executive director of the S.C. Research Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. In this capacity, he oversees the distribution of indirect cost recovered funds, directs faculty research policies, and manages research administrative services. He also supervises university federal relations staff who reside in the Washington, D.C., area.

DR. BILL BEARDEN

Faculty Athletic 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 Dr. Harris Pastides on matters related to the athletics program and working with Dr. Sorensen to determine the University'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 and the University of Alabama from 1976-1978.



ERIC HYMAN

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETICS DIRECTOR



Eric Hyman serves 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 began his duties at South Carolina on July 1, 2005.

Hyman has developed an outstanding reputation as a leader among his peers. 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). In September 2008, he will assume the duties as President of the Division 1A Athletic Directors' Association.

Under Hyman's leadership, the USC Athletics Department has made tremendous strides in becoming a nationally prominent program with the goal of competing for championships. His \$200 million master plan of facilities and the school's first athletics capital campaign is well underway with the construction of a state-of-the-art baseball stadium scheduled to open in 2009, and the groundbreaking for the Dodie Anderson Academic Enrichment Center, which is slated to be completed by the Fall of 2009. In addition, a new athletic training center will be completed at Williams-Brice Stadium in the Fall of 2008.

During Hyman's tenure, the Gamecocks have enjoyed their share of success on the field of competition. Over the past two years South Carolina has competed in the post season in football, women's basketball, baseball, softball, men's and women's soccer, indoor and outdoor men's and women's track and field, men's and women's golf, 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 have combined to surpass the 3.0 grade point average plateau for the first time in department history and have topped the SEC in Academic Honor Roll for four consecutive semesters from 2007-08.

During 2005-06, 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 play in post-season tournaments and have its baseball squad reach the regionals. 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 claimed a national title. Men's soccer earned a conference title while both men's & women's golf and tennis teams advanced to postseason action.

Hyman came to South Carolina from TCU, where he served as the athletics director for over seven years. 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 the Western Athletic Conference it was in when Hyman arrived.



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 and outdoor track and field and men's tennis teams finished seasons ranked among the top five in the nation.

As TCU's Athletics Director, Hyman worked diligently to improve athletic facilities. He helped raise over \$30 million in facility improvements and directed a three-phase building plan that completely renovated the athletic departments facilities.

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, Virginia, in the 1980s.

No stranger to the Carolinas, Hyman coached football at Furman University for nine years under Art Baker and Dick Sheridan, and was an associate athletics director for two years. Eric earned a master's degree in educational administration (1975) from Furman. 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 in the early 1990s.

His wife, Pauline, is a native of North Carolina and also has her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She did some post-graduate work at South Carolina in the early eighties. 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 a daughter and son-in-law, Corrine and Michael Quast, and a son, Ryan. Corrine is a realtor in Fort Worth, Texas; Michael is a financial analyst and Ryan, is in the property and casualty insurance business, also in Fort Worth.





THE DODIE ANDERSON ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT CENTER

When University of South Carolina Athletics Director Eric Hyman talks about "the Dodie," the \$13 million state-of-the-art facility set to open in the fall of 2009, he enthusiastically refers to it as, "the heart of the athletics department and the place where the ebb and flow of student-athletes' days will be centered."

"The Dodie" is named for Dolores F. Anderson of Greer, S.C., whose philanthropic gift is helping to fund the center for University of South Carolina student-athletes. Anderson is the widow of Robert Anderson, the former president and chairman of Anderson Hardwood Floors, the largest privately-owned hardwood floor manufacturer in the United States. A 1981 graduate of USC Upstate with a degree in interdisciplinary studies, Dodie Anderson is co-owner of Anderson Hardwood Floors and a longtime supporter of USC Upstate's athletic programs.

The three-story, 40,000-square-foot center will be located across Heyward Street from Stone Stadium, the Gamecocks' soccer facility, in the 41-acre footprint known as "the Roost." It will be the focal point of and the first piece in the re-developed area that eventually will include an athletics administration building, a sports-medicine facility, a volleyball facility, a Gamecock Club building, improvements to the tennis courts, soccer practice fields and outdoor track and a new multi-purpose playing field for women's lacrosse.

Student-athletes are expected to be in and out of the AEC throughout the day as they use computers and study areas, receive tutoring, counseling and advising and even eat their meals.

Some other features of the building include:

- Full-service cafeteria
- Nutritionist office
- Audio/visual multi-purpose room
- 20 tutoring rooms (accommodates 2-4 people)
- 15 seminar rooms (accommodates 6-8 people)
- Math and English labs
- Special needs learning lab
- One large quiet study room
- One small quiet study room
- One large computer lab containing 58 computers
- Two small computer labs containing 16 computers
- Student-athlete lounge
- Academic support staff offices
- Full wireless capabilities throughout the facility
- Academic Hall of Fame



"Almost all major universities have a free-standing building for academics. It is crucial that we build ours. Thanks to Dodie and her family, this is going to happen."

- Head Football Coach Steve Spurrier

"With the plans we have in place, we believe this will be if not the best, then certainly one of the best facilities of its kind in the country, and it will be the cornerstone of our Athletics footprint and something in which the Gamecock Nation can take great pride."

- Athletics Director Eric Hyman



LIFE SKILLS ACADEMICS



The Carolina Academic Resources and Enrichment Services program employs a team of dedicated staff and tutors to work collaborating 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 athletics potentials. The Athletics Department is dedicated to developing the total student-athlete.

CHAMPS/LIFE SKILLS

South Carolina was selected by the NCAA to begin a CHAMPS/Life Skills Program 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. Additionally, in 2003, South Carolina was recognized by the Division I-A Athletics Directors' Association as a CHAMPS/Life Skills "Program of Excellence."

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 student-athletes to plan for the future and to prepare for life outside 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, assistance with resume development and job interviewing skills, resume 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 in the skills needed to begin their professional careers. These seminars include topics such as interviewing, resume 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 student-athletes in 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.

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 student-athletes.

SENIOR RING CEREMONY

In April of each year, the Athletics Department presents each of its graduating seniors with a South Carolina 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.





ACADEMICS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SHINES

THE ROOST

ACADEMIC
ENRICHMENT
CENTER

*Rising above the
competition in the
classroom as well*

*With academic advisor Earleen
Michels, the Gamecocks
have out-performed their SEC
counterparts in the classroom
semester after semester.*



