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**Sundays**

■ Ballroom Dance Club, 4-5 p.m., Blatt P.E. Center Room 107. For more information, call Gabriele at 256-3140.

■ Worship service and dinner, 5:30 p.m., PALM Center, 728 Pickens St.

**Mondays**

■ Living Off Campus and Learning (LOCAL), 2:30 p.m., RH 348. For more information, call Off-Campus Student Services in Rh 209 at 777-4174.

■ Sorority Council, 5 p.m., RH Theater.

■ PALM Campus Ministry, "Body & Soul" meal and program, 5:30 p.m., PALM Center.

■ CPU Cultural Arts Committee, 7 p.m., CPU Conference Room.

■ CPU Cinematic Arts Committee, 7 p.m., RH 203.

■ CPU Publicity Committee, 7:30 p.m., RH 201.

**Tuesdays**

■ Carolina for KIDS, 6 p.m., RH 302.

■ Dinner and program, 6 p.m., Presbyterian Student Center, 1702 Greene St.

■ Carolina Cares, 7 p.m., RH 204.

■ Student Psychology Association, 7 p.m., Barnwell Conference Room.

■ Homecoming Commission, 7:15 p.m., RH 307.

■ USC Model United Nations Club, 8:30 p.m., Gambrell 201.

■ SAGE (Students Acting for a Greener Earth), an environmental action group, 8 p.m., RH 302.

■ Campus Coalition for Literacy, every other Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., Rh 202. For more information, call 777-8402.

**Wednesdays**

■ Beta Alpha Psi, 5:30 p.m.

■ PALM Campus Ministry, 5:30 p.m., dinner and program, PALM Center.

■ Student Government Senate, 5 p.m., RH Theater.

■ Women Students' Association, 6 p.m., Rh 201.

■ Campus Rape Awareness, 7 p.m., RH 332.

■ Student Ad Federation, 7 p.m., RH 302.

■ Bible Study, 7 p.m., Presbyterian Student Center, 1702 Greene St.

**Thursdays**

■ Habitat for Humanity, 5 p.m., RH Patio.

■ "Heart to Heart," 7 p.m., Baptist Student Union, 700 Pickens St.

■ CPU Ideas & Issues Committee, 7:30 p.m., CPU Conference Room.

■ Interservice Christian Fellowship, 8 p.m., RH 303. For more information, call Richard Grinnan at 256-1211.

■ Campus Crusade for Christ, "Prime Time," 7:30 p.m., RH 327. Call Dave at 551-5577 for more information.

■ Christian Coffee House, 9-11 p.m., PALM Center

## USC celebrates MLK birthday, but students still attend class

**TIEFFA HARPER** Asst. News Editor

The university will honor the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. today with a series of events, but classes will meet.

King's birthday, a federal holiday, is't observed as a holiday for state employees.

"State employees and agencies have an optional holiday which can be taken at any time during the year, whether they want to celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday or their birthday," a Department of Education spokeswoman said.

USC branches in Aiken and Sumter, S.C. State University, Allen University and Benedict College have no classes scheduled today. Columbia College is having registration but no classes.

Campus activities begin at 7:30 a.m. with a breakfast and speech in the Russell House Ballroom by Cleveland Sellers, a USC history professor.

At 3:30 p.m., the Black Law Students Association will sponsor a free program in the law school auditorium. Temple University law professor Carl Singley

will speak, and the Columbia-based musical group The Male Chorus Inc. will perform.

A poem and tribute by law students also will be featured. USC President John Palms, law school Dean John Montgomery and Byron Gipson, president of the Black Law Students Association, will make remarks. A free reception will follow.

The day's closing event will be "The Wisdom and Spirit of Martin Luther King Jr.: Empowering Future Generations to Serve." The free event, which begins at 7 p.m. at the Koger Center, will feature choruses, readings, and dance and music presentations.

"It's great that USC is sponsoring a day of activities," USC student Toya Jefferson said, "but I still believe that we should have the day off to celebrate his birthday."

The city's annual King celebration will begin at 5 p.m. at King Park at 2300 Greene St. The keynote speaker will be City Councilman E.W. Cromartie II, and an interdenominational, interracial mass choir will be featured.

