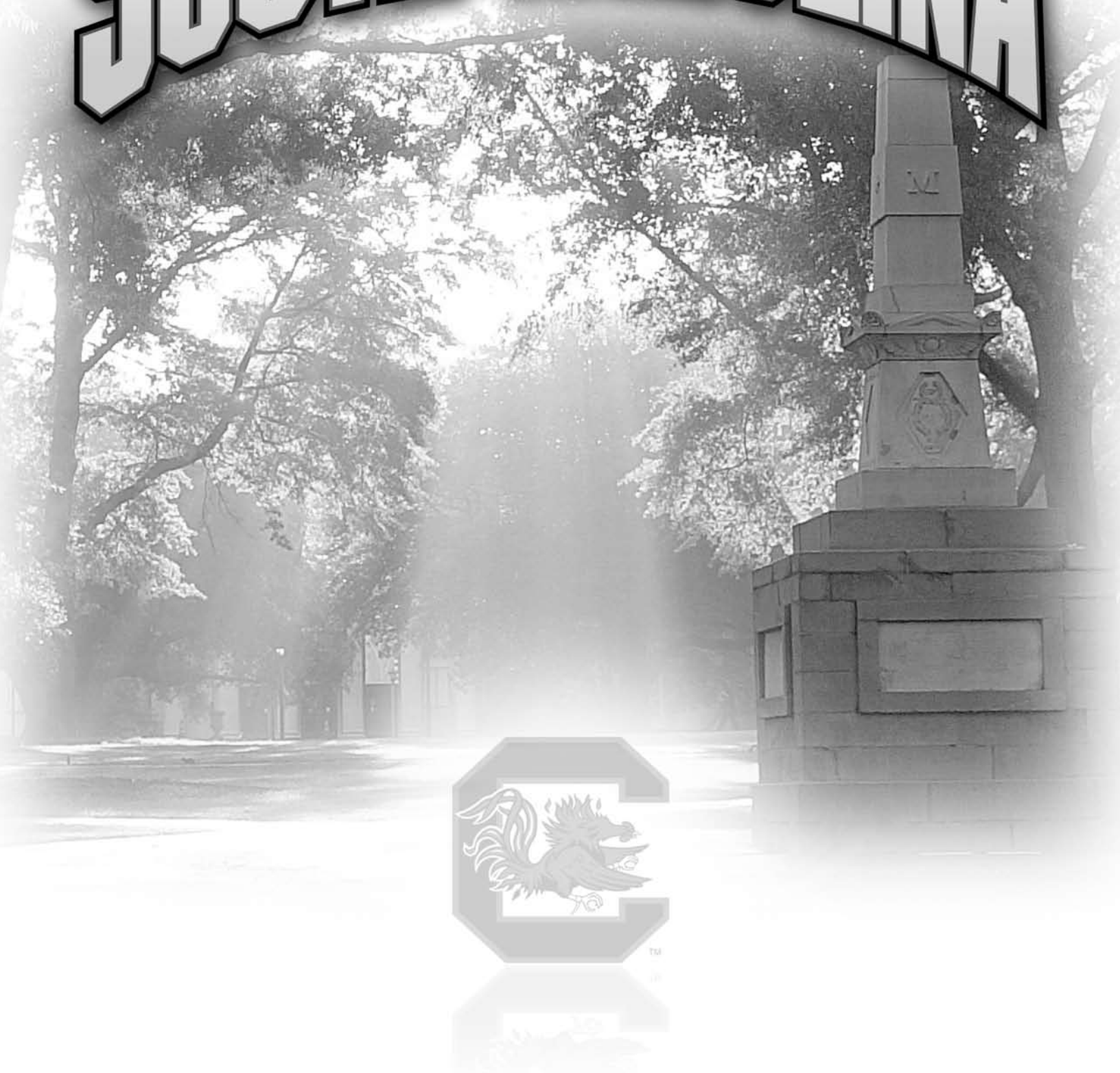


SOUTH CAROLINA



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■ Researchers at the College of Engineering and Computing are part of a national team that will develop technologies to assess the structural health of the nation's aging bridges. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) awarded the \$14 million dollar project, which will include the Physical Acoustics Corp. (PAC) of Princeton, N.J., the University of Miami and Virginia Tech as partners, with \$4 million going to Carolina for its part of the study.

■ University archaeologists from the University of South Carolina and East Carolina University have located two large cannon from a sunken Confederate gunboat in the Pee Dee River and have identified where the Mars Bluff Naval Yard once stood on the east side of the river in Marion County. State underwater archaeologist Christopher Amer and state archaeologist and research associate professor Dr. Jon Leader will lead efforts to raise the three cannon, each weighing upwards of five tons, that were once aboard C.S.S. Pee Dee.

■ The University has been selected by the U.S. Department of Energy to house a research center that is expected to bring \$12.5 million in federal funding, the largest award in the University's history, to a team of internationally recognized energy researchers in the College of Engineering and Computing. The center is one of 31 Energy Frontier Research Centers (EFRCs) being set up by DOE's Office of Science at leading universities around the country for advanced scientific research on energy. Sixteen additional centers are being established at DOE national laboratories, non-profit organizations and private firms across the nation.





■ BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina and the University have created the Consortium for Enterprise Systems Management, a unique collaboration that will build information technology (IT) opportunities of the future. The consortium, believed to be the first of its kind anywhere, aims to converge business, academia and economic development to collaborate in growing IT talent, nurturing IT management expertise and cultivating related business and organizational relationships.

■ The National Resource Center for The First-Year Experience and Students in Transition received the 2008 Special Merit Award from the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE). The ASHE Special Merit Award is presented to a person, group or organization in recognition of influential leadership and contributions to the understanding and study of colleges and universities.

■ Representatives from China were on campus last fall for the official launch of a prestigious Confucius Institute at the University. The institute is expected to impact K-12 education and business and trade in South Carolina, as well as undergraduate education at the University.

■ The S.C. Rural Health Research Center has received \$2.6 million for research on rural healthcare needs, particularly among minorities. The grant, which continues through September 2012, is one of only six nationally from the Office of Rural Health Policy at the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration.

■ A new library of special collections will be named for former U.S. Senator Ernest F. "Fritz" Hollings. The \$18-million, 50,000-square-foot building, to be named The Ernest F. Hollings Special Collections Library, will house the library's growing Rare Books and Special Collections and provide a permanent home for the University's S.C. Political Collections, which document the careers and contributions of many of the state's political leaders.

■ The University's graduate programs in international business, school-library media and social psychology have earned top rankings in U.S. News & World Report's annual issue, "America's Best Graduate Schools." The Moore School of Business is recognized as the nation's highest-ranked public-university MBA program for international business and No. 2 among all institutions in that specialty. This marks the 20th-consecutive year that the Moore School's International Master of Business Administration (IMBA) Program has been ranked either No. 1 or No. 2 in the publication. The University also was ranked No. 2 for its program in school-library media, and in social psychology, the University ranked No. 4, alongside Cornell University and ahead of Duke University, Emory University and the University of Michigan, among others.

■ University research awards totaled nearly \$83 million for the first half of fiscal year 2009, an increase of almost 5 percent from the same time last year. An increase of 10.2 percent in federal grants and an award of more than \$2.2 million from the Duke Endowment put the University in position to surpass its record \$206 million in grants last year.

■ The University's three-part mission – teaching, research and outreach – received significant applause from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching recently when the University joined that organization's "Curricular Engagement and Outreach & Partnerships" classification. Carolina is the only University from this state and one of only 23 public Universities nationwide to receive the foundation's highest ranking in both research and service to their communities.



