

## Law dean will face financial concerns

BY ROB SEAL  
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Fund raising and the construction of a new facility will be the key issues greeting the new dean of the USC Law School.

The school announced four finalists in December after more than a year of searching.

The candidates are USC professor Nathan Crystal, who is also a 1969 graduate of the USC Law School; David Logan, a law professor at Wake Forest University; Robert Jerry Jr., a law professor at the University of Missouri-Columbia; and Robert Hillman, a law professor at the University of California-Davis.

The new dean will replace John Montgomery, who has served as dean since 1987. Montgomery said he is not retiring and that he will become a full-time Law School faculty member.

"I think a priority for the new dean is going to be the completion of the fund raising for the new building to house the School of Law," Montgomery said. "That's not going to change in the next year or two."

Crystal, who teaches Lawyers and Justice as well as Professional Responsibility, has been a faculty member since 1976 and was associate dean from 1987-1992.

"I would like to see progress made toward the construction of the new building," Crystal said. "To see that happen, we need to bring together a broad group of contributors from the state and alumni. Annual giving is the lifeblood of any law school. That supports many of our activities, such as guest lectures and speakers."

Neil Batavia, a USC law student, says the possibility of a new facility is a crucial issue.

"We need somebody who will get the alumni more involved in making the new facility happen," Batavia said. "I think somebody that has been with the school would know what needs to be done at USC and could jump right in and get started. On the other hand, somebody from outside the school could bring a fresh perspective to the program."

Professor Robert Hillman, of the University of California-Davis, agreed that facilities and fund raising are important factors at the USC Law School.

"The resource issue is very pressing," Hillman said. "USC has a strong faculty, and in order for the program to continue to grow, fund raising must be pursued. Support for the faculty can be summed up in one word: resources. With USC's large and loyal alumni base, I think that goal can be attained."

The Law School is in its second year of searching for a new

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# Patel accused of violation

## Senators say SG president undermined Student Senate

BY ADAM BEAM  
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Two Student Government senators have issued a subpoena to SG President Ankit Patel ordering him to appear before the Student

Senate today to clarify "certain statements said in conduct toward the Board of Trustees and the Student Senate."

Liberal Arts Sens. Adam Hark and J.D. Shipman issued the subpoena. It deals with SG code 103.05, which forbids any members of SG to go before the Board of Trustees without first consulting the Senate. Hark and



Shipman

Shipman said that Patel went before the full Board of Trustees on June 27 and then lied about it to the Student Senate.

"I found the Board of Trustees' minutes, and on June 27 he did, in fact, approach the entire Board of Trustees as a whole," Hark said. "This was without consultation of the Senate, and indeed, he flat-out lied."

The subpoena orders Patel to appear before the Student Senate today at 5 p.m. in the Russell House Theater to answer ques-

tions, clarify his statements and inform the Senate of the situation.

"We want all the student representatives to be aware of this and to make their own judgments," Hark said.

Patel went before the Board of Trustees to ask for a \$20-per-student increase in the student-activity fee. The Student Senate approved the proposal when it re-



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convened in the fall. The Board of Trustees approved the increase Oct. 17. Shipman said the proposal was presented to the Senate as though the Board of Trustees had already made up its mind and that the Senate's vote was merely a "formal stamp of approval."

"I personally feel that you have the student body, which elects people based on the banter of stopping tuition increases, yet in the end passes the student-activity fee in-

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### MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

## Volunteers spend day serving city

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Hundreds of USC students, faculty and staff members gathered on Davis Field Monday morning to kick off the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

After registering in the Russell House Ballroom, the volunteers filed outside to the rally, which consisted of an opening speech by chairwoman Stephanie Lareau, musical selections by a cappella group Higher Harmony and gospel musicians Chosen, and a keynote address by USC President Andrew Sorensen.

Once the program ended, participants loaded up the buses that lined Greene Street to go to their community-service sites.

The buses took student volunteers to 24 local agencies, including the Congaree Swamp National Park and the Nurturing Center.

An assignment to Bus J

meant going to the Palmetto Senior Care Home, located in White Rock.

Volunteers entered the building as residents were finishing their lunch.

After receiving instructions from the head nurse, the volunteers began cleaning up tables and helping clear dishes.

Some students took it a step further and helped feed a couple of the residents.

While they worked, the volunteers started conversations with some of the people they were helping.

After getting to know everyone, the volunteers made the residents' highlight of the month even more special — with a game of bingo.

First-year electronic-journalism student Shantel Brown said she enjoyed her experience at the Palmetto Senior Care Home.

"At the end of the day, I feel

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Michelle Jenkins, left, a fourth-year Spanish student, and Louise Harris, a resident at Palmetto Senior Care, assemble a puzzle as part of a service project.

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## NAACP protesters rally against flag

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Demanding the Confederate flag be removed from state grounds, the NAACP marched on the capitol for its fifth Martin Luther King Jr. Day rally.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People met at Zion Baptist Church at 801 Washington St. to prepare for the march and hear the remarks of the Rev. Al Sharpton, a 2004 presidential hopeful and veteran of the civil rights movement.

Speaking at the church, he described the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

"Down the Mississippi delta, where two Jews and a black man were killed for giving us the right to vote." "Their court house is closed today," he said. "Their judges are not coming to work."

Despite King's work, Columbia's NAACP President Lonnie Randolph Jr. said, "Living in America every day is a racial experience."