Gamecocks on the 2007-08 SEC Winter Sports Academic Honor Roll



Demetress Adams
Junior
Psychology



Ilona Burgrova
Senior
Exercise Science



Brionna Dickerson
Junior
Business



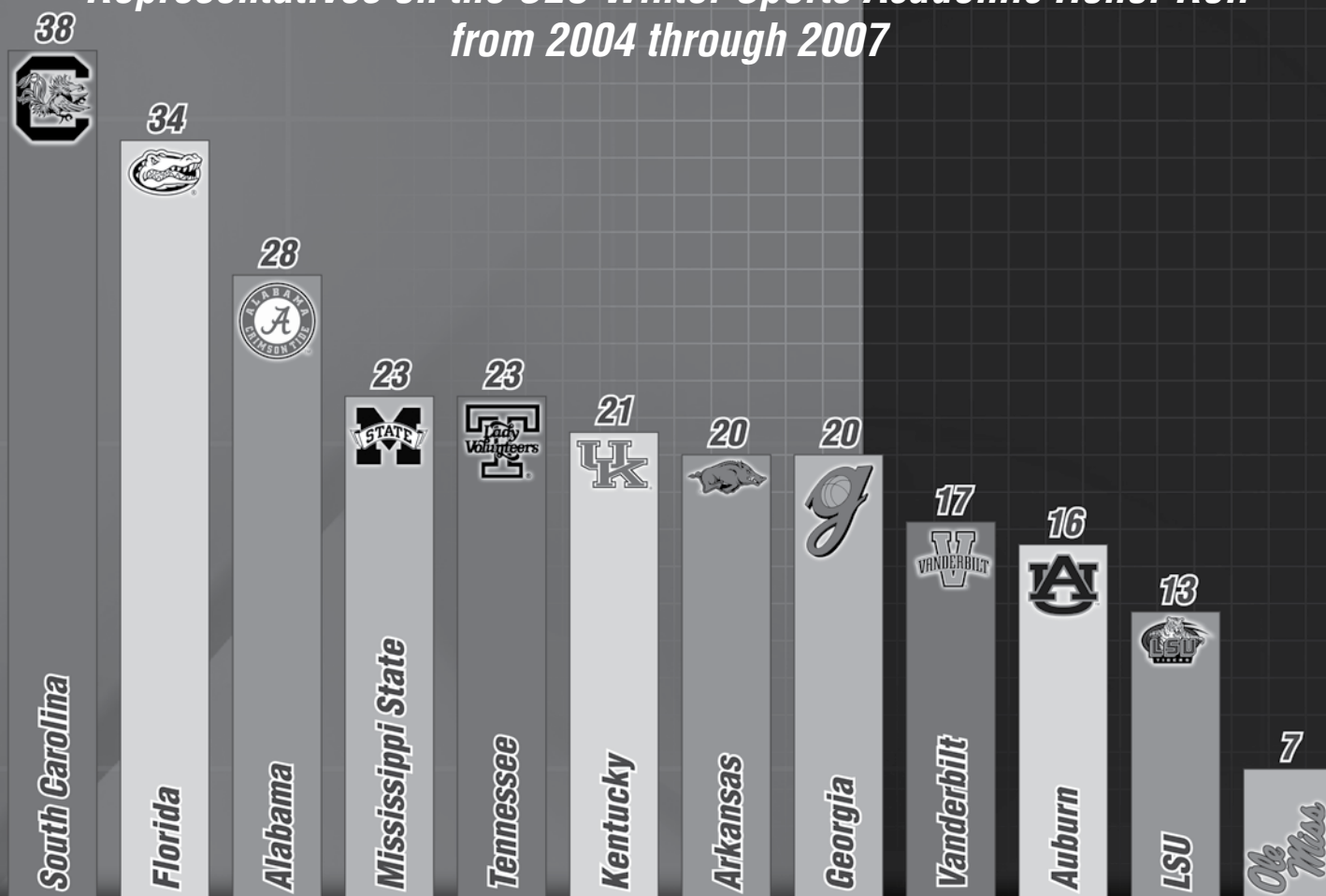
Lakesha Tolliver
Senior
Sport and Entertainment
Management

Team Effort

Academics is another team concept for Gamecock women's basketball. Academic advisor Earleen Michels has worked with the team since July 2003. She and other members of the Academic Services staff monitor the team's academic progress and schedule tutors or other assistance throughout the year.

Under their watchful eyes, women's basketball has placed more of its student-athletes on the SEC Winter Sports Academic Honor Roll than any other school from 2004 to 2007. In 2006-07, the team placed a school record 10 players on the list, surpassing the nine who made the list in 2005-06. The 10 members, who achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher over the 2006 Spring, Summer and Fall terms, was the second-highest total for any basketball team in the history of the SEC.

Representatives on the SEC Winter Sports Academic Honor Roll from 2004 through 2007



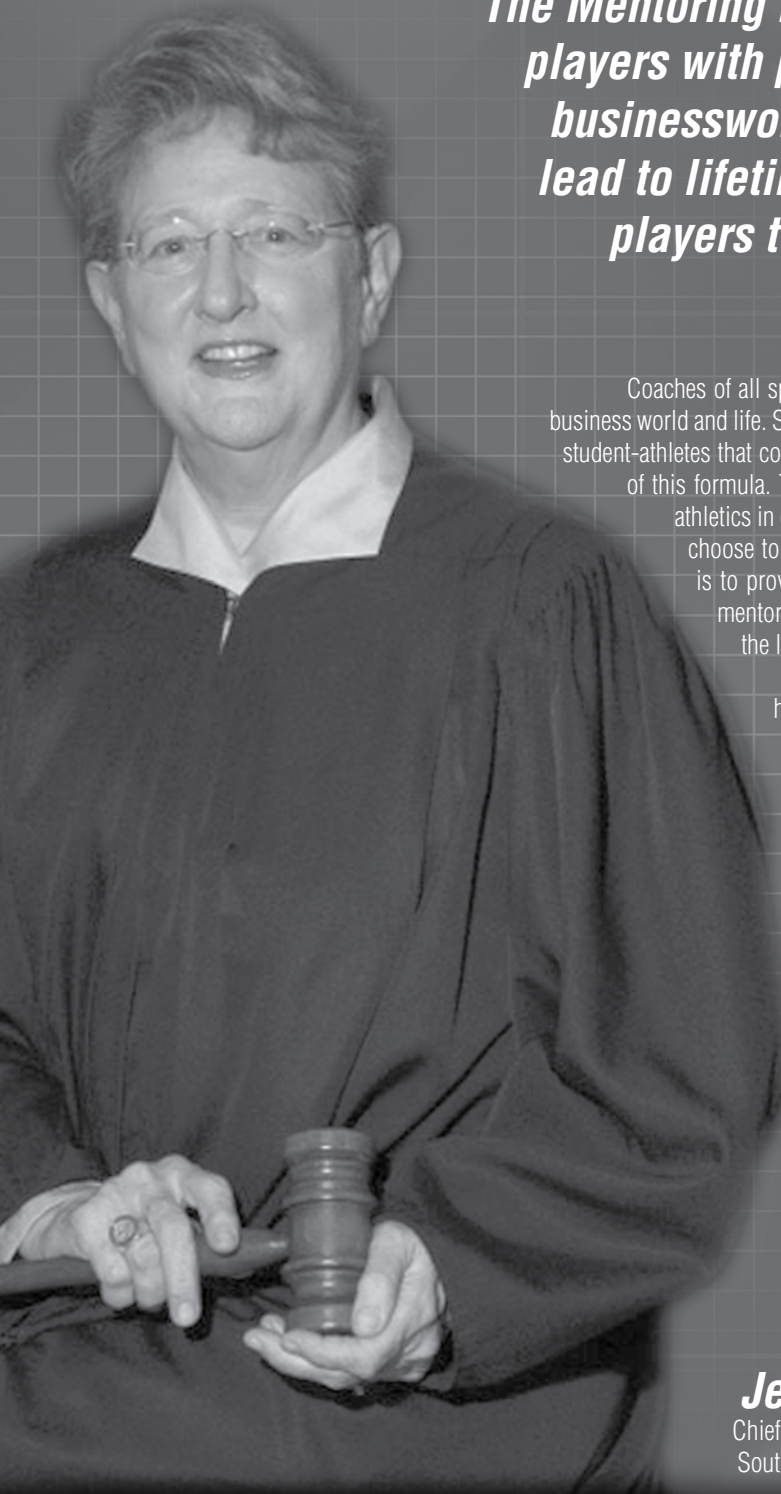


MENTORS

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

Women helping women achieve

The Mentoring Program provides women's basketball players with personal relationships with successful businesswomen in Columbia. These relationships lead to lifetime connections and an opportunity for players to earn a high-profile job after college.



