**Handicapped Students**

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24-inch doors." The average adult wheelchair is 21 inches wide. But Corbett said he believes the average wheelchair student would not be able to fit through those doors.

Rita Addy, a 21-year-old elementary education major, has had her share of problems. She has been in a wheelchair for 15 years. Addy is required to complete courses in music and art for her degree, but McMaster and Sloan, the buildings which house the music and art departments, are inaccessible to persons in wheelchairs. (See special feature about Rita on Page 15.)

Mobility may be the handi-
capped student's biggest problem. Long steps, the lack of elevators and narrow doors present obstacles that most other students surmount with ease.

W.S. Turbeville, director of physical facilities and planning at USC, said officials are aware of the problem. "We try to do everything we can," he said.

It has been only in the past few years, Turbeville said, that the problem has come to the University's attention because very few handicapped persons attended college previously. He said the University has built ramps for wheelchairs, cut curbs to make them accessible and renovated buildings so they were accessible for the handicapped.

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