

# Duffy named interim APS dean

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John Duffy, who has served as vice provost of regional campuses and continuing education, was selected to serve as interim dean of the College of Applied Professional Sciences, USC President John Palms announced Sept. 9.

"After consulting with the faculty and other administrators, John Duffy was identified as the most appropriate person to provide the guidance and direction lost with the retirement of Sid Varney," Palms said. "There is no better individual to lead the college at this time."

Duffy, who has worked with the USC system for the past 35 years, will continue his duties as vice provost until a permanent replacement is found for Varney, who served as the college's dean for 22 years before retiring June 30.

Duffy began his career as USC's Beaufort campus in 1959. After being at the Columbia campus for a year, he became academic coordinator and then vice provost of regional campuses



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and continuing education. In addition to being vice provost, Duffy is also an associate professor of 20th century American history in the history department.

"I look forward to working with the faculty, staff and students of the college," Duffy said. "Over the years, the college has developed some very strong programs producing students to work in critically important sectors of our state's economy."

# FCA celebrates 40th anniversary

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The national chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes is celebrating its 40th birthday with the likes of Carl Lewis, Paul Azinger and Evander Holyfield.

These are just a few of the hundreds of professional athletes who have supported FCA since the organization started, using the influence of athletes and coaches to bring students together through religion and faith. Since Oklahoma basketball coach Don McClanen began FCA in 1947, the organization has reached more than 100,000 students and coaches in schools across the country.

Although USC's FCA President J.J. Gentry, a junior from Greenville, was unable to attend the anniversary convention this summer in Colorado, he isn't planning to let a 40th birthday like FCA's go unnoticed on campus. At the Sept. 14 kickoff meeting, Gentry and other FCA members celebrated with two birthday cakes donated by the adult officials of the state chapter of FCA.

cakes, Gentry and the more than 200 other FCA members engaged in FCA trivia games and listened to state FCA leader Twig Gray speak.

"We just kind of focused on FCA a little more than we usually do," Gentry said. "From here on out, maybe every meeting or every other meeting, we want to tell a little about FCA history and do something special with that."

Even though rival Clemson has the largest collegiate FCA chapter in the country with just over 500 members, FCA has not always been strong in membership totals at USC. Gentry said three years ago FCA only had 10 members who met in a residence hall room to participate in a bible study. FCA gained 30 members the following year, and this year, they have over 200 members, 50 of whom are athletes.

FCA is also celebrating because new football coach Brad Scott is an active supporter of FCA. Besides speaking at two FCA conventions, Scott will speak to FCA after the football season ends this year, Gentry said.