Coaches of all sports have drawn parallels between success in athletic arenas and success in the business world and life. Success is achieved by honing talents through hard work and perseverance. Female student-athletes that compete at the University of South Carolina on the SEC level understand the value of this formula. They have achieved the opportunity to compete at the highest level of Division I athletics in earning a full athletic scholarship. These student-athletes understand that they can choose to be successful in all areas of their lives. The objective of the Mentoring Program is to provide role models or mentors to the female student-athletes at South Carolina. A mentoring relationship exposes our athletes to the real world and teaches them to apply the life skills they have learned in athletics to their professional lives.

The female student-athletes at South Carolina are focused on achieving their high athletic goals. They get up early in the morning to train, and they understand what it means to make sacrifices. They believe in the value of outworking their opponents and know it's the only way for them to have success. They also know that achievement is not only measured in wins and losses but in giving their absolute best. They know not to quit when things aren't going as planned but have learned to adjust the plan, work harder and find a way to achieve. They understand the value of communication and teamwork. The female athletes at South Carolina are winners, outstanding people and good students.

The formula for success both within and outside of the athletic arena requires a goal and a plan. The exceptional young women at South Carolina need guidance to help identify their career goals and to formulate a plan in attaining it. Mentoring provides that guidance.

The mentoring relationship allows the Gamecock student-athletes to witness first-hand women in professional leadership roles and the social norms and mores of professional women in the workplace. Such relationships help decrease the gap between students and their prospective working environments. The relationships expose students to people, places and things that may not have been accessible otherwise.

Jean Toal

Chief Justice, South Carolina Supreme Court
South Carolina Women's Basketball Mentor



Joan Assey
Dir. of Info. Tech., SC
Judicial
Department



Pamela Baker
Attorney, McNair Law
Firm



Ann Barton
Physical Therapist, Health
Tracks, LLC



Karen Baxley
Clinical Nurse Specialist,
Palmetto Health Baptist



Meliha Bowers
Law Clerk, Chief Justice
Toal



Heather Cairns
Attorney, Cairns Law Firm



Liz Crum
Attorney, McNair Law
Firm



Deb Duwel
Legal Assistant, Bagnell
and Eason, LLC



Rosalyn Frierson
Attorney - Executive
Director, SC Court
Administration



**Gladys Galliard-
McBride, R.N.**
USC School of Public
Health



Barbara Gatlin
Retired Teacher



Henrietta Golding
Attorney, McNair Law
Firm



Anne Hayes
Account
Manager, Palmetto Health
Homecare



Frannie Heizer
Attorney, McNair Law
Firm



Janice Henry Wilson
Administrative
Coordinator, SC Dept. of
Revenue



Eleanor Kellett
Assistant General
Counsel, SCANA



Mary Kennemur
Entrepreneur/
Consultant



Isabel Law, R.N.
Patient Educator, Palmetto
Baptist Breast Center



Lynda Lovelace
Retired Teacher,
Richland One



**Jan Middlebrooks,
CFP**
Financial Advisor,
Merrill Lynch



Mandy Quarterman
Planning Analyst,
Palmetto Health



Julie Ruff
Assistant to the Mayor,
City of Columbia



Stephany Snowden
PR. Director, Richland
County



Lynn Stevens
Attorney, McNair Law
Firm



Anne Walker
Executive Director, Alston
Wilkes Society

Mentoring Program Participants

Joan Assey
Lynn Bailey
Jan Baker
Pam Baker
Jackie Bartley
Ann Barton
Karen Baxley
Cheryl Behymer
Betty Best
Meliha Bowers
Camille Bradford-Hugg
Dr. Lena Bretous
Dr. Stacey Brennan
Sandra Bryan
Heather Cairns
Nikki Cantey
Lee Coggiola
Judy Cotchett-Smith
Sally Crane
Liz Crum
Tina Cundari
Jenny Dalrymple
S. Mary Ann Dardy
Deborah Dusseljee
Deb Duwel
Rosalyn Frierson
Gladys
Galliard-McBride, R.N.
Barbara Gatlin
Barbara George Barton
Henrietta Golding
Lil Ann Gray
Brenda Grays
Anne Hayes
Frannie Heizer
Janice Henry-Wilson
Eleanor Kellett
Mary Kennemur
Aphrodite Konduros
Isabel Law, RN
Nancy Layman
Cindy Long
Lynda Lovelace
Linda McDonald
Jan Middlebrooks, CFP
Mandy Quarterman
Gayle Ricks, MSW
Julie Ruff
Caroline Seigler
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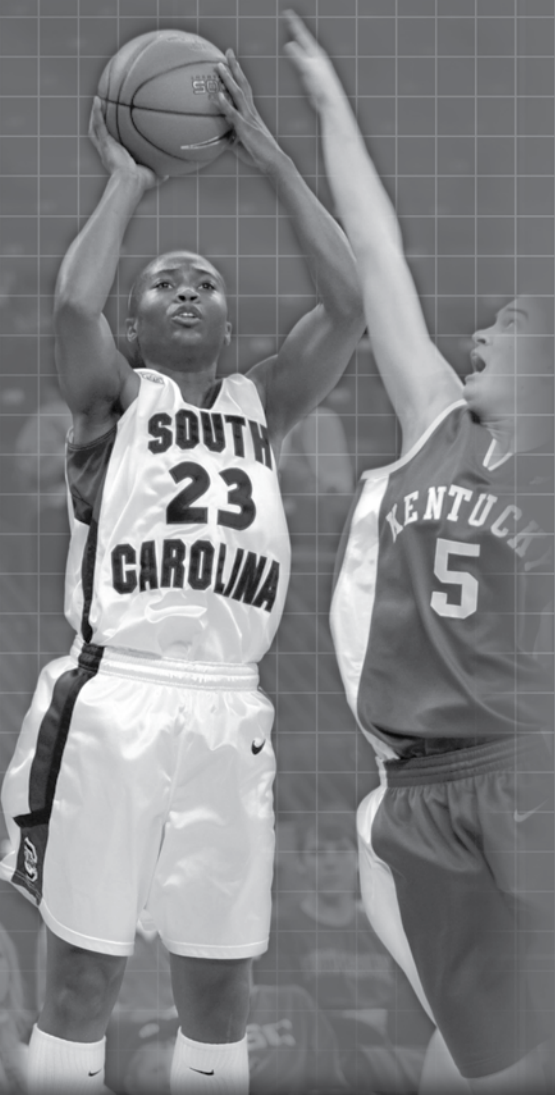


THE SEC

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ELITE

SECond to none, the Southeastern Conference is America's best.

With eight national championships, 10 runner-up finishes, a nation-leading 34 Final Four appearances and 94 first-team All-America honorees, the SEC stands firmly as the nation's premier women's basketball conference.



NCAA Appearances

Southeastern Conference 163

Atlantic Coast	122
Big Ten	101
Big East	94
Pac-10	86
Big 12	71
Atlantic 10	63
Conference USA	42
Sun Belt	42
Missouri Valley	36

NCAA Tournament Wins

Southeastern Conference 312

Atlantic Coast	177
Big East	153
Big Ten	128
Pac-10	107
Big 12	95
Sun Belt	64
Atlantic 10	50
Independents	32

SEC Year-by-Year NCAA Participation

1982	5	1991	7	2000	6
1983	5	1992	4	2001	6
1984	5	1993	6	2002	8
1985	4	1994	6	2003	7
1986	7	1995	7	2004	7
1987	6	1996	7	2005	5
1988	6	1997	7	2006	6
1989	6	1998	6	2007	5
1990	6	1999	8	2008	5

NCAA Final Four Appearances

Southeastern Conference 34

Atlantic Coast	14
Big East	13
Big Ten	8
Sun Belt	8
Pac-10	7
Independents	6
Big 12	3
Colonial	1

NCAA Championships

Southeastern Conference 8

Big East	6
Atlantic Coast	2
Pac-10	2
Big Ten	1
Big 12	1
Independents	1
Sun Belt	1

By the Numbers

The SEC has posted impressive non-conference records in the last decade. Since the 1990 season, the league has compiled a 2,613-746 (.778) record against other conferences. Last season, the SEC was 156-46 (.723) in non-conference play. The 1999-2000 season was the most successful with league schools winning 83.0 percent of their non-conference games. The SEC has never recorded a non-conference winning percentage below .728.