Degree Programs

Arts and Sciences

African American Studies
 Anthropology
 Art Education
 Art History
 Art Studio
 Biological Sciences
 Cardiovascular Technology
 Chemistry
 Classics
 Comparative Literature
 Creative Writing
 Criminology and Criminal Justice
 Dance
 Earth and Environmental Resources
 Management
 Economics
 English
 Environmental Science
 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
 Engineering Science
 Mechanical Engineering
 Nuclear Engineering

Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management

Business and Technology Education
 Hospitality Management
 Interdisciplinary Studies
 International Hospitality and Tourism
 Management
 Retailing
 Sport and Entertainment
 Management
 Technology Support and Training
 Management
 Tourism 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 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
 Health Services Policy and Management
 Physical Activity and Public Health
 Physical Therapy
 Speech Communication
 Speech-Language Pathology

Social Work

Social Work

South Carolina Honors College
 Baccalaureus Artium et Scientiarum



MY CAROLINA

WHAT CAROLINA MEANS TO ME



"My Carolina is living in Columbia, a great place for my wife and I to raise our kids; meeting great people, from Augusta to Florence, from Greenville to Charleston; working at the flagship university in our great state; coaching in the premier conference in the country in the SEC and competing at a high level; and looking forward to packing the Colonial Life Arena!"

- Darrin Horn, Carolina Men's Basketball Coach

"My Carolina is living and working in one of the best states in America. My Carolina is coaching at a wonderful state university, the University of South Carolina; competing at the highest level in the Southeastern Conference; and hopefully one day soon being the Southeastern Conference football champions! This is My Carolina!"

- Head Ball Coach Steve Spurrier

My Carolina

The Carolina Alumni Association wants to know what "My Carolina" means to you.

MYCAROLINA.ORG

"My Carolina is a place where dreams can be reached by anyone willing to put forth the effort, and we have had a lot of young people put forth a great deal of effort in the 13 years we've been here. I look forward to every time I see a young face walking on the Horseshoe, or a young face come out to the track, or go for a run, or go to our weight room and use all of our great facilities with great enthusiasm."

- Curtis Frye, Carolina Track Coach

"My Carolina is the chance to build a championship caliber program in the Southeastern Conference, helping our players reach their potential on and off the court, being active in our local community, and great fans in the Colonial Life Arena."

- Dawn Staley, Carolina Women's Basketball Coach

"My Carolina is the equestrian team; it's winning a national championship; and it's beating Georgia at home."

- Boo Major, Carolina Equestrian Coach

"My Carolina is recruiting on the Horseshoe, mingling with students at the Russell House, and enjoying a Gamecock victory at our new Carolina Stadium."

- Ray Tanner, Carolina Baseball Coach

"My Carolina is walking with recruits and their families around the Horseshoe, the sunsets here at the end of the day when we're walking to the locker room after practice. And of course, the electric atmosphere here at 'The Graveyard,' Stone Stadium, one of the great venues in college soccer across the country, the support of our fans and the community. That's all part of what My Carolina means to me."

- Mark Berson, Carolina Men's Soccer Coach

DR. PASTIDES

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT



Harris Pastides was named the University of South Carolina's 28th president on August 1, 2008, following a decade of service at Carolina as a professor, dean and vice president. He was the first internal candidate to be elected as President of the University of South Carolina in over half a century.

Under Pastides' leadership as Vice President for Research and Health Sciences, research funding and sponsored programs at South Carolina increased 89 percent since 2002, reaching a record \$206 million for fiscal year 2008. Pastides continues to take a leading role in the development of Innovista, the research innovation district he helped design and launch during his tenure.



With Focus Carolina, one of his first major initiatives as University president, Pastides has launched the most comprehensive strategic planning initiative in the University's history. The effort is expected to result in transformational goals that will steer a course for the University's long-term future.

Pastides has identified sustainability, innovation, the University's role in development of a knowledge economy, more access to education for South Carolinians, and stronger cohesion among the University's eight campuses among his major goals. To accomplish those goals, he has solicited ideas from the University community and all South Carolina citizens through Carolina's Ideas, a Web-based virtual suggestion box that is yielding a bounty of good counsel.



Before joining the South Carolina faculty, Pastides was 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.

Harris Pastides and Patricia Moore were married April 27, 1980. They have two children: Katharine, an education specialist at the Getty Villa in Malibu, Calif., and Andrew, an equity stage actor in New York City.



Dr. Bill Bearden

Faculty Athletic Representative



William O. Bearden is in his third year as the University of South Carolina's Faculty Athletics Representative. Bearden is The Bank of America Chaired Professor of Marketing in the University'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. Pastides 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 University and the University of Alabama from 1976-1978.



COLUMBIA

SOUTH CAROLINA

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

■ Columbia's Population: 116,287 (2000 U.S. Census)

■ 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.

■ *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 2009, *Forbes Magazine* listed Columbia No. 34 on its annual "Best Places for Business and Careers" list.

■ 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 Weather.com)

Month	Low	High
January	36	58
February	40	63
March	47	71
April	53	80
May	61	86
June	68	92
July	72	95
August	71	93
September	66	88
October	54	79
November	45	69
December	39	61

SOUTH CAROLINA

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.**



ERIC HYMAN

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Regarded as an architect of championship programs, an advocate for academic success and a skilled administrator, Director of Athletics Eric 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 assumed the duties as President of the Division 1A Athletic Directors' Association.

Hyman has been a featured speaker at numerous conventions, including the NCAA Champions Forum concerning diversity and the American Football Coaches Association on the topic of how to become a head coach. He is also a regular presenter at the I-A Athletic Directors Institute on how to become an athletics director.

Under Hyman's leadership, the South Carolina Athletics Department has made tremendous strides in becoming a nationally prominent program with the goal of competing for championships. His hiring of successful head coaches, like men's basketball coach Darrin Horn and women's basketball coach Dawn Staley, the development of a \$200 million master plan of facilities, and the school's first athletics capital campaign have taken South Carolina Athletics to new heights. Hyman has successfully guided the department through a football seat donation initiative, which, along with philanthropic gifts and money guaranteed through the new television agreement, has provided the financial resources to bring the Gamecock facilities up to the standards of their SEC rivals.

Hyman's fingerprints can be seen in Carolina Stadium, the state-of-the-art baseball facility that opened in the spring of '09, and in the Dodie Anderson Academic Enrichment Center, which will open its doors in late 2009. In addition, the athletic training room, recruiting room, locker room and entryway at Williams-Brice Stadium have all recently received major upgrades.

Over the next couple of years, Hyman's master plan includes converting the Farmer's Market into a football parking lot and tailgate area for the fans, building a coaches' support building, a parking garage and tennis courts, and renovating the softball and track facilities at the Athletics Village, as well as further improvements to Williams-Brice Stadium.

During Hyman's tenure at Carolina, the Gamecocks have enjoyed their share of success on the field with nearly every athletic team having competed in the postseason. During the 2008-09 campaign, South Carolina football, men's basketball and baseball all finished with a .500 or better league mark for the first time since joining the SEC. In addition, the women's tennis team reached the NCAA Elite Eight, while the men's outdoor track & field team posted a sixth place finish at the NCAA Championships. Off the field, South Carolina student-athletes have combined to surpass the 3.0 grade point average plateau for five consecutive semesters and are regularly among the leaders in the SEC Academic Honor Roll. In the Spring of 2009, a record 15 of 17 athletic teams topped the 3.0 standard, with football, men's basketball and men's soccer all achieving their highest team GPAs on record.



Hyman came to South Carolina from TCU, where he served as the athletics director for over seven years. Under his direction, 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 spearheading 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 their 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 department's 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, South Carolina, 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 and daughter-in-law, Ryan and Carolyn Hyman. Corrine is a realtor; Michael is a financial analyst; Ryan is in the property and casualty insurance business; and Carolyn is a lawyer. They all reside in Fort Worth, Texas.