## Trustees pass amendment barring relations between faculty, students

**MATT PRUITT** Staff Writer

The USC Board of Trustees passed an amendment Dec. 9 to the Faculty Manual barring consensual relations between faculty members and students.

The amendment, originally a part of the USC sexual harassment policy, says "instructional staff members must refrain from engaging in any romantic or sexual relations with students over whom they have academic or supervisory control."

The Faculty Senate recommended the Board of Trustees amend the Faculty Manual. The board is responsible for making such changes to the manual.

"I think it's best for both students and faculty," said journalism Professor Henry Price, president of the Faculty Senate. "I don't think

it protects one more than the other.

"It's simple recognition of the fact that in certain circumstances those kinds of situations can occur, and that they are wrong and should not occur because of the enormous pressure involved, particularly on the students."

Some objections have been raised to the addition of the policy.

"My main problem with the amendment was that students were not informed about its addition," said Amy Bigham, SG vice president. "I felt like students were not included in the process. I just don't think it was well-rounded...no indications are made as to what the penalty for students will be."

Bigham foresees problems with enforcing the policy.

"There's the question of whose

going to police the matter," she said.

"Also, the amendment doesn't provide an outline for students as to how to handle such situations."

"If you are involved in such a relationship, how do you, as a student, handle it? What's going to happen to you, if anything? Is the faculty member completely responsible, or are you, as an adult, also responsible?"

Price said, "In many different places around the country, there have been some very severe repercussions of such cases. I believe it is a very logical, very reasonable piece of policy. I wouldn't say there's been a sustained, continuing problem anywhere. It just pops up from time to time."

Price said many other universities have similar policies to the one passed by USC.

## Palms optimistic about semester

**WENDY HUDSON** News Editor

Athletics gains made during the winter break have led to a new level of excitement for the start of the semester, USC President John Palms said.

"There is more enthusiasm about the university than there has been since I arrived," Palms said. "It's not just winning the Carquest Bowl. We just hired a new female soccer coach and got a \$1 million donation to build seating at the soccer field."

Palms said the national exposure the university has received will make students more excited about being members of the USC community.

"That same excitement should improve the quality of the university," Palms said. "I'm asking students to help us recruit next year's freshman class. We feel we have the best institution in the state. We want the very best students at USC. We want to continue to upgrade the student body."



**Palms**

USC has replaced the 105 faculty members who retired or took early retirement in the past year with several hundred new ones.

"We have hired the best young faculty in the country," Palms said. "That makes us feel good. A number of the best retiring faculty have agreed to come back and teach a class and work with graduate students, as well."

"Sure, it will be a loss. But the advantage of bringing in new faculty overshadows the loss of the older ones."

Students should use that excitement to encourage high school students to attend the university, he said.

Palms said he will spend the spring semester putting USC in the state's limelight, especially with the new Republican leadership in the State House.

"I am going to play a leadership role in garnering the most support I can for the students in this university," he said. "I am going to work hard to create a relationship with the new governor...and the newly elected members of the House and Senate."

"I am the principal speaker for the university. I want to protect the integrity of the university. I want to articulate the ideas of the university in as forceful a way as I can."

Students should take the opportunity this semester to explore and participate in the diversity USC offers, he said.

"They should take risks and explore new worlds created from the diversity of students," Palms said. "We brag about our diversity, but we have to use it. We need to work with students to bring the excitement of diversity together."

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USC President John Palms said the Residential College is a chance for a cross-section of students to come together.

"I think it will be very well-received," Palms said. "It is a catalyst for intellectual development."

The Residential College, which will be coed by suite, will follow visitation plan "C," Greiner said, which will allow opposite-sex visitation from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Thursday. Opposite-sex visitation also will be allowed from 10 a.m. Friday to 2 a.m. Sunday.

Although their jobs with the Residential College will begin officially this summer, the Lewis' are spending this

semester recruiting students and planning for the fall. Mr. Lewis will teach a reduced load in the fall but will continue his academic advisement duties in the religious studies department.

Mr. Lewis is from Asheville, N.C., and his wife is from Columbia and graduated from Columbia College. She is teaching English 101 and 282 this semester and then will take a year off to work with the Residential College. She is working on her dissertation in 19th century British literature.

A reception for the new principals and any interested students will be held in Preston Tuesday from 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

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