



## Remembering the Pope

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People pray in front of candles just before 9:37 p.m. near the Bishop's Palace in Krakow, Poland on Sunday

### Thousands gather to remember John Paul II's papal legacy

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**VATICAN CITY** — Tens of thousands of people clutching candles filled St. Peter's Square on Sunday to mark the first anniversary of Pope John Paul II's death with a prayer vigil that culminated with a blessing by the current pontiff.

Polish flags fluttered in the cool evening breeze, the candles twinkled and a choir sang hymns during the vigil, which ended with the blessing by Benedict XVI at 9:37 p.m. — the moment the Polish pope died a year ago.

The scene resembled that before John Paul's passing, when pilgrims from around the world prayed beneath his studio apartment windows.

"He continues to be present in our minds and our hearts; he continues

to communicate his love for God and his love for man, he continues to arouse in everyone, especially the young, enthusiasm for goodness and the courage to follow Jesus and his teachings," Benedict told the crowd, which he joined in reciting the rosary from one of the windows.

In his message, which was broadcast via videolink to Krakow, Poland, Benedict recalled his predecessor's suffering, evident during the final days and weeks when John Paul was unable to speak and managed only to bless the faithful weakly with his hand.

City officials said they had expected between 100,000 and 150,000 people to attend the vigil, some 10,000 of them from John Paul's native Poland, where anniversary commemorations also were held Sunday.

John Paul was remembered

from Mexico City to India as an advocate for the poor who helped fell communism. Around the world, Roman Catholics praised his legacy and called for his beatification.

"His illness, which he faced with courage, made us all aware of human pain, of every physical and spiritual pain; he gave suffering dignity and value, showing that man isn't just worthy because of his efficiency and how he appears, but because of himself, because he is created and loved by God," Benedict said.

Polish Catholics filled churches Sunday and voiced hopes for a quick beatification of their beloved native son.

In Krakow, thousands gathered with candles and flowers at the Archbishop's Palace to await the

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## Journalists convene to 'inspire'

I-Comm Week to feature guest speakers, workshops, alumni panel, advertising award

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Information and communication will come together this week to "inspire a new generation" as the third annual I-Comm Week kicks off today.

I-Comm Week, sponsored by the College of Mass Communication and Information Studies, is the college's opportunity to shine a spotlight on each of the disciplines in its journalism and library schools with speakers, workshops and events for students, alumni and friends, Dean Charles Bierbauer said in a recent news release.

The theme of I-Comm Week this year is "Inspiring a New Generation" and features a number of former CMCIS student speakers.

Jen Horne, scholarship director for the journalism school, said the week is designed for students to take a look at professionals in their desired major.

"All of the events are for the students," Horne said. "If you have a career in public relations, Sonja Whitemon is coming."

Whitemon is the manager of corporate media relations for American Airlines.

Today's events include a video essay by photojournalist Sonya Doctorian of the Rocky Mountain News, a speech about the changes in television by former WIS TV anchor Susan Aude, and a speech by American Journalism Review editor Carl Sessions Stepp titled "Rights and Wrongs in Journalism."

Stepp will also join the president of the Society of Professional Journalists, David Carlson, at a luncheon for student SPJ members from noon until 2 p.m. in the Frank McGuire room of the Athletic Practice Facility on Blossom Street near the Coliseum.

Horne said it's hard to pick her favorite event.

"I couldn't pick one," Horne said. "I would have to say all of them."

Other events include confessions of two public relations junkies Tuesday at 3:30 p.m., a speech from former student body president Malik Husser on

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Ashleigh Orthen / THE GAMECOCK

Sundresses, floppy hats and seersucker pants are a staple at the annual Carolina Cup in Camden.

## Southern tradition on parade at Cup

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It is the time of year where Southern tradition meets Southern pride. It is a social gathering where cocktails bring on a more exhilarating meaning. It is more about sundresses, floppy hats and plaid pants than it is about horses.

At the Carolina Cup on April Fool's Day, about 70,000 fans lined the rails

at Springdale Race Course in Camden to enjoy a lineup of fancy beverages, gourmet finger-food and sophisticated apparel.

According to Springdale Race Course, the Carolina Cup is a time-honored tradition through South Carolina that has achieved "premier social event status." Many families and mostly college students

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## New student health center to open in 2009

Changes to include online appointments, expanded hours

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While the Thomson Student Health Center seems to be students' sole salvation from cold season and mysterious illness, the building is in its early stages of demolition.

The demolition is only one goal Student Health Director Debbie Beck has made priority in student health care.

"We want to give students a state-of-the-art atmosphere that's still comfortable, warm and welcoming," Beck said.

The new health center, tentatively scheduled for construction in fall 2009, will be built behind Thomas Cooper Library.

As with all construction on campus, the new health center will be a "LEED (Leadership in Energy and

Environmental Design) certified, all-environmental green space," Beck said, encouraging healthy environments as well as healthy people.

Beck's vision for the new health center is one incorporating a "living room atmosphere, with large windows and light everywhere."

In addition, Beck plans to add computers, games and more into waiting rooms.

A student focus group will be organized toward the beginning of the fall semester to meet with architects and health center representatives to share ideas of what students "want and don't want in a health center," Beck said.

Ideas have already been raised about expanding or changing the hours of the health center, adding clinical and clerical staff as demand increases, hiring a new assistant health director and hiring a marketing/research representative.

"I want someone to go

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The Thomson Student Health Center will be renovated while students suggest designs for the new health center.

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