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 winter 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.

Student-athletes are expected to be in and out of “the Dodie” 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
- Dietitian’s 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





FACILITIES

GAMECOCK ATHLETICS



**COLONIAL
LIFE ARENA**



**VOLLEYBALL
COMPETITION
FACILITY**



**BECKHAM
FIELD**



**WEEMS BASKIN
TRACK**



**WILLIAMS-BRICE
STADIUM**



EUGENE E. STONE III STADIUM



CAROLINA NATATORIUM



ONE WOOD FARM



INDOOR FACILITY



COBBLESTONE PARK



MAXCY GREGG TENNIS CENTER



SAM DANIEL TENNIS FACILITY



CAROLINA STADIUM



THE SEC

AMERICA'S ELITE BASKETBALL



ALABAMA



ARKANSAS



AUBURN



FLORIDA



GEORGIA



KENTUCKY



LSU



MISSISSIPPI



MISSISSIPPI STATE



SOUTH CAROLINA



TENNESSEE



VANDERBILT

With eight national championships, 10 runner-up finishes, a nation-leading 34 Final Four appearances and 95 first-team All-America honors, the Southeastern Conference stands firmly as the nation's premier intercollegiate women's basketball conference.

NCAA Tournament Rich

SEC teams lead the nation with 170 NCAA Tournament appearances (42 ahead of the second-place conference), 318 NCAA Tournament game wins (133 more than the nearest league), 34 NCAA Final Four appearances (more than two times any other conference) and eight national titles. League teams have earned appearances in 25 of 28 NCAA Final Fours, an accomplishment unmatched by any other league. The SEC has placed 18 teams in a record 16 NCAA Championship games with the league providing both national finalists in 1996 and 1989. In 1999, the SEC became the first league to have eight teams invited to the NCAA Tournament and repeated the feat in 2002. The league has put more teams in the NCAA Tournament than any other conference 21 times in the 28-year history of the event.

All-Americans Abound

In the 34 years that All-Americans have been named in women's basketball, the SEC has had 64 student-athletes named first team a total of 95 times. Since the league began sponsoring women's basketball in 1982-83, 56 student-athletes have earned a total of 83 selections to the All-America first team. Seven Naismith Player of the Year winners have come from the SEC as have six Honda Sports Awards winners. The SEC boasts nine NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship winners and 26 Academic All-Americans as well.



On a World Stage

SEC schools have produced 35 United States Olympians since 1976, with 31 coming since the SEC began sponsoring women's basketball in 1982-83. In addition, 36 players have been part of a Women's National Team and 30 have been on a Women's World Championship Team roster.

Power in the Polls

Since it began sponsoring women's basketball in 1982, the SEC has had at least four members in each of the final polls in all but three seasons. League teams have been ranked 2,507 times, including 1,250 Top-10 appearances and 711 Top-5 showings. SEC teams boast 136 No. 1 rankings in the AP Poll.





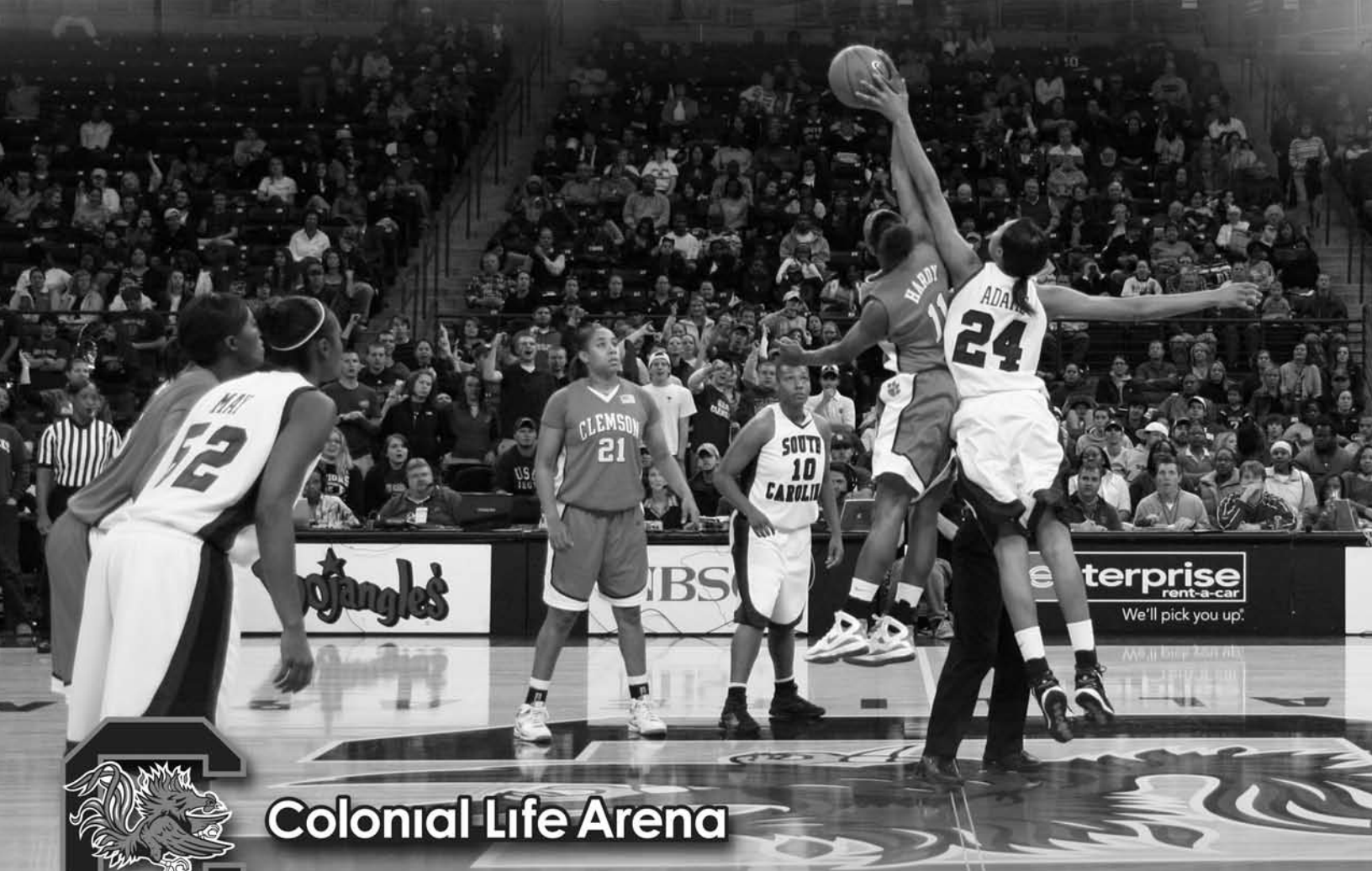
COLONIAL

LIFE ARENA



Colonial Life Arena

HOME OF SOUTH CAROLINA BASKETBALL



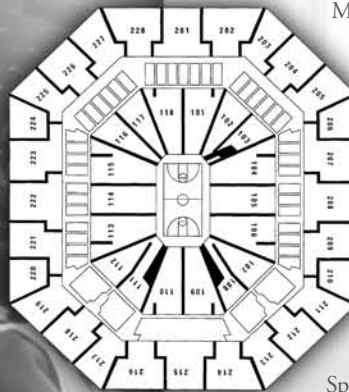
Colonial Life Arena

Along with serving as the home of the South Carolina men's and women's basketball teams, the \$65 million, 18,000-seat Colonial Life Arena is one of the finest sports and entertainment venues in the Southeast.