SEC teams have played in 25 of 27 NCAA Final Fours, an accomplishment unmatched by any other league. Overall, SEC squads have filled 34 of the 108 Final Four berths, including nine years in which the league provided two Final Four teams.

SEC teams have made 18 appearances in a nation-high 16 NCAA championship games, winning eight national titles. The league had the distinction of providing both national finalists twice in its history – 1996 (Tennessee 83, Georgia 65) and 1989 (Tennessee 76, Auburn 60).

The SEC was the first league to ever have eight teams invited to the NCAA Tournament, doing so in 1999 and 2002.

Individual Honors

The SEC has had 55 student-athletes named first-team All-America. Those 55 have been named a total of 82 times since 1982-83 when the SEC first sponsored women's basketball.

The league has had six Honda Sports Award winners – Katrina McClain, Georgia (1987); Bridgette Gordon, Tennessee (1989); Chamique Holdsclaw, Tennessee (1997, 1998) and Candace Parker, Tennessee (2007, 2008).

Seven Naismith Player of the Year winners have come from the SEC. In 1996, Georgia's Saudia Roundtree earned the honor. Chamique Holdsclaw of Tennessee won the honor in 1998 and 1999, while teammate Tamika Catchings was named in 2000. LSU's Seimone Augustus won the award in 2005 and 2006. Tennessee's Candace Parker is the most recent, winning the award in 2008.

Nine NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship winners and 28 Academic All-Americans hail from the SEC.

Dominance in the Polls

Since the 1982-83 season when the SEC began sponsoring women's basketball, the league has never failed to place at least three members in each of the final polls (the WBCA/USA Today poll began in 1986). In 2006-07, four schools were ranked in both the AP and the WBCA/USA Today polls.

In terms of rankings, the SEC has the richest history of any conference in the nation, boasting more poll appearances than any other. Since the 1982-83 season, SEC teams have been ranked in the AP poll for 477 consecutive weeks. League teams have been ranked 2,442 times, including 1,228 top 10 appearances with 707 top five appearances.

A nation-leading eight SEC teams were ranked at one point in the AP and CNN/USA Today Top 25 during the 1995-96 season. The league mirrored that feat during the 1996-97 campaign.





WNBA PLAYERS

FORMER GAMECOCKS NOW PROS

*Former Gamecocks
continue to shine on
the court.*

*Four-time WNBA All-Star Shannon Johnson
leads the list of former Gamecocks who
went on to play in the WNBA.*

**JOCELYN
PENN**



**SOUTH CAROLINA GUARD
1998-2003**



**PETRA
UJJHELYI**



**SOUTH CAROLINA CENTER
1999-2003**

GORTMAN

SHAUNZINSKI



SOUTH CAROLINA GUARD
1998-2002

Shannon Johnson

Originally drafted by the Columbus Quest of the American Basketball League in 1997, Shannon Johnson signed with the WNBA's Orlando Miracle in 1998 after the ABL folded, becoming the first former Gamecock in the WNBA. Through nine seasons with the Miracle, the Connecticut Sun, the San Antonio Stars, the Detroit Shock and currently the Houston Comets, the four-time All-Star has averaged 10.7 points and 4.3 assists per game while starting 286 of 318 games played.

Shaunzinski Gortman

The first SEC player taken in the 2002 WNBA Draft, Shaunzinski Gortman was selected by the Charlotte Sting with the ninth overall pick then shipped to the Minnesota Lynx as part of a draft-day trade. Following a two-year stint with the Lynx, she spent part of 2004 with the Washington Mystics before playing overseas for Maccabi Ashdod in the Israel Pro League in 2005. Gortman signed a free-agent contract with the Seattle Storm in March 2006.

JOHNSON

SHANNON



SOUTH CAROLINA GUARD
1992-96

Jocelyn Penn

Drafted by the Charlotte Sting with the ninth overall pick of the 2003 WNBA Draft, Jocelyn Penn played for the Washington Mystics and the San Antonio Silver Stars during her career. In 31 games with the Mystics and Silver Stars, Penn averaged 2.9 points and 1.7 rebounds per game before being hampered with right shoulder tendinitis/bursitis.

Petra Ujhelyi

The only former Gamecock to win a WNBA title, Petra Ujhelyi was originally drafted as the No. 16 overall pick of the Phoenix Mercury in 2003. Following the draft, she was traded to the Detroit Shock, which went on to win the 2003 WNBA championship. Ujhelyi played in 14 games during the team's 24-10 season, grabbing a career-high five rebounds in the season finale against the Washington Mystics.

Since the 2003 championship season, Ujhelyi has helped Andra Ramat Hasharon of the Israel Pro League to a pair of Israeli Cup titles and a third-place finish in the 2006 EuroCup.



Working closely with the local and national media is part of the South Carolina women's basketball experience. Players are prepared by taking an entertaining media training course that provides them with skills not only used in post-game interviews but that also can be translated into real-life job interview situations.

Local media also take an interest in the Gamecocks, attending games and press conferences through the season. Recent features include Brionna Dickerson on the cover of *Columbia Metropolitan Magazine* and Demetress Adams in FCA-sponsored *Sharing the Victory Magazine*.





FAN SUPPORT

A LOYAL FOLLOWING

***Among the
most loyal
fans in the
nation***

***South Carolina fans own
a reputation for being
some of the most loyal
and passionate fans in
the country, and their
energy provides a clear
home-court advantage
for the Gamecocks.***

Playing in the SEC, Carolina women's basketball players face the daunting task of competing against some of the nation's top teams and players night after night. Gamecock fans help ease the burden by providing a clear home-court advantage for their team every time it takes the floor at the Colonial Life Arena. In fact, it is not out of the ordinary to see a Gamecock following when Carolina is on the road.



COACHING STAFF

TEEMING WITH EXPERIENCE

*Experience abounds on the
Gamecock coaching staff.*

*With a combined 39 years of coaching experience,
29 years playing professionally and seven gold
medals, the South Carolina coaching staff
ranks among the most decorated and
experienced in the nation.*



Dawn Staley – Head Coach

Winning four gold medals as a player (3) and an assistant coach with USA Basketball, Dawn Staley took the reins of the South Carolina women's basketball program on May 10, 2008, instantly raising the Gamecocks' presence in both the Southeastern Conference and the national stage. Staley has guided teams to success both as a coach and a player. She led Temple to four Atlantic 10 Tournament titles, six NCAA Tournament appearances and the program's first national ranking in her eight seasons at the helm. She was part of four Olympic gold-medal winning United States teams, including the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. A five-time WNBA All-Star, Staley was on the league's All-Decade Team.

Staley's coaching philosophy goes well beyond X's and O's as she strives to educate her student-athletes on the importance of being a valuable part of the community as well. She has been recognized both locally and nationally for her commitment to service. A two-time winner of the WNBA Kim Perrot Sportsmanship Award, Staley now has a service award named for her as the WNBA instituted the Dawn Staley Community Leadership Award in 2007. She has twice earned the Wanamaker Award for her work in Philadelphia, becoming the only woman to individually receive the award twice. The Rotary Club of Tulsa honored Staley as the female recipient of its Henry P. Iba Citizenship Award in 2007.



