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CAROLINA!

National Hispanic Heritage Month begins September 15 and runs through October 15

Diversity Week Blast-Off! with RisQue Business 4:00 p.m. in front of McKissick Museum	THURSDAY,
MusicFest and Fireworks Show	SEPTEMBER 16
6:30 p.m. at Intramural Field A	ROSH HASHANA
Film: Mississippi Masala immediately following fireworks	(OBSERVATION BEGINS AT SUNSET THE EVENING BEFORE)
Student Organization Fair	FRIDAY,
10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Russell House Patio	SEPTEMBER 17

Film: Daughters of the Dust 3:00 p.m. at McKissick Auditorium

Diversity: Dancing to a Different Beat 7:00 p.m. at Russell House Ballroom

RisQue Business 8:00 p.m. at Bates Social Room

International Festival 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Distorted Media Mirror: Examining Stereotypes in Mass Media 5:80 p.m. at Russell House Theatre

RisQue Business 6.00 p.m. at Capstone Campus Room

Disappear Fear 7:30 p.m. at Russell House Ballroom USC students with ID: Free, General Public: \$5:00 SEPTEMBER 20

Women's Studies 20th Anniversary Celebration 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Russell House Ballroom

Tenth Annual *Take Back the Night* Walk and Rally 5:30 p.m. at Russell House Ballroom

Gallery Talk/Exhibit: Jubilation! African American Celebrations in the Southeast 6:00 p.m. at McKissick Museum

RisQue Business 8:00 p.m. at Towers Main Lobby

TUESDAY, Film: *Children of a Lesser God* 9:00 p.m. at Russell House Theatre Admission: \$2.00 **SEPTEMBER 21**

Volunteer Fair 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Russell House Patio

RisQue Business 7:00 p.m. at the Women's Quad

Diversity in Faith and Worship 7:30 p.m. at Rulledge Chapal

USC vs. Kentucky 8:10 p.m. at Williams-Brice Stadium

Film: The Crying Game 9:00 p.m. at Russell House Theatre Admission: \$2.00 THURSDAY, **SEPTEMBER 23**

Alnoan-American Blockdest 12:00 noon to 5:30 p.m. at Greane Street Chris Muldrow/THE GAMECOCK



Fireworks, music kick off Diversity Week

By JOHNNA GOODWIN Staff Writer

Food, fireworks and music will initiate the festivities of Diversity Week, which begins at 4 CELEBR. p.m. Thursday in front of McKissick Museum, followed by the MusicFest and Fireworks show on P.E. Field A.

SUNDAY,

SEPTEMBER 19

WEDNESDAY,

FRIDAY.

SEPTEMBER 22

SEPTEMBER 24

"We are really excited about the kickoff," said Ralph Johnson, assistant student life director. "There has always been that desire to create a multicultural campus and to appreciate diversity.

"Last year, students who participated in the annual leadership conference of their own volition came up with a goal that enhances and incorporates diversity into the Carolina community. Those of us who work in the student affairs office are glad that students came up with the that on their own."

This year, the office is hoping the week will be even better.

"Dr. John Palms, Dennis Pruitt and Lawrence Dark, who is the executive assistant to the president for equal opportunity programs, will make opening remarks," Johnson said.

He said each speaker will briefly discuss the importance of Diversity Week

"They will give a brief welcome and talk about the importance of offered during the movie.

diversity, how diverse Carolina is and why it is important to celebrate these diversities," Johnson said.

The evening's entertainment demonstrates this diversity, according to Johnson.

"The first entertainment is mariachi music, and he will be in costume, the whole nine yards," he said. "After he finishes, one of the black fraternities, Alpha Phi Alpha, will do a step show."

Jim Hedley, who plays the banjo and taps, will perform as well.

"He will provide African-American folk music, jazz and reggae," Johnson said.

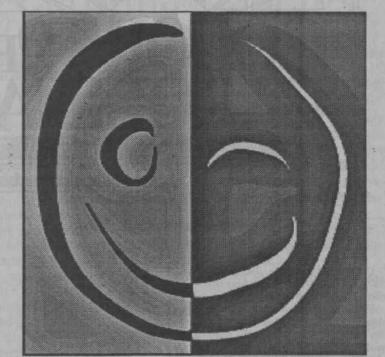
By then, Johnson hopes the area will be dark and the fireworks show will be ready. "There should be some really nice

fireworks and effects, and it's a very nice show for what we are able to pay," he said. "CPU is also helping to pay for the fireworks show."

After the fireworks, the movie "Mississippi Masala" will be shown outside.

"The movie stars Denzel Washington and is a story about an interracial, international couple and how they deal with the situation," Johnson said. "It's a pretty powerful story, and it really ties in with the whole theme of diversity week."

Refreshments will also be



"Free popcorn and non-alcoholic champagne will be served compliments of the Office of Alcohol and Drug Programs," Johnson said. 'Also, a local African-American vendor will be selling hot dogs and barbecue sandwiches.'

Johnson explained the importance of Diversity Week.

"When we were scheduling Diversity Week, we were aware that the Jewish holiday Rosh Hashanah was that week, but we didn't think that would be a prob- vances of the various cultures."

lem," he said.

"I was recently contacted by a member of the Jewish community who made me aware that the kickoff interferes with the holiday, and I would like to apologize for any interference or offense caused in the proper observance of the holiday.

"This just proves why the information learned during Diversity Week is so important so that we can learn the different and proper obser-

Mentor program offers support to incoming leaders

By TONI TURBEVILLE Senior Writer

USC's top student leaders are being called on to apply for leadership mentor roles by Sept. 17 at the Campus Activities Center.

The center started the Emerging Leader Program in 1988 and the Leadership Mentor Program in 1990 to make sure USC's leaders were putting their talents to use.

"We saw a need to group incoming leaders with established student leaders on campus," said Novella Fortner Beskid, assistant director of Student Life.

"The upperclassmen showed the new students the ropes, and that in turn rejuvenated and reenergized the established student leaders and reminded them why they got involved with stu-dent life in the first place," Beskid said.

The Emerging Leader Program was designed to give freshmen the chance to learn more about the opportunities available to them on campus and to introduce them to some of USC's top leaders, who are the leadership mentors.

Leadership mentors are encouraged to share their talents, develop a friendship and become a resource for their mentees during the year.

"My mentor provided understanding and was a good resource person," international studies sophomore Rebecca Grimm said. "She knew a lot of people and a lot about the clubs on campus."

The mentors also benefit from the experience. Leadership mentors are given the opportunity to work on their leadership skills through feedback given to them by their mentees, use new ideas, gain personal satisfaction, get new energy from a fresh face and find themselves a part of USC's leadership network.

Leadership mentors are expected to attend an Emerging Leader/ Mentor retreat Sept. 28 in the Russell House Ballroom and class graduation Nov. 17.

Leadership mentors should also meet with their mentee at least three times outside of scheduled events. Through these situations, the Campus Activities Center hopes a new friendship will develop.

"The Emerging Leader/ Leadership mentor programs offer students more of a personal orientation to Carolina," said Meghan Keally, a graduate intern in leadership programs.

Students interested in becoming leadership mentors should pick up an application in the Campus Activities Center. The application deadline is Friday, Sept. 17. Applicants must have leadership experience, 60 hours and a cumulative GPA of 2.5. For more information, call 777-5780.