New Beginning

The University of South Carolina women's basketball team christened Colonial Life Arena on Nov. 22, 2002, with a 72-58 defeat of archrival Clemson in front of a program-record 17,712 fans. From that moment, the building was the crown jewel of the campus, Columbia, the Midlands and the entire state of South Carolina.



With seating for nearly 18,000 for basketball and 19,000 for other events, Colonial Life Arena is the largest arena in the state, and it opened as the 10th-largest on-campus basketball facility in the nation.

The Features

From November through March, Gamecock basketball is Colonial Life Arena's primary tenant, but the building is far from being only a basketball facility. Big-time events ranging from NBA and NHL exhibition games to concerts from the likes of Kanye West, Prince, Nelly, Bruce Springsteen, Rascal Flatts, Jamie Foxx and Shania Twain have enjoyed the accommodations at Colonial Life Arena.

The building has an intimate double-deck design that puts every seat close to the action. 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 multi-million dollar scoreboard with four high-definition video screens, exhibiting the latest technology and providing fans with the best video experience.

Two spacious locker rooms for Gamecock men's and women's basketball include team meeting rooms, recruiting rooms, coaches locker rooms 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 out the word on the Gamecocks.





PRACTICE FACILITY

FIRST-CLASS VENUE

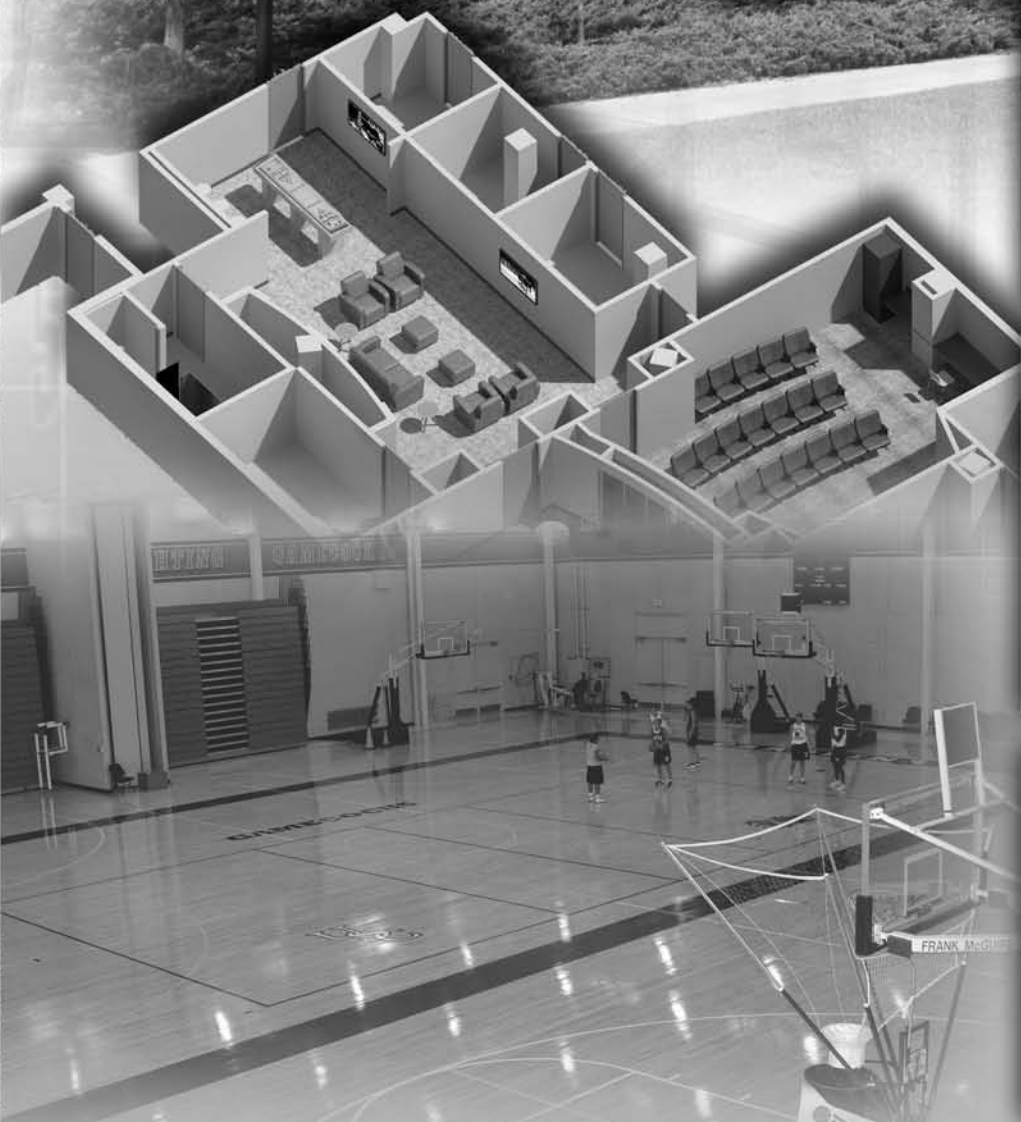
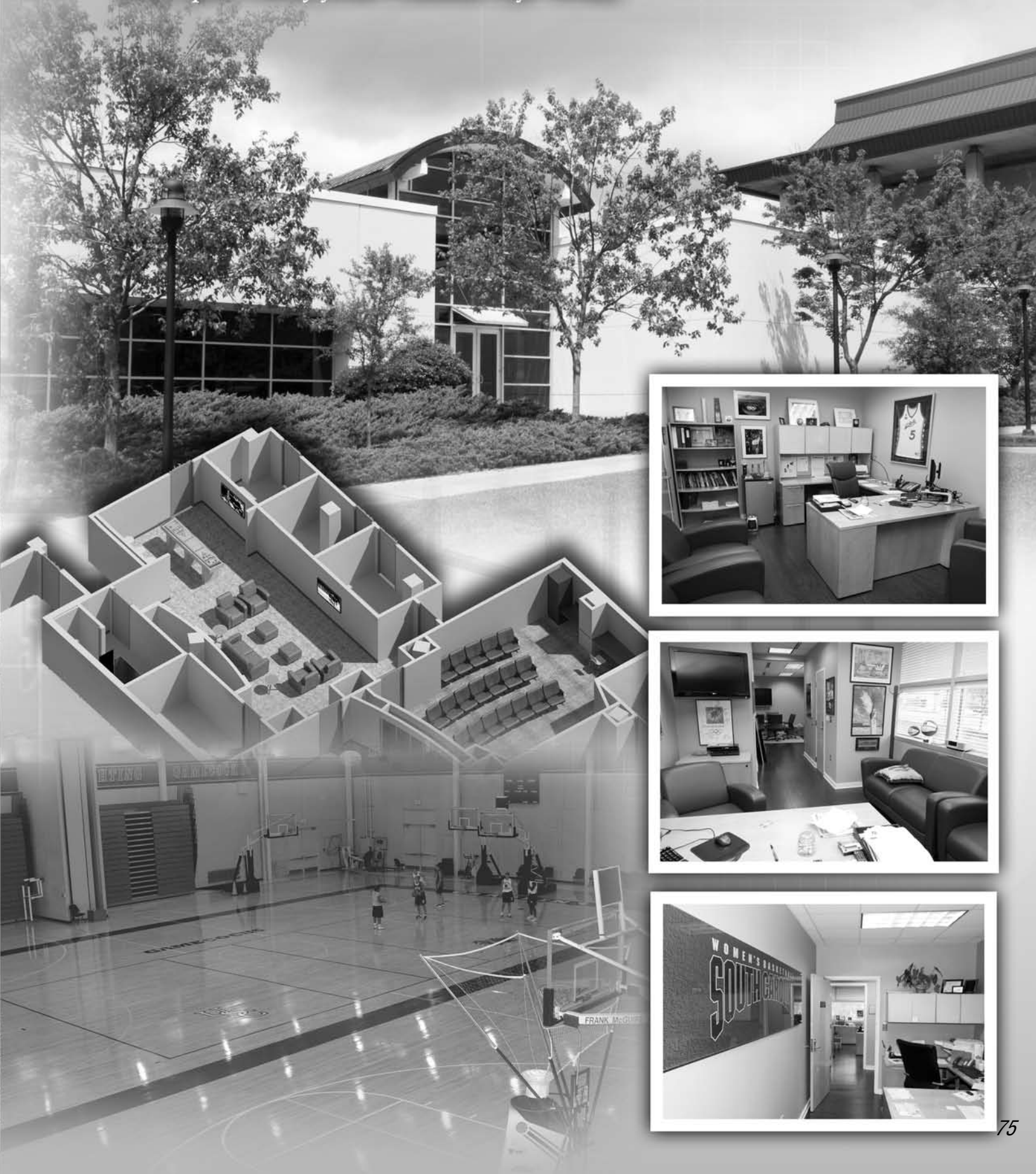