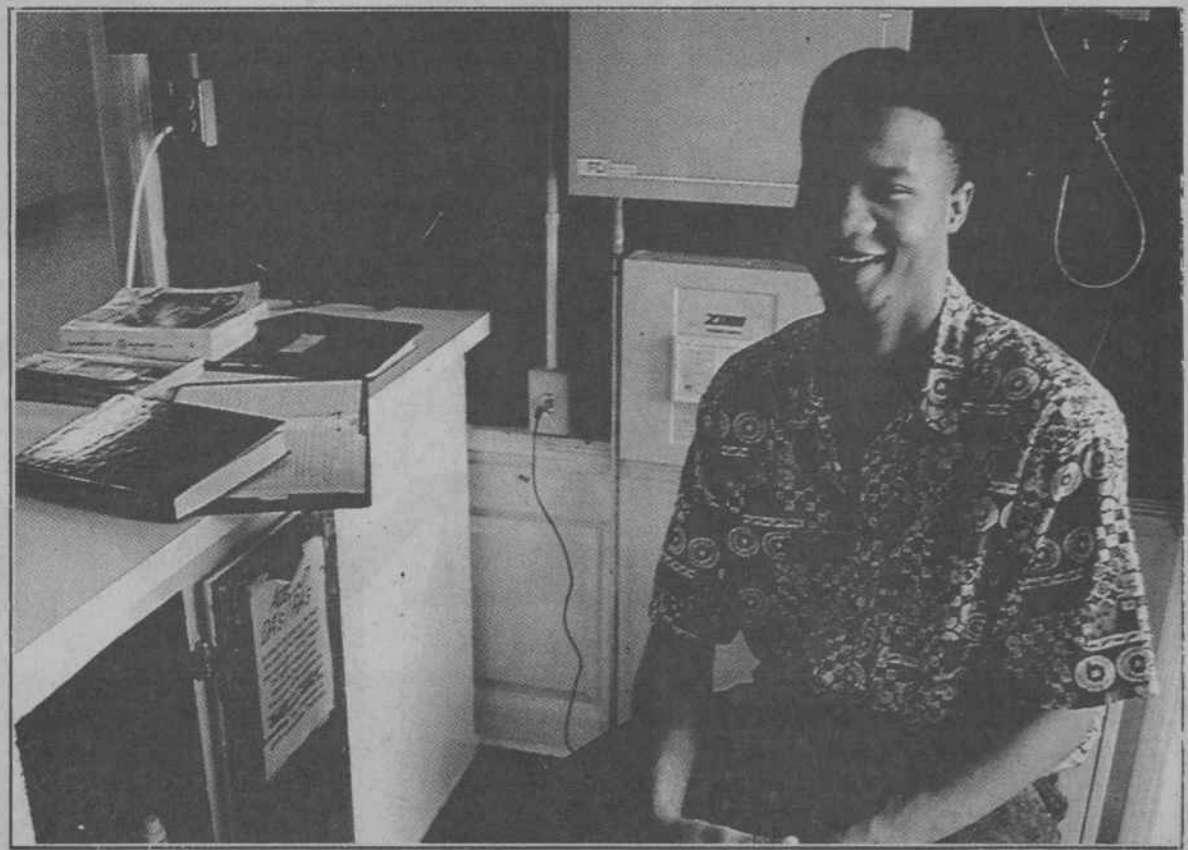
"We've gotten to the stage where we

can branch out a little bit. Last year was more of an outreach ministry where you brought people in and introduced them to Christ, and then from there we let them go where they wanted," Gentry said. "This year we're introducing Bible study and a team of speakers and singers that are able to go out into the community and speak and sing," Gentry said.

Gentry said in past years FCA didn't have the manpower to bring in both athletes and non-athletes.

Unlike many clubs at USC, FCA does not charge dues and does not have an official roster of members. Gentry said FCA includes members of every faith including Judaism. Any student interested in joining FCA should go to the Roost Wednesday nights at 9 p.m.

"The biggest comment we get from people is that the meeting on Wednesday night is the thing that on Monday and Tuesday they look forward to the most. After it's over, they're ready for the next Wednesday. It's incredible because people will come up to me and say that it is the thing that gets them through the rest of the week," Gentry said.



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Theatre and speech junior Duray Williams works Thursday at the front desk at Preston.

# Safety begins with common sense

PETE REID Staff Writer

Residence hall life is a new experience for freshmen as they make their first move away from home. A common student concern is the safety of the residence hall.

Almost every room on campus has a TV, VCR or other amenities thieves see as easy targets. Students need to realize there is crime on campus and in residence halls, said Carl Stokes, director of law enforcement and safety.

"Students should realize that USC is an open campus that allows all people, not just students, the freedom to roam the campus," said Carl Stokes, Director of USC Law Enforcement and Safety.

The university has eight female residence halls, eight co-ed residence halls, ten male residence halls and three apartment complexes.

The most common crime in residence halls larceny, according to Stokes. 632 cases were reported in 1993. Students can take precautions to make their hall safer.

- Never prop open outside residence hall doors.
- Always lock the room when leaving, even only for a few minutes.

■ Always lock the room when going to bed, napping or showering.

■ If signing out a pass key, be sure to return it within 48 hours. Report a lost key immediately so the lock can be changed.

Crime prevention is a team effort with law enforcement. The USC Police Department has two programs in effect now that can help protect students from crime.

One is Project ID, a program that puts a special identification number on any valuable item you wish to mark. The number is placed in a highly visible area on the item so if the item is ever lost or stolen, when it is recovered the police can return it to its rightful owner.

The other is called the Crime Awareness Program. It is designed to give students facts and information on how to reduce their chances of becoming a crime statistic. For more information on either Project ID or the Crime Awareness Program, contact your RHD\RHA or call the Office of Crime Awareness at 777-8400.

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