

DATEBOOK Guide to Weekly Meetings

The Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers, the internationally acclaimed choral group, will perform Sunday at the Koger Center. Tickets are \$6 for students and \$11 for adults.

A black focus group led by Malcolm Anderson will be from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays in room 212 at the Counseling and Human Development Center, located at 900 Assembly Street. For more information, call 777-5223.

The application deadline for 1995-96 exchange programs to Kent, Hull and Leeds Universities in England is Feb. 10. The deadline for applying for the International Students Study Abroad Scholarship is Feb. 17. For more information, contact international programs for students at 777-7461.

The Columbia Ski Club will have a meeting Thursday, Feb. 9 at Spaghetti Warehouse at 1310 Gadsden St. A representative from Howard's Sports will be there beginning at 6:15 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

The deadline for applying to be a member of Carolina Camp is Monday, Feb. 20 at 5 p.m. Applications are available in the Career Center, 6th floor of the BA building.

Sundays

Ballroom Dance Club, 4 p.m.-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

Sorority Council, 5 p.m., RH Theater.
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, 7 p.m., RH 3rd floor lobby.
Campus Coalition for Literacy, every other Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., RH 202. For more information, call 777-8402.

Wednesdays

Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Association, 8 p.m., BA 303.
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 348.
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.
Young Democrats Meeting, 7 p.m., RH 348.

Thursdays

Bahai Club, 3:30 p.m., Feb. 9, RH 309, Perception vs. Reality in the Media.
Habitat for Humanity, 5:30 p.m., RH 302.
Heart to Heart, 7 p.m., Baptist Student Union, 700 Pickens St.
CPU Ideas & Issues Committee, 7:30 p.m., CPU Conference Room.
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., RH 315. For more information, call Richard Grinnan at 787-6655.
Campus Crusade for Christ, Prime Time, 7:30 p.m., RH 327. Call Dave at 551-5577 for more information.

Rutgers students stage sit-in

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) — Students protesting racially inflammatory comments by Rutgers president Francis Lawrence staged a halfcourt sit-in Tuesday night, abruptly ending a basketball game between No. 4 Massachusetts and Rutgers.

The protest started with a black female student sitting at the jump ball circle just before the second half was to begin. Security guards came out to talk to her, but the protest escalated as more than 100 students joined her after about two minutes.

Officials asked Massachusetts coach John Calipari to take his players off the court. Both teams then returned to their locker rooms in the Rutgers Athletic Center. Rutgers was leading 31-29.

Police and university officials negotiated briefly with the students, while the sellout crowd of mostly whites shouted "Get off the court" and "We

want hoops" to those on the court.

"I have total respect for the girl who went out on the court in front of 8,000 people," Rutgers freshman Dan Salomonsky, who attended the game, said.

Lawrence, who was not at the game, has been sharply criticized by many university students and faculty, as well as state legislators, for his comments last fall that minorities don't have the genetic background to do well on college entrance exams.

"I think people should take responsibility for their actions. President Lawrence is just ducking away," Salomonsky said.

Lawrence's speech in Camden on Nov. 11 was made public last week by members of Rutgers' faculty union. Lawrence did not question the accuracy of a tape of his speech, but said he didn't mean what he had said and regretted the comment.

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The students on the committee are the ones who tend to interact with the candidates, said Denise Wellman, chairman of the Freshman Advocate Committee.

The process of selecting the winner begins Feb. 15 when all nominations are due. The applications are then reviewed. From the 20 or 30 applications usually received, seven or eight are selected for an interview with the selection committee.

"During the interview, the individual's philosophies about working with students comes to the forefront," said Wellman.

After the interviews, a candidate is awarded the Outstanding Freshman Advocate Award and two people are named finalists. After receiving the award, the recipient serves on the committee for three years.

"The committee looks for someone who goes beyond their duties at the university to help freshmen succeed," said Berman. "There are a lot of people who help freshmen as part of their jobs, but we want someone who goes beyond the normal."