Opened in 1997, the Basketball Practice Facility features eight to 10 baskets, two full courts, spacious locker rooms and offices for the both the men's and women's coaching staffs. The facility is located near the heart of campus on Blossom Street across from the Strom Thurmond Fitness Center.

The office space underwent extensive renovations prior to the 2008-09 season, offering Dawn Staley and her staff more space and sleek accommodations. The upper entry is adorned with dramatic graphics touting the energy and passion in the Gamecock basketball programs.

The women's basketball locker room received an overhaul in the summer of 2009, creating three newly defined areas. A players' lounge holds two flat-screen televisions, a pool table, a gaming area and a state-of-the-art sound system that includes iPod docking and the ability to hear music in certain areas without disturbing other parts of the lounge. The player changing area was completely redone with spacious lockers, stools and a flat-screen television. The film area is luxurious with theater-style chairs and a quiet study area with computer hookups.

After undergoing a radical facelift over the course of the 2008-09 season, the Basketball Practice Facility provides South Carolina women's basketball players and coaches with luxury office and locker room space as well as court space away from Colonial Life Arena.





GAME DAY

HOMECOURT ADVANTAGE



MUTUAL of OMAHA MUTUAL of OMAHA MUTUAL of OMAHA MUTUAL of OMAHA

SOUTH CAROLINA



COLONIAL LIFE ARENA

With fans of all ages fueled by the energy of mic man Curtis Wilson, the pep band, the cheerleaders and Cocky, there are few arenas that capture the excitement and passion of basketball game day like Colonial Life Arena.





ACADEMIC SUPPORT

GAMECOCK ATHLETICS

Academic Services

- Tutoring and Mentoring
- Technology Resources (laptops, calculators, voice recorders, educational software, flash drives)
- Course Registration/Major Selection
- Textbook Distribution
- Travel Letters
- Objective Based Study Hall
- Educational Testing
- Academic and Attendance Monitoring
- Counseling Services and Referrals (Sport Psychologist)
- Orientation Sessions
- Provide Study Skills/Learning Strategies
- Progress Reports
- Graduation Plans
- Internship Placement

Academic Highlights from 2008-09 Academic Year

- Record 15 of 17 teams with a 3.0+ GPA (Spring Semester)
- Led SEC Honor Roll for six consecutive semesters
- Five consecutive semesters with a departmental GPA of 3.0+
- 99 student-athletes named to President's List (4.0 GPA)
- 563 named to AD's Honor Roll (Fall and Spring)
- 249 named to Dean's List
- Several teams recorded highest GPA on record – Baseball, Men's Basketball, Football, M. Soccer, W. Track and Cross Country
- Highest Team GPA (Fall 2008) – Men's Golf
- Highest Team GPA (Spring 2009) – W. Swimming and Diving



ACADEMIC HONORS

STARS IN THE CLASSROOM



Women's basketball players at South Carolina have access to a wide variety of resources, including academic advisor Maya McCoy and assistant coach Carla McGhee, in their pursuit of excellence in the classroom.



Team Effort

Academics is another team priority for Gamecock women's basketball, and the program has a long history of excelling in that endeavor. Academic advisor Maya McCoy and assistant coach Carla McGhee work closely with each player to ensure she is on track to be successful in whatever major she chooses. Under their watchful eyes, four Gamecocks earned spots on the 2008-09 SEC Winter Sports Academic Honor Roll. Since the 2003-04 season, South Carolina has had more academic honor roll selections (42) than any other team in the league. In 2006-07, a school-record 10 Gamecocks earned the 3.0 GPA required to make the list, which was the second-highest total for any basketball team in the history of the SEC.

Tools for Success

Through McCoy and the rest of the academic services staff, women's basketball players receive or have access to the following:

- Monitored academic progress
- Professor contact
- Progress reports
- Travel letters
- Study hall
- Priority registration
- Tutoring
- Life Skills program
- Laptops, equipment checkout
- Book distribution

2008-09 SEC Winter Sports Academic Honor Roll



Demetress Adams
Senior
Psychology



Brionna Dickerson
Senior
International Business



Jewel May
Sophomore
Psychology



Courtney Newton
Sophomore
Psychology





TEAM GAMECOCKS

STUDENT-ATHLETES WHO CARE

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 2008-09, South Carolina student-athletes participated in over 130 community service projects, logging more than 4,000 hours of service.
- The Volleyball team won the Athletic Department's 2008-09 Life Skills Team of the Year award.
- "Team Gamecocks" annually participates in a variety of service projects, including Pigskin Poets, Children's Chance, Harvest Hope/SEC Food Drive, hospital and elementary visits, and various summer camps.
- Brionna Dickerson of women's basketball and Jay Brown of baseball were the recipients of 2008-09 SEC Brad E. Davis Community Service Post-Graduate Scholarships.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL IN THE COMMUNITY



South Carolina women's basketball participated in a variety of service events in 2008-09, working on individual projects as well as making long-term commitments to local organizations. The program visits Palmetto Health Children's Hospital twice each month, and annually educates local youth about the area at Richland 101 and purchases and distributes toys at the Boys and Girls Club Christmas Party. In between their regular commitments, the Gamecocks helped the After School Program at E.L. Wright Middle School, put on a mini-clinic for Columbia Parks and Recreation, volunteered at the Redeemer Lutheran Church Summer Camp and served as guest speakers at the Bethlehem Baptist Church Back to School Bash.



Head coach Dawn Staley is as well-known for her community service efforts as for her exploits on the basketball court, and the Gamecocks are following closely in her footsteps, dedicating themselves to helping a variety of constituencies in and around Columbia.



LIFE SKILLS

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

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

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

South Carolina has a Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) made up of student-athlete representatives from each 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

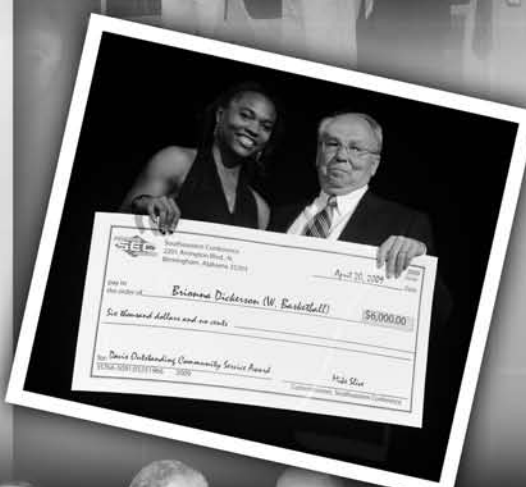
In April of each year, the Athletics Department presents each of its graduating seniors with a South Carolina class ring. At a dessert reception, individual recognitions and presentations are made to each senior by his/her head coach.

