Honors dorm opening postponed a year

Towers demolition halted, future plans delayed because of asbestos

Jackie Alexander
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The new honors college residence hall will open later than scheduled because of demolition issues with the Towers.

The dorm, which is expected to house 650 freshmen and sophomore students, was originally slated to open in fall 2008 but officials now say the hall will not open until fall 2009.

During a Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of the Board of Trustees, Rick Kelly, vice president for finance, said prior to the demolition of the Towers, Health and Energy Control Department officials found more asbestos than anticipated in utility areas, pushing back demolition at least 45 days.

The Towers site should be cleared by April 1, and the area should be ready for construction by the end of May.

“We have a very realistic construction market and materials costs are unpredictable,” Kelly said.

Architect Scott Garvin of Garvin Design Group said constructing the building in less than 20 months would escalate the cost of the building by at least 20 percent and undermine the integrity of the building.

Garvin said the new building will be similar to West Quad, which was built in 20 months and is about 10 percent smaller than the honors college residence.

Kelly said a January opening is not feasible and would only garner half-occupancy.

Gene Luna, housing director, said the building will generate more revenue with a 2009 opening, cutting the first-year deficit by $100,000.

If the new hall will be self-supporting in four to five years and its profits will contribute to the funding of another new building.

The New York writer, experts discuss future of Middle East

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During a discussion Friday in Gambrell Hall about Iraq’s future, a panel of three distinguished commentators disagreed about a proposal to increase the number of American troops in Iraq.

The panel included George Packer, a staff writer at The New Yorker, Pauline Baker, president of The Fund for Peace, and defense analyst Thomas Donnelly, Fund for Peace, and defense analyst Thomas Donnelly.

The panelists debated strategies for Iraq’s future, and were moderated by Dean Charles Bierbauer of the college of mass communications and information studies.

Bierbauer commented on the ties that are often drawn between Iraq and the number of American troops in the area.

Iraq panel disagrees on exit strategy

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Many USC students have had to deal with the stomach virus this semester.

Mike Luna, the clinical director at the Thomson Student Health Center, said the stomach virus going around affects people in different ways.

For some people, it may last for a couple hours, while for others the virus may stick with them for four to five days.

Viral gastroenteritis, the technical name for the stomach flu, is not caused by the flu, McKenna said.

“There are lots of different viruses that can cause it,” he said.

The sickness is most spread from person-to-person contact.

McKenna suggested that students disinfect places notorious for spreading illness, such as sinks, and to avoid sharing food and drinks.

It is also a good idea to keep your distance from roommates and friends who are infected, he said.

Brett Coons, a second-year media arts student and Parkerson resident assistant, said she has already seen a lot of her residents get sick this semester.

Besides telling the students to visit the health center as soon as possible, she also advises healthy eating and sleeping habits.

“I’ve had a little less than half my hall get sick in the past two weeks,” Coons said.

She tells her residents to “eat a lot of stuff with vitamins,” and “sleep is the best thing you can do.”

The typical stomach virus can be cured by medicines, keeping the body hydrated and eating small amounts of food.

McKenna suggested giving the stomach a break for a couple hours, then slowly increasing liquids and eating small amounts of food.

“If you don’t have something to eat or sleep, you’re going to have symptoms begin, then slowly increasing clear liquids every 20 to 30 minutes. If the symptoms continue, then seek medical attention at the health center.

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Anti-abortion group will use funds to help pregnant Columbians

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**Iraq**

between the war in Iraq and the Vietnam War:

“For a long time I trod the alphabet of Vietnam… but I have to admit lately, I’ve been thinking about 1975 quite a bit,” Packer said.


Although not a huge proponent of partition, she said, “I think in order to get the most people out of harm’s way in the Middle East, it would be wise to have a partition.”

**Bierbauer on the current war: “This vision will help in containing the war’s relationship with Iraq six times, remains skeptical of the current U.S. strategy to create a surge of troops.”

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The Human Rights Campaign and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, American Feminists for Abrupt Peace Prevention, and a restaurant gang are on the hunt to kill comedy and make this world just a little too politically correct.

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Elementary school teachers aren't funny about the state of education or whether K-Fed's "Do you want fries with that?" isn't a worse sin than that of the 8-foot yellow assembly line robot throw itself off a building.

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Comedy focuses on love, life

Story from Japanese soldiers’ point of view chronicles horrors, feelings of brutal war

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Ellen DeGeneres plans to be herself at Oscars

Ellen DeGeneres is the host of the 79th annual Academy Awards, the biggest night of entertainment on TV — and around the world. “The humor will come from something everyone will relate to,” said DeGeneres, adding that the bulk of the jokes can’t be too specific. “Not everybody of the jokes can’t be too specific. ‘Not everybody you can thank the people they are not being broadcast, because I want to be perfect, and they won’t be playing music while we’re doing it.”