Lisa Boyer – Assistant Coach

Lisa Boyer has been the lead assistant on Dawn Staley's coaching staff since the 2002-03 season when she returned to the college ranks after five seasons coaching at the professional level. In her 26-year career, Boyer has been both an assistant and a head coach at both levels. Prior to joining Staley at Temple, Boyer was an assistant coach for the WNBA's Cleveland Rockers. As part of that stretch, she became the first woman to serve on an NBA staff, serving on John Lucas' Cleveland Cavaliers staff in 2001-02. Boyer coached Staley as part of her two seasons at the helm of the ABL's Richmond Rage, which became the Philadelphia Rage in 1997.

On the college level, Boyer spent 10 seasons as the head coach at Bradley University and guided the women's team at Converse in 1982-83. At Bradley, Boyer's team boasted a 100 percent graduation rate. She has also been an assistant coach at Virginia Tech, Miami (Ohio), East Carolina and Davidson.



Carla McGhee – Assistant Coach

A women's basketball coach, administrator and elite player, Carla McGhee was lured back to college coaching by Dawn Staley after more than two years in the WNBA office. McGhee played professionally for eight years in the ABL and WNBA and was part of the 1996 United States team that won the gold medal in the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games, a group that is credited with spawning the two professional leagues.

Before taking the call from Staley, McGhee served as a consultant and ambassador for the WNBA's new franchise the Atlanta Dream. She raised awareness about the team in an effort to stimulate ticket sales by making numerous speeches and public appearances throughout the city. McGhee took that role after spending nearly two years in her "dream job" — director of player personnel for the WNBA. There she was involved in nearly every facet of player presentation within the league, serving as the link between the players and the league office.

McGhee's first taste of coaching was on Staley's staff at Temple in 2003-04. She went on to coach two seasons at Auburn as well.



Nikki McCray – Assistant Coach

Two-time Olympic gold-medal winner Nikki McCray reunited with two former teammates when she joined Dawn Staley's South Carolina staff. Following an 11-year playing career, McCray moved into the coaching ranks in 2006, spending two seasons at Western Kentucky. A three-time WNBA All-Star and the 1996-97 ABL Most Valuable Player, McCray played with Staley and fellow assistant coach Carla McGhee on the United States National Team in 1995-96, winning the first of her two gold medals with that group. With Staley, she was also on the 2000 team that struck gold in Sydney, Australia.

After a standout career at Tennessee, where she was a two-time All-American and SEC Player of the Year, McCray kept up her winning ways with an ABL championship as part of the Columbus Quest in 1996-97. In 1999, she switched leagues and joined the WNBA's Washington Mystics. After four seasons in Washington, she played for the Indiana Fever, Phoenix Mercury, San Antonio Silver Stars and Chicago Sky before retiring as the 24th-highest scorer in WNBA history.





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.

TEAM GAMECOCKS

- In 2007-08, South Carolina student-athletes participated in over 130 community service projects, logging more than 4,000 hours of service.
- The Equestrian team won the Athletics Department's 2007-08 Life Skills Team of the Year award.
- Team Gamecocks annually participates in a variety of service projects, including Pigskin Poets, Camp Kemo, Children's Chance, hospital and elementary school visits, and various food drives.



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 student-athletes minimize nutritional challenges and optimize their performances, 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.

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 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 Carolina student-athletes, including 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 Gamecock student-athletes.

The day-to-day care of Gamecock student-athletes is provided by the South Carolina athletic training staff. The athletic training staff consists of nine full-time certified athletic trainers and 10 graduate assistant athletic trainers who are responsible for emergency care, initial evaluation and diagnosis of injuries and post-injury treatment and rehabilitation for South Carolina student-athletes.

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. The student-athlete training table meals offer a variety of delicious and balanced meal choices.

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.

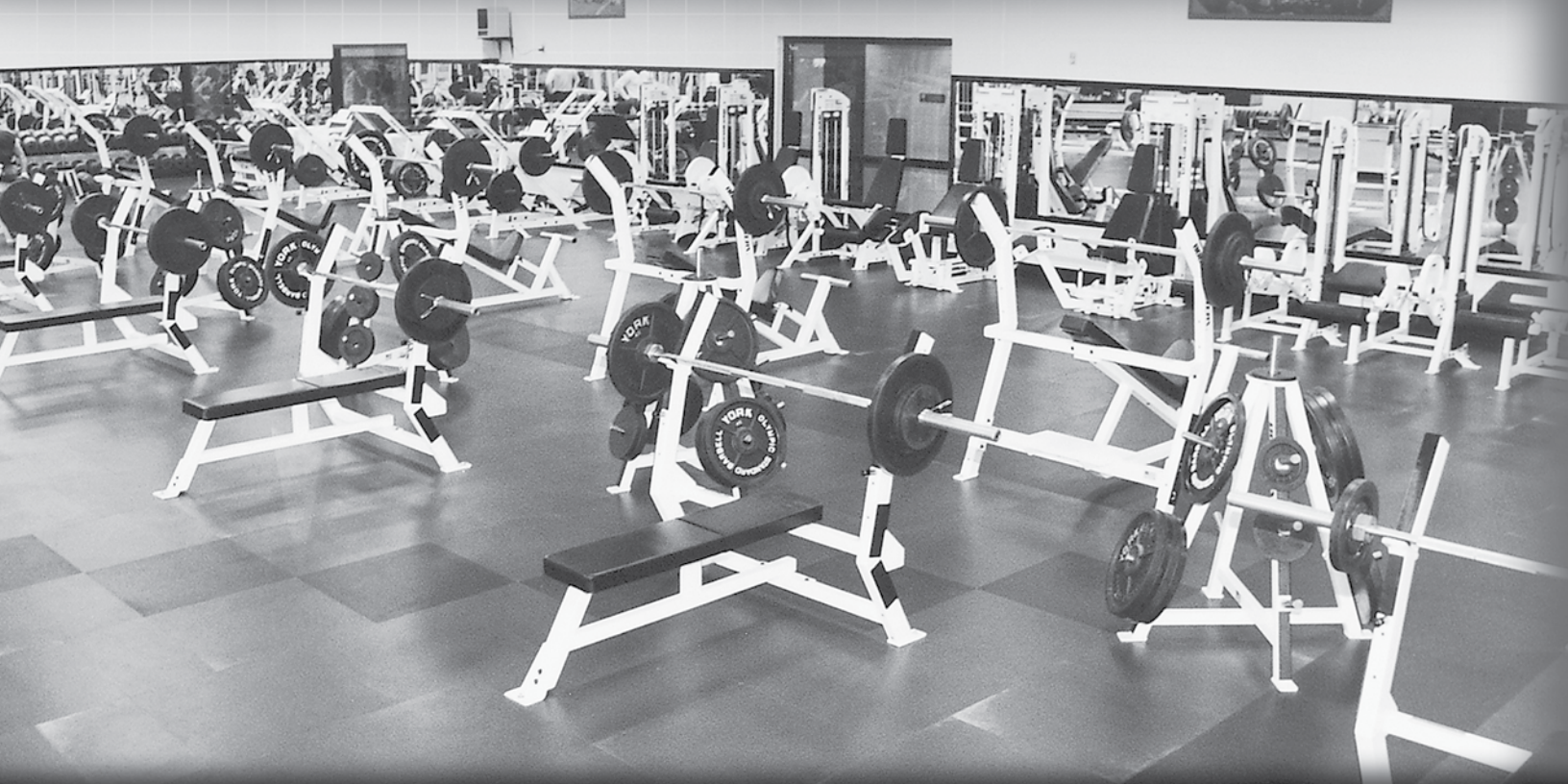


HEALTH

INJURY CARE AND PREVENTION

South Carolina women's basketball has an experienced staff dedicated to keeping its players healthy and at their athletic peak.