Media Training

Through the Life Skills program and the Media Relations Department, 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.

Consequences For Your Actions

"Consequences for Your Actions" is a seminar the Life Skills Department presents to all incoming student-athletes during all orientation sessions. A panel of members from the community, including judges, solicitors, head coaches, attorneys, and judicial staff members, answer questions and address many issues student-athletes face. The purpose of the event is to encourage responsibility and mature behavior among students and to teach them that there are consequences for the decisions they make.





Sports Nutrition

Healthy eating can be challenging for busy student-athletes attempting to excel in the classroom and on the field. The University of South Carolina Athletics Department recognizes the need for a well-balanced diet and proper hydration to thrive in sports and academics. To help student-athletes minimize nutritional challenges and optimize their performance, the athletics department's sports dietitian serves as an involved member of the sports medicine team. The sports dietitian provides nutrition education and counseling to student-athletes, coaches and athletic training staff. Understanding that appropriate food choices and meal timing enhance performance and gains, the sports dietitian is also involved in planning travel meals, one-on-one and team nutrition education, nutritionally related health issues and designing Training Table menus. Training Table, which opened in 2007, provides student-athletes with a variety of well balanced, nutritious meals. For breakfast, a buffet, a yogurt/granola bar and a complete hot line are available, while a stir-fry station, salad bar, smoothie machine, a hot line and ice cream machine are provided for dinner. Breakfast is served Monday through Friday and dinner is served Monday through Thursday.

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. Ramon Ylanan, who specialize in primary care sports medicine, work hand-in-hand with the surgeons to provide superior care for Gamecock student-athletes.

The South Carolina athletic training staff provides the day-to-day care of Gamecock student-athletes. 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.

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.





SPORTS MEDICINE

TAKING CARE OF THE STUDENT-ATHLETE



South Carolina women's basketball has access to the best equipment and training facilities in the country at a variety of locations across campus. Athletic trainer Jennifer Herod and a team of physicians, led by Gamecock medical director Dr. Jeffrey Guy, can evaluate and rehab players in any of three training rooms, including the new multi-million dollar facility at Williams-Brice Stadium. In addition to overseeing the training table menu, dietitian Jennifer Hill is available for individual consultations and also provides team guidance on how to best navigate the grocery store aisles and how to make good food choices throughout the day. Strength and conditioning coach Jon Vaden is available to work with players in the weight room either at the practice facility or Colonial Life Arena.



Jennifer Herod
Athletic Trainer



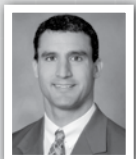
Jennifer Hill
Dietitian



Jon Vaden
Strength & Conditioning



Dr. Jeffrey Guy
Medical Director



Dr. Chris Mazoué
Team Physician



Dr. Jason Stacy
Team Physician



Dr. Ramon Ylanen
Team Physician





An experienced staff of doctors, athletic trainers, dietitians and strength and conditioning coaches keep South Carolina women's basketball players healthy and at their athletic peak.



TRAVEL

GAMECOCKS GO ABROAD

Smooth Ride

The Gamecocks enjoy charter flights to a majority of their SEC contests each season. For those overnight trips that are closer to Columbia, South Carolina also travels in the luxurious executive coach. The sleeper coach is equipped with a kitchenette, two refrigerators, a microwave, three flat-screen televisions, including two 42-inch sets, Direct TV DVD Boss and surround sound in the front and rear.

Adventure Games

Head coach Dawn Staley knows the value in experiencing things outside one's comfort zone, and she makes sure to push her players' cultural and intellectual horizons as much as their athletic ones.

In her first season at South Carolina, Staley took her team to Cancun, Mexico, for a tournament over Thanksgiving. In addition to winning the tournament, the Gamecocks enjoyed luxury hotel accommodations, sandy beaches, jet skiing, banana boat rides and touring around town on scooters.

In 2009-10, South Carolina will take on stiff competition in the beautiful setting of St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Around three games set at the University of the Virgin Islands Sports and Fitness Center, the Gamecocks will also experience the historic setting and untouched natural beauty of the island's breathtaking beaches, crystal clear blue water and pristine coral reefs.



Part of the student-athlete experience is travel, and the Gamecocks go in style. From upgraded buses and charter flights for games in the continental United States to international jaunts to Cancun and the Virgin Islands, South Carolina offers only the best.

HOUSING

CALL SOUTH QUAD HOME

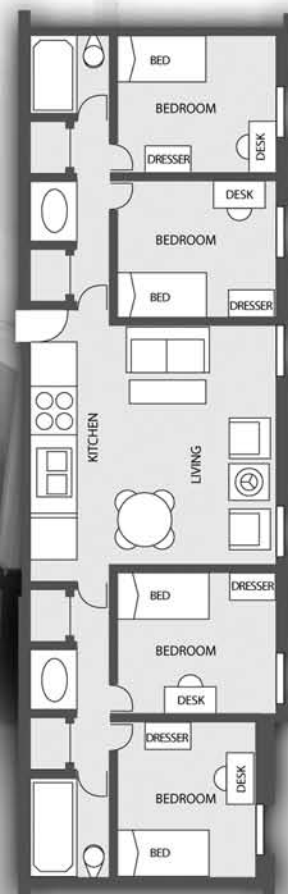


South Carolina students enjoy the “suite life” in the South Quad, which gives each student more room and privacy with suites featuring private bedrooms, a living room, full kitchen, private bathrooms and many more amenities.

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 TV 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



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



MEDIA EXPOSURE

CONSISTENT NATIONAL COVERAGE

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NEW DAWN

As a selfless star at Virginia and in the WNBA, and later as coach of moribund Temple, Dawn Staley has always been driven by a challenge. She faces a new one at USC

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When Dawn Staley was Virginia's point guard, Cavaliers coach Debbie Ryan would stack the practice teams against Staley by pairing the All-American with the last four players on the bench.

The idea was to get Virginia's other starters to step up their game. Staley took the scrimmages as personal challenges.

"She'd look at me and say, 'OK, that's fine,'" Ryan recalled. "She would just take whoever was gone and coach them and have them play in a game when they were emergency items. You just couldn't be here."

Personnel and management are often at the heart of what makes a team successful.



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The hiring of Staley shows USC is committed to building winning programs

IT IS UNDERSTANDABLY difficult for South Carolina fans to have such foresight. For decades they have hung their hats on nondescript and so wallowed in it that they don't know a good thing when they see it.

Well, that might have changed Saturday when Dawn Staley was introduced as the USC women's basketball coach. She brings to the USC program what Steve Spurrier brought to football: instant relevance.

Staley's arrival in Columbia puts USC on the women's basketball map. There are plenty of reasons why. USC is a perennial contender for the SEC championship and among the SEC's elite schools. Staley's arrival will help USC play the best women's basketball in the country.

The Post and Courier

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USC women receive double boost in hoops

Staff and wire reports

Former Maryland guard Marah Strickland has joined South Carolina and coach Dawn Staley.

The school announced Strickland's signing Tuesday. She must sit out next season because of NCAA rules, but will have two years of eligibility with the Gamecocks.

Strickland started 59 of 70 games at Maryland. She ranked in the top 10 in the Atlantic Coast Conference in 3-point field goal percentage and in 3-pointers made per game last season.

Strickland averaged 8.8 points a game last season.

Staley added Strickland to a recruiting class that already includes one of the country's top prep players in 6-5 Kelsey Bone, a McDonald's All-American.

South Carolina is getting a \$6,000 grant from the NCAA to

will receive about \$750,000 as part of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Grant Program.

South Carolina's marketing team will meet with NCAA representatives to discuss details of how the school will use the grant money.



Whether they are on the court or in front of a microphone, Gamecock women's basketball players have a place in the local and national media spotlight.



