

200 years in the making

USC prepares for year-long bicentennial celebration



Courtesy of the USC Bicentennial Office

Parking ticket on the Horseshoe in 1957.



Photo By Sean Rayford

When the Coliseum tunnel was repainted by Student Government this year, the bicentennial celebration logo was included to mark the significance of the university's 200th birthday. As the celebration draws near, more and more students grow excited. All over campus, reminders like this one are popping up.

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Students have many reasons to be excited about coming to USC this fall, and one of those reasons happens to be 200 years in the making.

That's right - in less than one year, USC will celebrate its 200th birthday, and plans are in the works for a special bicentennial celebration.

Chartered on December 19, 1801 as South Carolina College, USC will celebrate this milestone birthday in 2001 through events and programs that showcase the university and its purpose.

The bicentennial will be a commemoration of USC's past, present and future. It will also be a celebration of the birth of public higher education, as South Carolina College was the first institution of higher education to be fully supported by a state.

Official bicentennial festivities will begin January 10, 2001, commemorating the arrival of the first nine students to South Carolina College on January 10, 1805. The opening ceremony will take place on the Horseshoe at mid-day, and all students and members of the community are invited to attend.

Bicentennial activities will take place through December 19, 2001 and will include special student activities, academic conferences, guest lectures, service projects and other gatherings on and off campus.

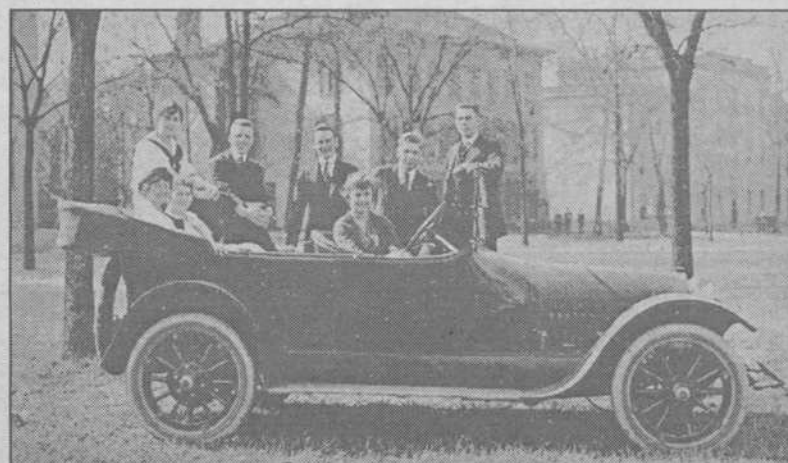
All activities will have been approved by one of nine bicentennial com-

mittees and the Bicentennial Commission. The Bicentennial Student Events Committee is working with other student organizations on campus to offer many opportunities for students to be involved in the 2001 celebration.

Other special projects in the works for the bicentennial include a video documentary that explores USC's purpose through its history, a unique Horseshoe tour through time on CD ROM, a commemorative bicentennial wall calendar, three publications and a full line of merchandise featuring the bicentennial logo.

For more information on bicentennial events and projects and how to get involved, contact the Bicentennial Office, located on the 4th floor of McKissick Museum, 777-1801. Updated information is also available on the bicentennial Web site at www.sc.edu/bicentennial.

Students at USC in 2001 will not only witness history; they will be an active part of Carolina's history by joining in the bicentennial celebration.



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USC students on the Horseshoe in 1917, with the new President's home and Legare College in the background.