He said that the NAACP's only goal is to create equal opportunity in each state. "In this state," he said, "it still does not exist."

High on their list was a symbol: the continuing fight over the Confederate flag. In 1999, the NAACP began a boycott of South Carolina businesses in an effort to force it down from the capitol building. The legislature since transferred the flag from the top of the capitol to a nearby monument.

For the NAACP, it was a false victory. Marching down Main Street, participants chanted: "Somewhere, somehow, right here, right now: the flag is coming down!"

"This flag of racism, segregation, slavery and hatred shall not fly at the people's house," said Nelson B. Rivers, CEO of the NAACP, in his keynote speech.

The sentiments resonated with Sheron Hayes, one of Monday's marchers. "This flag belongs in a

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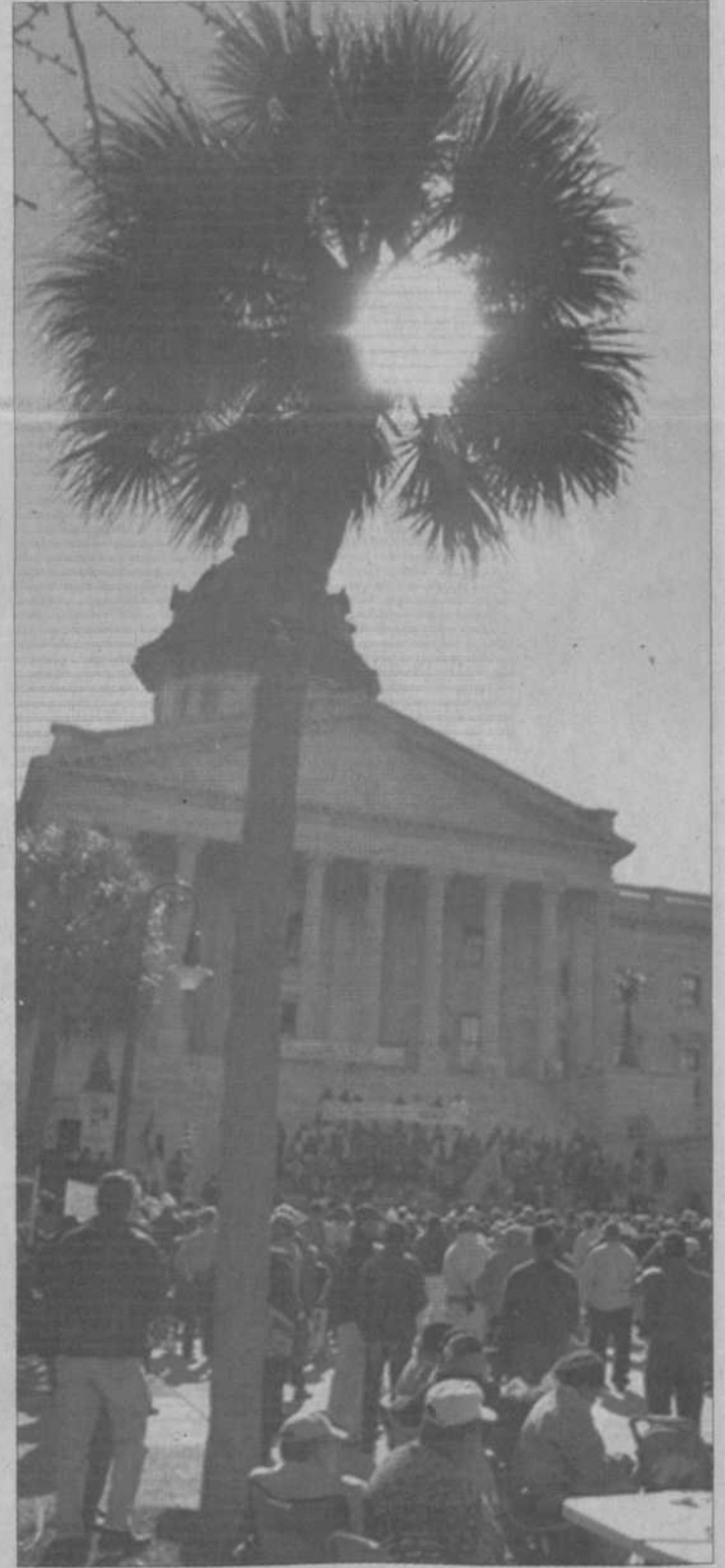


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Thousands gather at the State House on Monday for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day rally to support the NAACP.

## First-year experience sets example

their kind in the nation. "We usually don't go around thinking that we're the best in the country," Berman said.

But within the last five months USC's National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition has been labeled the best. The U.S. News and World Report ranked the Center's hallmark University 101 program tops in the nation, and the Brevard College Policy Center for the First Year of College recognized the overall contributions centered.

Hunter, the national resource center's director, said the University 101 course, which predates the center by about 13 years, spawned the innovation needed to build a self-supported center that would become a nationally recognized authority studying college students' first-year experiences.

"The assessment of the course from the very beginning indicated that there were significant differences in students who took the course versus students who didn't take the course as far as re-

tention and academic achievement," she said.

Once the center got its start in 1986, its primary objectives became publishing academic writings on the research being done on the University 101 program and other factors of the first-year experience and organizing and participating in conferences on the same subject. Hunter returned Sunday from a conference in Costa Mesa, Calif., where she provided other university ad-

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Sometimes even Mary Stuart Hunter and Dan Berman can't believe they direct what their peers have rated the best programs of