The SEC on ESPN provides national exposure to all league schools beginning with the 2009-10 season. SEC women's basketball teams will make a minimum of 16 appearances on ESPN and ESPN2, one of which will also air the SEC Tournament championship game. ESPNU will feature a minimum of 16 SEC women's basketball games as well in addition to the SEC tournament semifinals. ESPN Regional will syndicate one SEC women's basketball game per week during the regular season and will air early rounds of the SEC Tournament.

In addition, the University of South Carolina is featured on SportSouth with four live, exclusive women's basketball games. The channel also hosts six 30-minute episodes of "The Dawn Staley Show" during the season.

All Gamecock women's basketball games can be heard live on the radio and via the Internet. Brad Muller provides the play-by-play for the team on WISW 1320 AM in Columbia. Out of town fans can hear his call online at GamecocksOnline.com.

A variety of local media also take an interest in the Gamecocks, attending games and press conferences and writing feature stories throughout the season.





THE FOUR-YEAR PLAN



FRESHMAN YEAR

Academic Goals

- 3.0 GPA
- SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll

Athletic Goals

- Starter
- Average a double-double
- SEC All-Freshman Team
- SEC Freshman of the Year
- USA Basketball participant

Team Goals

- Top 15
- SEC champions
- NCAA Sweet 16



La'Keisha Sutton became a regular starter and the highest-scoring freshman in SEC play in 2008-09, making her a unanimous SEC All-Freshman Team selection.

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Academic Goals

- 3.2 GPA
- Declare a major
- SEC Winter Sports Academic Honor Roll

Athletic Goals

- Starter
- All-Conference
- All-American
- USA Basketball participant

Team Goals

- Top 10
- SEC champions
- NCAA Elite Eight



As a sophomore, Jewel May worked her way into a starting job in 2008-09 and finished the season as part of the SEC Winter Sports Academic Honor Roll.

Behind her belief that the disciplined person can achieve anything, head coach Dawn Staley encourages her players to set intermediate goals while pursuing the ultimate in individual and team success.



JUNIOR YEAR

Academic Goals

- 3.4 GPA
- SEC Winter Sports Academic Honor Roll
- Academic All-America

Athletic Goals

- Starter
- Team captain
- All-Conference
- All-American
- Player of the Year
- USA Basketball participant

Team Goals

- Top 5
- SEC champions
- NCAA Final Four

As a junior in 2007-08, Demetress Adams made her mark on the SEC, earning All-Conference honors as well as a spot on the league's All-Defensive Team. She was also on the SEC Winter Sports Academic Honor Roll.



SENIOR YEAR

Academic Goals

- 3.5 GPA
- Graduate cum laude
- SEC Winter Sports Academic Honor Roll
- Academic All-American
- Postgraduate NCAA Scholarship

Athletic Goals

- Starter
- Team captain
- All-Conference
- All-American
- All-Defensive Team
- Player of the Year
- USA Basketball participant
- WNBA first-round draft pick
- USA Olympic team

Team Goals

- No. 1 ranking
- SEC champions
- NCAA Final Four
- National champions



Despite a season-ending injury early in the SEC season, Brionna Dickerson earned a spot on the 2008-09 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District Team and was the female recipient of the Brad Davis SEC Community Service Postgraduate Scholarship.



THE NEXT LEVEL

GAMECOCKS IN THE PROS

WNBA

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. In her 11th season in the league, Johnson signed with the Seattle Storm in 2009 after stints with the Miracle, Connecticut Sun, San Antonio Stars, Detroit Shock and Houston Comets. The four-time All-Star has posted 10.1 points and 4.1 assists per game over her career while starting 289 of 348 games played.

Shaunzinski Gortman

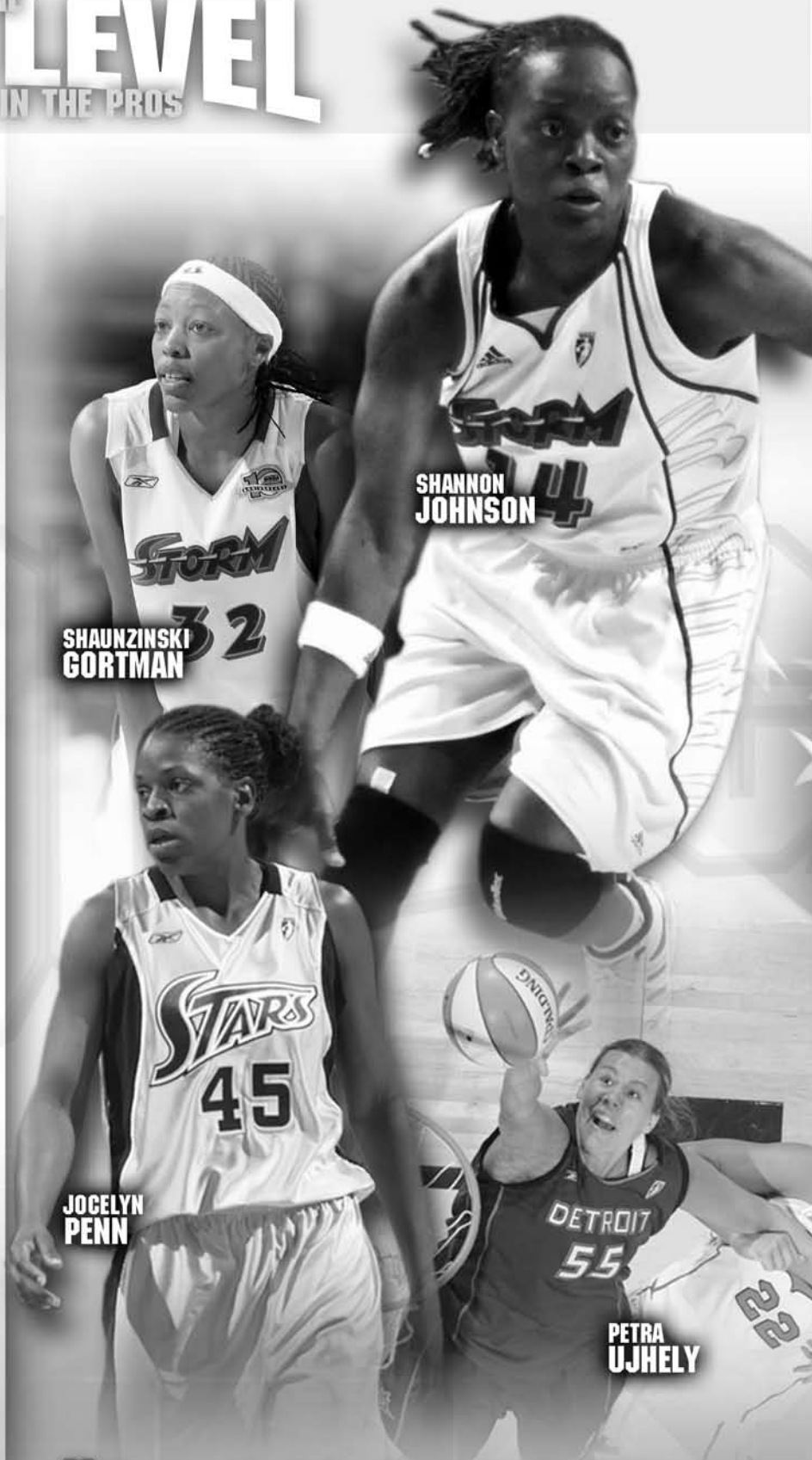
The first SEC player taken in the 2002 WNBA Draft, Shaunzinski Gortman was selected by the Charlotte Sting with the ninth overall pick then shipped to the Minnesota Lynx as part of a draft-day trade. Following a two-year stint with the Lynx, she spent part of 2004 with the Washington Mystics before playing overseas for Maccabi Ashdod in the Israel Pro League in 2005. Gortman spent three seasons total in Israel before heading to Spain for the 2008-09 season, during which she averaged 8.9 points and 5.2 rebounds for Hondarribia-Irun.