Injuries are part of sports, but recovery time can be accelerated if student-athletes have access to good health care and a solid strength and conditioning program. Along with the Gamecocks' talented staff of team physicians, athletic trainer Jenn Herod, who has more than 14 years of experience in the field of rehabilitation, and strength and conditioning coach Jon Vaden keep student-athletes on the court and performing at their maximum ability.





Jenn Herod
Athletic Training



Jon Vaden
Strength and Conditioning

South Carolina's student-athletes are offered excellent medical care, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This includes daily medical clinics in the training room by team physicians specializing in Family and Preventative Medicine with additional certification in Sports Medicine. USC physicians include specialists in family medicine, orthopedics, optometry, and dentistry. The Gamecock training room features a full rehab facility along with a complete x-ray service. There are nine full-time certified athletic trainers who serve the student-athletes during the year.

Jenn Herod has worked with South Carolina women's basketball since joining the athletic training staff in 2005. In addition to nine years as an athletic trainer at Ball State, Herod was a graduate assistant for the Gamecocks' softball and swimming and diving teams for two years while pursuing a master's degree in public health. As an undergraduate at Purdue, she got her start as an inpatient rehabilitation aide during the summer months in 1992 and 1993 and was a student volunteer assistant in the Physical Therapy Clinic at the Purdue University Student Hospital from September 1992 to May 1993.

Jon Vaden is in his third season as part of the strength and conditioning staff. Hired as a graduate assistant in August 2005, Vaden earned a full-time position on the staff after completing his master's degree in July 2007 and has been working with the women's basketball program ever since. Prior to his arrival in Columbia, Vaden was a student intern at Virginia Tech, working with football, baseball and men's soccer. He also assisted the Liberty University football team with their summer training regimen in 2005.





TRAVEL

GAMECOCKS GO ABROAD



“Don’t tell me how educated you are, tell me how much you have traveled.”
– Mohammed



The Gamecocks have tasted international culture and basketball in recent years, playing tournaments in Mexico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Bahamas. Additionally, the team on went on a five-game European Tour in 2005-06.





Preseason European Tour August 2005

The South Carolina women's basketball team embarked on a five-game European Tour August 6-16. The Gamecocks played exhibition games in Prague, Czech Republic; Budapest, Hungary; Vienna, Austria; and Zagreb, Croatia. The four wins South Carolina accumulated on the trip were secondary to the great appreciation for the culture and history of Europe they gained.

"Touring Europe gives our American players a chance to go abroad and see the beauties of other countries," Walvius said. "Through playing at South Carolina, these student-athletes are getting an opportunity to see things they may not have gotten a chance to otherwise."

Among the sightseeing stops for the Gamecocks were Prague Castle and Old Town Square in Prague, St. Stephen's Cathedral and Schonbrunn Palace in Vienna, Market Hall in Budapest, and Dolac City Market and the Cathedral in Zagreb.

Freeport Bahamas November 2005

The Gamecocks played in the Junkanoo Jam Tournament hosted by the Bahamas Basketball Federation Nov. 25-26. South Carolina joined seven other teams for the Thanksgiving holiday.

In addition to two games, the Gamecocks played along the beach in Freeport. The teams stayed at the beachfront Our Lucaya Beach and Golf Resort (*photo bottom of opposite page*), considered to be Grand Bahama's most spectacular resort. From the resort, the Gamecocks enjoyed boating and snorkeling trips during their week stay.



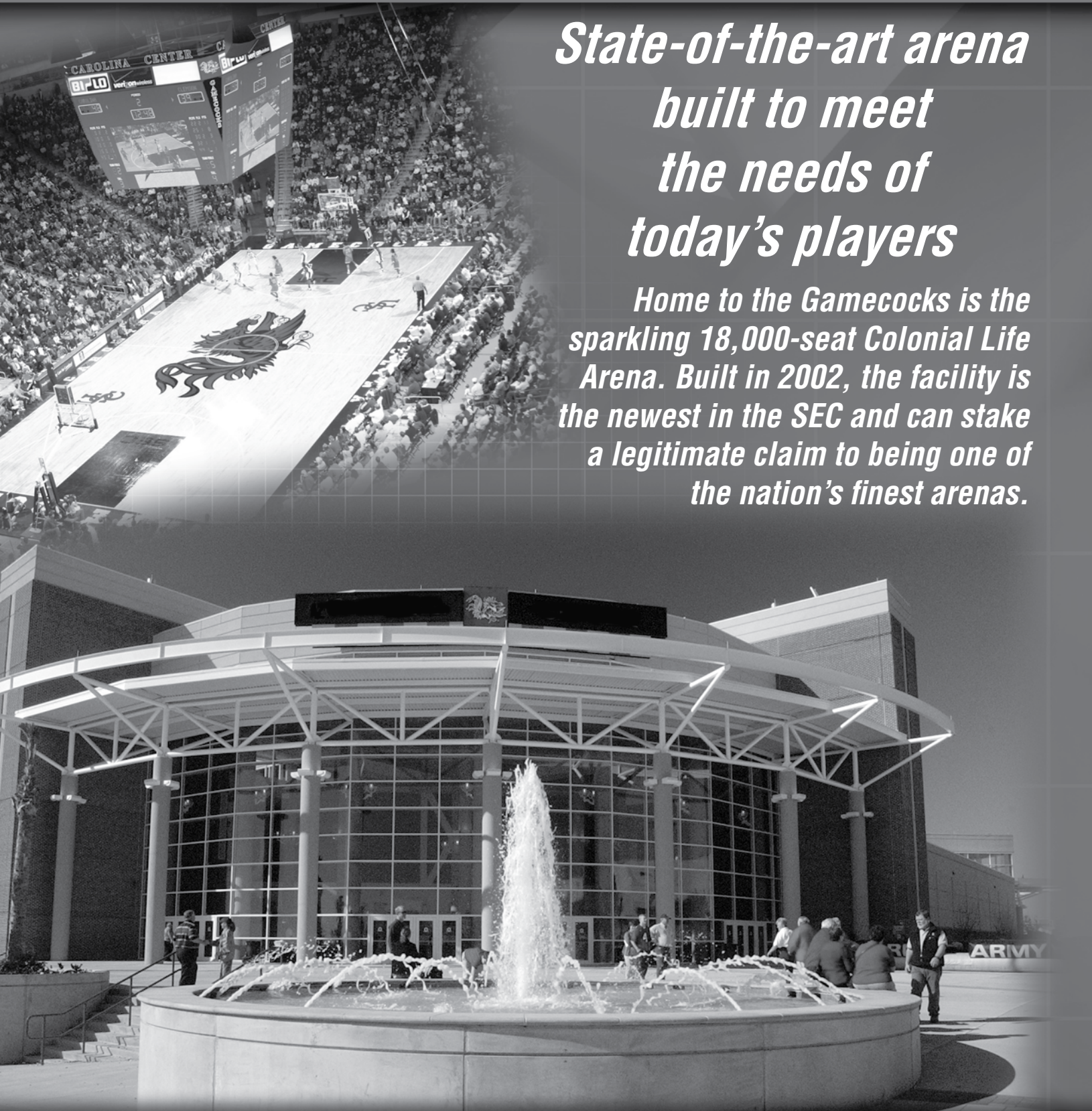


HOME COURT

COLONIAL LIFE ARENA

*State-of-the-art arena
built to meet
the needs of
today's players*

*Home to the Gamecocks is the
sparkling 18,000-seat Colonial Life
Arena. Built in 2002, the facility is
the newest in the SEC and can stake
a legitimate claim to being one of
the nation's finest arenas.*



Along with serving as the home of the South Carolina men's and women's basketball teams, the \$65 million Colonial Life Arena is one of the finest sports and entertainment venues in the Southeast, hosting a variety of concerts and family shows.

