SAAC plans programs, events
To promote campus activities

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USC's Student Activities Advisory Council (SAAC) is planning several programs and events this semester in an effort to get USC's traditionally apathetic student body involved in the more than 100 registered student organizations on campus.

Tamara S. Cagney, chairperson of the council, said the SAAC was formed as a "broad spectrum of all, hopefully, student organizations at Carolina with responsibility for representing active members so we can get feedback from these organizations on what they would like."

She went on to say the SAAC was one of the few ways to present student views before the faculty, administration and USC Board of Trustees.

Included in SAAC's plans for the year is a student organization fair following the closing of Green Street on Oct. 15, a student activities bulletin board, a leadership workshop at Bell Camp, new organizational catalog and several other possible programs.

Cagney said the Green Street festival has been scheduled for Nov. 4-8, and all student organizations have been invited to publicize themselves by sponsoring activities or booths in the closed street itself.

This would be the festival's first year and Cagney called the idea worthwhile by "promoting any student organization away from registration where we did it before and where no one paid attention to it."

In an effort to "let people know where to get the information about an organization they might be interested in," a student activities newsletter and bulletin board will be attempted by the SAAC.

The newsletter will be printed every month, she said, and the bulletin board will be installed near the second floor elevator in the Russell House.

Cagney said the newsletter will attempt to get reaction from various student organizations, while the bulletin board will tell organization members, "where and when to go, without someone having to make 85 phone calls."

The SAAC will regulate the bulletin board's use and poster sites so all campus organizations will have the same guidelines on publicity. Cagney said this had been a problem in the past whereas some groups were receiving an unfair amount of publicity.

A leadership workshop at Bell Camp for incoming organizational presidents in being planned for sometime in the spring, she said, in an effort to show them how to cut through University red tape and other concerns. Outgoing activities presidents will serve as instructors at the conference.

Another workshop is being planned for the faculty advisors of these organizations, Cagney said.

The SAAC will print a "Down to Earth Catalog," which she said will give students a "ruddown of all the organizations on campus in a readable form, unlike some University catalogs."

She said the catalog will arrive in about two weeks and the SAAC plans to distribute it to University 101 classes as well as to incoming freshmen.

Possible projects, such as bicentennial program and a "Student of the Week" selection, are also being discussed by the SAAC, according to Cagney. She said the bicentennial project is still very tentative and the "Student of the Week" program would give a student two tickets to a USC event the week of the selection.

The student would be picked entirely at random, she said.