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. She continued her basketball career overseas, playing in Croatia, Poland, Sweden and Turkey, where she led her Burhaniye Belediyesi team with 17.9 points per game in 2008-09 and earned second-team All-Turkish TBBL and Turkish TBBL All-Defensive Team honors.

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. Since the 2003 championship season, Ujhelyi has helped And Ramat Hasharon of the Israel Pro League to a pair of Israeli Cup titles and a third-place finish in the 2006 EuroCup. She has also played on teams in Spain and Turkey, including spending the 2008-09 season with the Spanish team Rivas Ecópolis. Ujhelyi also represented her homeland as part of Hungary's national team in the EuroBasket Women 2009 qualifier.



“Playing at South Carolina and in the SEC let me go against some of the greatest players in the country. So many of the players I faced are in the WNBA or playing overseas, so being a Gamecock was a great experience and a good start to my professional career.”

-Shaunzinski Gortman



South Carolina women's basketball prepares its players for competition at the next level - USA Basketball and the WNBA.



DAWN STALEY



KELSEY BONE



USA BASKETBALL

Dawn Staley

South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley has been an integral part of USA Basketball for nearly 15 years. In a decade as a player, Staley collected three Olympic gold medals, was twice named USA Basketball Female Athlete of the Year and was selected by her Olympic peers to carry the flag for the U.S. contingent in the 2004 opening ceremony. More recently, Staley has stalked the sidelines for USA Basketball, serving as a senior national team assistant coach for three summers, including the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, during which the U.S. brought home another gold medal.

Kelsey Bone

Entering her first season as a Gamecock, Kelsey Bone has already established herself on the international stage. First catching the eye of USA Basketball as a 2007 USA Youth Development Festival participant, she was a member of the 2008 U18 National Team that went 5-0 and won the gold medal at the FIBA Americas U18 Championship to qualify the United States for the 2009 FIBA U19 World Championships. Bone went on to start all nine games of the U19 World Championships, averaging 12.3 points and 4.7 rebounds as the Americans grabbed the gold medal.

Shannon Johnson

While making her mark in the WNBA, former Gamecock Shannon Johnson also competed in the international spotlight. An integral member of the 2002 USA World Championship squad, she averaged 16 points in the medal round to help the U.S. capture the gold medal. Johnson was named to the 2002 All-FIBA World Championship Team and went on to play in the 2004 Olympics, where she earned a gold medal. Prior to the World Championships, Johnson was a regular at USA Basketball trials and captured gold medals at the 1997 World University Games, the 1996 R. William Jones Cup and the 1993 U.S. Olympic Festival.



SHANNON JOHNSON



ALUMNAE UPDATE

SUCCESSING ON AND OFF THE COURT

- Demetress Adams (2009) is playing professional basketball overseas.
- Brionna Dickerson (2009) is an assistant girls' basketball coach at Heathwood Hall in Columbia.
- Ilona Burgrova (2008) is continuing her graduate work at the University.
- Larissa Kulcsar Simon (2006) is a financial manager at Collexis Holdings, Inc.
- Kelly Morrone (2004) is an assistant coach at Davidson College.
- Shaunzinski Gortman (2002) is playing professionally overseas after spending five years in the WNBA.
- Shannon Segres (2002) is a nurse at Johns Hopkins Hospital.
- Casie Key Butler (2000) works in the Richland One School District.
- Nikki Miars (1998) is a high school head coach.
- Shannon Johnson (1996) is a four-time WNBA All-Star who continues to play in the league.
- Cindy Kelly (1996) is a high school head coach.
- Karen Middleton (1991) is the head women's basketball coach at Western Carolina University.
- Martha Parker Hester (1989) practices family medicine in Columbia.
- Sharon Rivers (1983) is a territory sales manager for Phillip Morris USA.
- Lisabeth Conklin Boudreaux (1982) is a pharmacist.
- Sheila Foster (1982) teaches high school.



LARISSA KULCSAR SIMON



KELLY MORRONE



ILONA BURGROVA



NIKKI MIARS



SHANNON JOHNSON



KAREN MIDDLETON

Former Gamecocks are excelling both on the court and off, thanks to the depth of their experiences at the University of South Carolina.

DAWN STALEY

BASKETBALL ACADEMY



GAMECOCKSONLINE.COM



Parent/Child Camp

This is a fun and exciting day of basketball for you and your child to participate in basketball drills, contests and games. The camp is designed to provide quality time with the camper and parent and for the parent to become familiar with teaching basketball fundamentals. Participants will enjoy their time both on and off the court while learning about the day-to-day operations of the Gamecock basketball program and interacting with former and current South Carolina players and coaches. The camp is open to boys and girls ages 6-17 and any adult (over the age of 21) child combo is eligible (i.e. grandparent-grandchild, uncle-nephew, aunt-niece, older sibling-younger sibling). What better way to create legendary moments than attending the South Carolina parent/child camp? This will make a great Mother's Day or Father's Day gift.

Individual Overnight and Day Camp

This camp is designed to develop and teach basketball skills. The camp will emphasize fundamental basketball and overall player development. Daily instruction and stations will focus on dribbling, ball-handling, shooting, rebounding and defensive techniques. Campers will compete on teams in order to apply their individual skills to the team concept. The camp is open to rising 6th-12th grade girls.

Elite Camp

This camp is designed for players who love the game. It features in depth training on how to excel at the guard or post position and is open to rising 9th -12th grade girls. The curriculum is much more specific than our regular skills camp and involves all aspects of the game that are keys to successful guard and post play. Highlights for guards will include learning how to control tempo, how to recognize defenses, how to lead the fast break and the mental approach to being a guard. Emphasis for post players will be placed on developing offensive post moves, rebounding, positioning and blocking out, hitting the outlet and playing with aggressiveness. The goal of this camp is to help you gain direct insight from the South Carolina basketball staff and players on what it takes to be successful.

"Little Gamecock" Day Camp

The "Little Gamecock" camp is a basketball fundamental camp for individual players designed to provide necessary skills foundation and is open to rising 1st-5th grade girls and boys. Each day will be broken up into shooting, defense, passing, ball handling, and footwork. Instruction will be provided by former and current Gamecock players. Come to the beautiful South Carolina campus for a fun-filled basketball camp experience.

Day in the Life Camp

Our "Day in the Life" camp is designed to give aspiring NCAA Division I basketball players (any and all rising 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade girls) a sense of how a D-I program works and what is involved in being a D-I student-athlete. The camp will be run by our South Carolina coaching staff and players. It will feature skill development, games, and presentations on the various aspects of college life. This camp is a "can't miss" for the serious, committed basketball player.

Team Camp Shootout

Our shootout is open to all high school and AAU teams and features experienced, certified officials. It will be the premier shootout in the South and provides a unique opportunity for your team to train together and improve your players' skills. Teams are categorized into separate divisions to provide the most competitive summer experience and are guaranteed four games. Our shootout is a great opportunity to play teams that are not on your regular-season schedule!





TRADITION

GO GAMECOCKS



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, 2004 and again in 2009. Cocky is recognized as one of the most colorful mascots in collegiate athletics.

The Cockaboose Railroad

The Cockaboose Railroad is like no other tailgating tradition in the country. Twenty-two cabooses line a railroad track just outside 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 Cockaboose.



"2001"

The theme "2001" corresponds with the University's Bicentennial, which was celebrated eight 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, which is regarded as perhaps the most unique and electrifying in all of college football.

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!