An exciting era in the history of the University of South Carolina and the athletics department opened in November 2002 with the unveiling of Colonial Life Arena. The South Carolina women's team, coming off the best season in school history, christened the building with a Nov. 22 matchup against arch-rival Clemson.

Colonial Life Arena, with a seating capacity of nearly 18,000 for basketball and 19,000 for other events, is the crown jewel of USC, Columbia, the Midlands and the entire state of South Carolina. Not only is Colonial Life Arena the largest arena in the state, it opened as the 10th-largest on-campus basketball facility in the nation and the fourth-largest in the Southeastern Conference.

The building is far from being only a basketball facility, attracting big-time events ranging from NBA and NHL exhibition games to concerts from the likes of Kanye West, Prince, Nelly, Bruce Springsteen, Rascal Flatts, Kenny Chesney and Shania Twain. But, from November through March, Gamecock basketball is the primary tenant. And, many of the design features of Colonial Life Arena were put in place with that in mind.

At the forefront of the arena design was configuration for an expanded student section to help give the Gamecocks one of the best home-court advantages in the SEC. Almost 500 sideline seats extending the length of the court were designed with students in mind as those seats are depressed to allow individuals to stand while not blocking the views of seated spectators above.

The building has an intimate double-deck design that puts every seat close to the action on the court. The cantilever of the upper deck over the lower deck extends further than any other arena of its size with great sight lines.

Colonial Life Arena has a state-of-the-art multi-million dollar scoreboard with four high-definition video screens. The scoreboard exhibits the latest technology and provides fans with the best video experience. The facility also has two additional scoreboards on the facing of the upper deck and two "hustle" boards, keeping fans up to date on rebounds, steals, assists and the like.

Two spacious lockerrooms for Gamecock men's and women's basketball include team meeting rooms, recruiting rooms, coaches lockerrooms and an athletic training room.

The media room is equipped with the latest technology, including phone and data lines for instant connection to the internet, which affords reporters the best means possible to get the word out on the Gamecocks.



Colonial Life Arena



GAME DAY

HOMECOURT ADVANTAGE

South Carolina plays big-time basketball.

There are few arenas in the nation that capture the excitement and passion of basketball gameday quite like Colonial Life Arena when the Gamecocks take the court.





The high level of play combined with the energy and pageantry provided by the fans, cheerleaders, band and Cocky result in an unforgettable experience.





PRACTICE

FIRST-CLASS FACILITY

Women's basketball players at South Carolina have the luxury of having their own separate practice facility independent of Colonial Life Arena.

Opened in 1997, the USC Basketball Practice Facility is a state-of-the-art center built especially for the South Carolina basketball teams to have a place to play year-round.

The facility features eight to 10 baskets, two full courts and offices for the women and men's coaching staffs.

The Basketball Practice Facility is located adjacent to the new Strom Thurmond Fitness Center and just a short walk from the campus and Colonial Life Arena.

Basketball facilities that are second to none

The Gamecock basketball offices are located at the practice facility, as is one of the Carolina women's basketball team's two spacious locker rooms.





HOUSING

CALL SOUTH QUAD HOME



*Living
comfortably
off the court*

*Gamecock basketball
players are provided
with the finest in
on-campus living at
South Quad.*

South Carolina students enjoy the “suite life” in the South Quad, which gives each student more room and privacy with suites featuring private bedrooms, a living room, full kitchen, private bathrooms and many more amenities.

Located on the corner of Wheat and Sumter Streets, South Quad is conveniently located next to the Blatt Physical Education Center, garage parking and other key parts of campus. For those students who choose not to do their own cooking in the fully equipped kitchen, the Russell House and Cooper's Corner are located nearby. Larger than many apartments, the South Quad has multiple floor plans with the smallest suite starting at 800 square feet.

Here are just a few of the South Quad amenities:

- Suites are shared by two or three people.
- Each student enjoys own bedroom and private phone line.
- Suite mates share a private bathroom.
- Spacious living room for friends to relax and study
- Suites offer cable t.v. and are wired for computers and the Internet.
- All suites enjoy maid service.
- Spacious lobby and patios overlooking the courtyard
- Private coin-operated laundry facilities
- Private academic study areas
- Security guard with restricted access to visitors
- Conveniently located on campus





TOTAL ATHLETICS PROGRAM

BASEBALL

South Carolina reached the postseason for the ninth-consecutive year as the Gamecocks earned a berth in the 2008 NCAA Regional. Carolina's nine consecutive appearances is the longest current streak among SEC schools with the Gamecocks reaching the NCAA Super Regional in seven of the nine seasons as well as earning three trips to the College World Series. The 2008 Gamecock baseball team also featured two players that were drafted in the first round of the MLB Draft, Justin Smoak (Texas Rangers) and Reese Havens (New York Mets).

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Men's basketball begins the Darrin Horn Era in 2008-09. Horn's first Gamecock edition features first-team All-SEC performer Devan Downey, who broke both the school and the conference single-season steals records a year ago. The 5-9 guard was one of only two sophomores to earn first-team All-SEC recognition in 2007-08.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The program advanced to the second round of the WNIT in 2007-08, reaching the postseason for the fifth time in the last seven seasons. Demetress Adams earned second-team All-SEC honors and finished the season fourth in the league in rebounding. Adams broke a 33-year-old school record with 26 rebounds against Arkansas, the highest single-game total of the season in the NCAA.

EQUESTRIAN

The South Carolina equestrian team has cemented its place as an elite program in the country, having won the overall national championship two of the last four years and three Hunter Seat national championships during that span. Senior Kristen Terebesi won two individual national championships in 2008 to become the only individual to ever win two championships in a season.

FOOTBALL

The Gamecocks climbed to as high as sixth in the BCS rankings during the 2007 season. They have had a player selected in either the first or second round of the NFL Draft in four of the past five years. Head coach Steve Spurrier has posted more wins in his first three seasons than any other football coach in Carolina history.

MEN'S GOLF

Senior Mark Anderson and sophomore George Bryan IV earned first-team All-SEC honors in 2007-08, the first Gamecock duo on the all-conference first team since 1999. Anderson went on to collect All-America honors as well. The team took second place at the SEC Championship, the program's best finish in a decade, as one of eight top-five finishes on the season.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Finishing sixth in the 2008 NCAA East Regional, the Gamecocks advanced to the NCAA Championship for the first time in five years. Sophomore Bénédicte Toumpsin picked up her first collegiate victory at the East Regional, becoming the Gamecocks' first regional winner since 1995. A first-team All-SEC selection, she went on to collect All-America honors from both *Golfweek* and the National Golf Coaches Association.

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 College Cup, in its 30-year history. In 2007, the program celebrated its 30th year as a varsity sport and inked its first-ever top 10 recruiting class. 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

Head coach Shelley Smith led the women's soccer team to arguably the best season in program history, setting 22 program firsts, including school records of 14 wins and 12 shutouts to advance to the NCAA Tournament for the second time. Blakely Mattern became the first sophomore in conference history to earn SEC Defensive Player of the Year honors while also becoming Carolina's first All-American.