DeGeneres said they’ll encourage winners to be brief in their speeches, but “the band won’t embarrass anyone by playing music mid-chatter. Likewise, there will be a backdrop component where winners can thank the people they forgot online.”

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The scene at USC

Solutions from Friday

HOROSCOPES

Aries
The job’s not easy, but you have the support you need. You love a challenge, and this is a game you can definitely win.

Taurus
You’re not being selfish when you provide first, for yourself and your family. Don’t give it a second thought.

Gemini
Your problem has been that you haven’t known how to find the secret door. There is one, in one of those seemingly solid walls you’ve been bash ing into.

Cancer
Continue with your project, which is to stash away more than you’ll need.

Leo
Continue to listen and learn, being careful not to fall for your own publicity. You’re not as bad as some think, but you’re not as holy as others think, either.

Virgo
A amazing discovery changes nearly everything. This is a beneficial, if somewhat startling development.

Libra
You’ll find the answer you’ve been seeking. Allow yourself a brief celebration, and then get back to work.

Scorpio
Looks like you’ve hit the jackpot, but this isn’t from a gamble. You get extra for waiting.

Sagittarius
The farther you go, the more you appreciate what you left back home. The more you study at home, the farther you’ll be able to go.

Capricorn
Recycling is good for your conscience, of course, in this day and age. It is also good for your business and your personal pocketbook.

Aquarius
If you inspire others to follow and help achieve your objective, you win much more easily.

Pisces
Consider taking on more responsibility. You won’t get any more money yet, but you’ll be indispensable.
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Inferno hit hot streak in hot pink

Cory Bulkauf Staff Writer

Maybe Inferno head coach Troy Mann should change his team’s colors from red and black to pink. After all, in their regular colors, his team was 16-22-7 heading into last weekend’s games with the Dayton Bombers and Trenton Titans.

The Inferno wore special pink jerseys to raise money for breast cancer research, and they put on a dominating performance against two of the league’s best teams.

Less than 24 hours after beating the Bombers 5-4 Friday night, the Inferno took to the ice Saturday against the northern division’s second-place Titans. Both of the Inferno’s goals came on the power play as they defeated Trenton 2-1, leaving them 2-0 in their “Pink in the Rink” games.

All three of the game’s goals were scored in the third period, with the Inferno getting on the board first just 81 seconds into the final period when defenseman Mike Jarmuth scored his 12th goal of the season on a one-timer 15 feet in front of the net on a pass from center Jeff Miles.

With 8:47 left to go in the game, center Bryson Busniuk’s ninth goal of the season proved to be the game winner on an assist from right wing Chris Thompson, who didn’t play in Friday night’s game because of a one-game suspension.

Rob Gherson was in net for the Inferno, and was just 67 seconds away from a shutout, but the Titans’ Mike Pandolfo played spoiler by scoring the Titans’ lone goal. Mann gave the start to Gherson because he thought he was due for a shot and because goalie Todd Ford has not yet played to his potential since coming back from an injury.

“Since Ford game back from his injury, I stuck with him but I didn’t think he was playing that great,” Mann said. “And the fact that Gherson hadn’t played in two or three weeks, I needed to get him back in there.”

Gherson stopped 37 shots on the afternoon and Mann was pleased with his goalie’s performance.

“I thought that was his best game since the first game of the year in Augusta when we won 7-3 to open the season,” he said.

Mann is positive about his team’s chance to make the playoffs after beating both Trenton and Dayton.

“Trenton and Dayton are two of the league’s best teams,” Mann said. “And to get the sweep, I think that’s a big deal.”

Mann didn’t know before the weekend how he would split the goalie duties but was pleased with the way Gherson and Ford played.

“Both of our goalies are playing well,” Mann said. “I just can’t pick on one or the other.”

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Attention Student Body

You will vote on a Constitutional Amendment during the Student Body Elections to be held February 19-20, 2007 via VTP. Below is the legislation concerning this amendment:

University of South Carolina Student Senate
2006-2007

SBL(07)002
Sponsor(s): Gaines, Setzler, Motsel, C. Simmons, McNamme

AN AMENDMENT

AMENDING THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION TO MORE CLEARLY DEFINE THE TENURE OF CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL JUSTICES.

Be it enacted by the Student Senate of the University of South Carolina:

SECTION 1: Article IV, Section 3(D) of the Student Government Constitution is amended to read as follows:

D. Tenure

After being appointed to the Constitutional Council, a member shall serve a term appointed of no longer than four years, as long as he or she wishes, subject to the following exceptions:

1. A member shall serve no longer than four years;

2. A member may be removed through the impeachment process as mentioned in Article III, Section 4A(14) of this Constitution;

3. If a member is away from the University for longer than a month (excepting winter and summer breaks, and excepting periods of consistent illness), he or she shall be resided from his or her position on the Constitutional Council.

You will respond yes or no to the following question:

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