The award used to focus primarily was on the faculty who had helped freshmen. Over the years, the emphasis

has shifted to make those at USC aware that the award is open to everyone, faculty, students and graduate assistants, said Berman. Last year a student, Juley Johns, received the award.

Those who received the Outstanding Freshman Advocate Award not only work with freshmen but also help the campus and the community in general. Mary Ellen O'Leary, 1991 winner, established a math lab for a students at USC. She also founded a program to bring children from Ireland to America for a couple of weeks. Johns served as a role model and mentor through her work with the freshmen council.

"I was touched when I found I was going to be interviewed," said Wellman. "It's nice to know what you do on a day-to-day basis makes a difference."

Though the Outstanding Freshman Advocate Award is only a one-year thing, winners continue in their efforts to help freshmen and the USC community.

"I don't look at it as a one-year opportunity because I work with students and that's what I'm grounded in," said Wellman.

Republicans considering hiring freeze

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The new Republican majority in South Carolina's House considers a government hiring freeze and the merger of some state colleges part of the debate about how to cut spending.

House Ways and Means Chairman Henry Brown, R-Hanahan, said everything is on the table in talking about how to cut the state budget 5 percent, a top GOP goal in the House this year. Some two-year schools and technical colleges could be eliminated, Brown said, but he would not elaborate.

Cutting the number of state employees is also a goal, Brown and other GOP leaders said. The number of state employees has risen from 60,005 to 67,757 during the past eight years.

"We can't cut back spending and increase the number of employees at the same time and have any long-term reduction," House Speaker David Wilkins said.

The Legislature last year endorsed hiring 747 more full-time employees for the fiscal year that ends June 30. The prison system got the bulk of those, 484 employees.

Lawmakers have had a hard time reducing the state payroll, despite several attempts.

The restructuring passed two years ago was supposed to make state government more efficient, but Comptroller General Earle Morris said it added 1,750 new jobs.

An early retirement incentive that was supposed to lure more employees off the state payroll has saved \$4 million annually. But it will take years for the incentive to pay off because it cost \$21.6 million to pay for the bonuses.

About 90 percent of the 2,447 state employees who received the bonuses last year have been replaced, the State Retirement System reports. The new employees are being paid 85 percent of the retired employee's salary.

The retirement system said 163 positions were eliminated. "Generally, there was no wholesale elimination of positions," the report said.

In the decade since 1984, prisons, health and education areas account for 85 percent of the growth in the state's work force.

USDA audit finds funds misused

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of an Agriculture Department agency was removed from his job after auditors found that he misused \$1.8 million by steering research contracts to friends and illegally using government money to lobby Congress, documents show.

The alleged abuses were outlined in an inspector general's report, obtained by The Associated Press under the Freedom of Information Act, on operations of the Cooperative State Research Service, headed since 1983 by John Patrick Jordan.

Jordan, 60, a biochemist, was transferred in December to run the department's Southern Regional Research Center in New Orleans.

At the time of the transfer, Jordan's agency was being merged with another as part of a department reorganization. A letter that is part of the inspector general's report, however, said that "removing the administrator from his position will largely solve our problems."

Advertisement for the movie 'Billy Madison' featuring Adam Sandler. Text includes: 'To inherit his family's fortune, Billy is going back to school... Way back.', 'Adam Sandler Billy Madison', 'A comedy about an overwhelming underachiever.', and 'UNIVERSAL PICTURES PRESENTS A ROBERT SIMMONS PRODUCTION A TAMARA DAVIS FILM ADAM SANDLER "BILLY MADISON" BRADLEY WHITFORD JOSH MOSTEL BRIDGETTE WILSON NORM MACDONALD AND DARREN MCGAVIN WRITTEN BY RANDY EDELMAN DIRECTED BY RALPH SALL CASTING BY FITCH CADDY COSTUME DESIGNER JEFFREY WOLF EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS PERRY BLAKE PRODUCED BY VICTOR HAMMER'.

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