SOFTBALL

The Gamecock softball program is one of the most historic in the nation and the oldest in the Southeastern Conference. The program has advanced to 15 NCAA Tournaments, including one Super Regional appearance in 2007 and three Women's College World Series berths. National Fastpitch Coaches Association Hall of Fame member Joyce Compton has led the program for the last 22 years, compiling a 919-422-3 record during that time at South Carolina and has led the program to four SEC Eastern Division crowns, two SEC Tournament championships and one SEC title in the 12 years the league has sponsored the sport.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

First-year head swimming coach McGee Moody joined forces with veteran diving coach Todd Sheritt during the 2007-08 campaign. Four swimmers advanced to the NCAA Championship, while Sheritt guided freshman standout Taryn Zack to All-America honors on the boards.

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 from 1993 to 2006.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Gamecock women's tennis team advanced to its 14th-consecutive NCAA Tournament in 2008, which stands as the 11th-longest active streak in the country. South Carolina defeated VCU in the first round for its 12th first-round victory during its 14 straight appearances. Gira Schofield advanced to the round of 32 at the NCAA Singles Championship before narrowly losing in three sets to Amanda McDowell from Georgia Tech, who went on to win the tournament. South Carolina also had a doubles team qualify for the NCAA Doubles Championship, giving the school qualifiers in each NCAA event.

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

The Gamecock men's track and field team used solid senior leadership en route to the first SEC and NCAA individual titles for the program in five years. The 4x400m relay team ran the nation's third-fastest time to take home the SEC Indoor title while hurdler Johnny Dutch was named SEC Freshman of the Year for the outdoor season. Jason Richardson hit an outdoor hat trick with the SEC, NCAA East Region and NCAA titles in the 110-meter hurdles.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Saddled with youth, the women's track and field team showed that the future is bright with strong performances from a group of freshmen and sophomores at the SEC and NCAA level. The Gamecock women finished 22nd at the NCAA Championships, marking its 14th-straight top-25 finish. Carolina collected 14 All-America honors on the year with only three coming from a senior.

VOLLEYBALL

The Gamecocks have advanced to seven NCAA Tournaments in the program's history. The 2007 squad finished with a 14-15 mark, the best record for the program in five years. Megan Laughlin earned SEC All-Freshman accolades, becoming just the second Gamecock to pick up the award in its three-year existence.



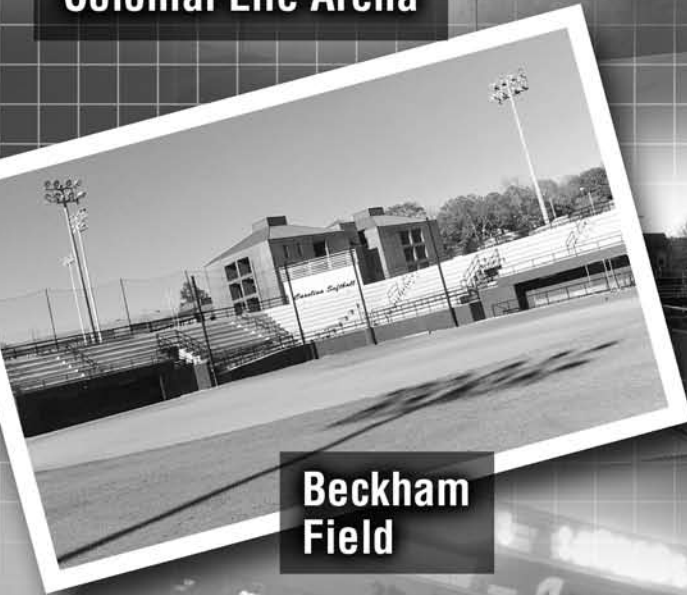
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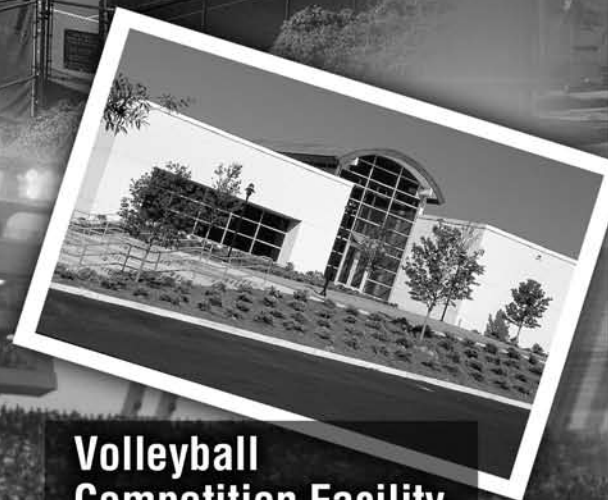
**Weems Baskin
Track**



**Beckham
Field**

**Sam Daniel
Tennis Center**

**Maxcy Gregg
Tennis Center**



**Volleyball
Competition Facility**

**Williams-Brice
Stadium**



USC Indoor Facility



Carolina Natatorium



One Wood Farm



Eugene E. Stone III Stadium



NEW BASEBALL STADIUM

- Approximately 5,400 permanent chair-back seats with total capacity of 8,000-plus fans
- Picnic Terrace down the left field line - Dining deck will hold approximately 120 fans
- Suite & Club Level premium seating available (five suites and two clubs)
- ADA accessibility for handicap and wheelchair patrons
- Larger concession stand menu with satellite portable setups on the Plaza and concourses
- Cup holders at each permanent seat
- State-of-the-art video scoreboard and sound system from Daktronics. The top of the scoreboard is 86 feet above the field. The scoreboard measures 47 feet high x 44 feet wide. The video portion is 16 feet high x 28 feet wide
- A wide concourse that runs completely around the stadium
- TV-ready for live television coverage, including six camera locations for television and video streaming
- A first-class lighting system by Musco with 125 foot-candles in the infield and 100-foot candles in the outfield
- Sand-based field meeting USGA specs/draining system with 419 Bermuda Turf Grass
- Field Dimensions - 325 down the lines, 390 to center field. Walls in the outfield vary from eight-to-10 feet in height. Batter's eye is 80 feet wide and stretches 40 feet above the field
- Press Box with wireless internet capability and four TV/radio booths

Additional features for the baseball team are:

- 3,900 square-foot weight room
- (Four) Indoor batting tunnels
- Home team locker room
- Sports Medicine/Athletic Training Room
- Classroom/Media Room adjacent to locker room
- Coaches offices





GAMECOCK TRADITION



"2001"

The theme "2001" corresponds with the University's Bicentennial, which was celebrated seven years ago. The theme song from "2001 - A Space Odyssey" is played at nearly all Gamecocks Athletics 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.



COCKY, THE SOUTH CAROLINA MASCOT

South Carolina's official mascot, Cocky, appears at many Gamecock athletic events. Cocky is widely-recognized around the country and makes countless appearances at events throughout Columbia and The Palmetto State. Cocky first took action at Carolina events in 1980 when he came in to take his father's (Big Spur) place. Cocky soon won the hearts of Gamecock fans all over and now is one of the most recognizable figures to young and old at Carolina. Cocky has also captured national attention in the UCA (Universal Cheerleading Association) Mascot Competitions. In 1986, Cocky brought home his first UCA Mascot Championship. Cocky was chosen National Mascot of the Year in 1986, 1994, and again in 2004 and is recognized as one of the most colorful mascots in collegiate athletics.

THE COCKABOOSE RAILROAD

The Cockaboos 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 don't move and they certainly aren't something you would see passing by on the end of a train. Running water, cable television, air conditioning and heating, and a living room highlight each and every Cockaboos.



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!