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high-pressure group problems have been getting fewer phone calls, although the number of reported incidents is not always an accurate indicator of activity, Poster said.

"Things have been relatively quiet this year as compared to other years," Poster said.

Poster did identify the International Churches of Christ, formerly known as the Boston Movement and not affiliated with the mainstream Churches of Christ, as a group associated with high-pressure tactics in the past which caused problems on campuses across the nation.

The movement began in the late 1970s at the University of Florida and the Crossroads Church of Christ.

Poster said she realized the problem had spread to USC when BSU began receiving a great number of phone calls from students asking, "How do I know I'm a Christian?"

Jim Edwards, a former member of the Shandon Church of Christ and faculty member, said he realized there was a problem with a new faction in the church when his younger son expressed a fear of not being "good enough to be a Christian."

Shortly after, Edwards said he and his family left the Shandon Church of Christ, beginning a gradual exodus which eventually reduced the num-

ber of original church members from 200 to about 20.

The Shandon Church of Christ has since changed its name to the Columbia Church of Christ and belongs to the International Churches of Christ, which advocates an intensive discipling program.

Campus Advance, a student organization connected with the Columbia Church of Christ, currently has about 24 members.

Jayne Brayboy, a member of Campus Advance, said the group encourages people to read the Bible for themselves and that the only pressure comes from the Bible.

"All we do is teach the truth, straight from the Bible," she said.

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He said he became converted to Christianity in 1955 at the age of 27, when he lived in New Jersey.

In 1957, he was an usher for Billy Graham's crusade in Madison Square Garden. After two months, Eckhardt said he became fed up with the hypocrisy and money.

"The only big shot in Christianity is Jesus," he said. "All you got to do is stand on a street corner and reach people. It don't cost money to serve God."

However both men agree that apathy is the overwhelming response to their presence.

"Most students couldn't care less," Eckhardt said.

"It's for everybody, but everybody's not willing. My job is just to go out and be there just in case," Hallman said.

Hallman said he converted to Christianity while watching a televangelist one Sunday morning in 1983.

"I was at the lowest point in my life. I knew I needed something," he said.

Hallman said after his conversion, Jesus healed him from an affliction doctors had been treating for 14 years, and he has not suffered from that problem since.

"Jesus does still heal," he said.

Hallman also said the Holy Spirit helped him quit a heavy smoking habit.

"One moment I'd been smoking four packs a day, and the next

moment, it was like I'd never smoked a cigarette in my life."

Both his wife and grandson have also benefitted from Jesus' healing, Hallman said.

"He can only do what you will let him do. You have to want him," he said.

After his conversion, Hallman said his mother and sisters grew more distant because he was radically for Jesus. However, he became closer to his wife and they have developed a better marriage, especially in the past few years.

"Now I truly love my wife," he said.

Hallman travels to Myrtle Beach to witness all summer in front of Ripley's Believe It or Not to reach the vacationing crowds, at his own expense.

"Anything I do for the Lord I do at my own expense. It's my gift back to the Lord," he said.

Both men agree that adhering to laws is important for their ministry. They obtained a permit to stand on the Capitol steps and pass out tracts.

Once, they were arrested for witnessing on Main Street in Columbia. However, Eckhardt said the case was thrown out once city officials realized they were not in the wrong.

Eckhardt said that one officer who had arrested them came up later and asked if they forgave him.

"If a cop tells you to go, then go. Then, if he's wrong, straighten it out. Just find out who's right and who's wrong," Eckhardt said. □

Religious Awareness Days

February 21

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Lunch and program on "Spirituality and Healing."
Thomas Moore Center

February 22

2 p.m.
Partners in Dialogue. "The Journey Towards Wholeness: Interfaith Efforts to Overcome Racism"
Gambrell Hall

February 23

2 p.m.
Partners in Dialogue (continued)

February 24

12:30 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Prayer in the Jewish tradition
Russell House

February 25

7:30 a.m.
President's Prayer Breakfast
Russell House Ballroom

8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
"God Goes to College: Religion and Values in Higher Education"
Dr. William Willimon, Dean of the Chapel, Duke University

12:30 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Prayer in the Bahai tradition

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