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Palms issues strong objection to proposed higher ed budget cuts

By MARSHALL SWANSON

President Palms has called on state lawmakers to exempt USC and other state colleges and universities from proposed budget cuts of 5 to 15 percent in the 2001-02 budget, calling the reductions "a potential catastrophe."

"Such budget cuts for public higher education ... would certainly and substantially cripple USC and jeopardize its ability to serve the citizens of South Carolina," Palms said. He added that 5-, 10-, or 15-percent cuts would result in tuition increases of 11, 21, and 32 percent, respectively.

Faculty, staff, and students of the University who would like to express their views on the potential budget cuts can find the contact information for their elected representatives in the South Carolina House and Senate on the Web at www.leginfo.state.sc.us/senateframe.html or www.leginfo.state.sc.us/houseframe.html.

Palms made his remarks in a letter to the House Ways and Means Committee after being asked in December by committee officials what effect the cuts would have on USC operations.

Extensive news coverage of the University's response to the proposed cuts has appeared statewide in

newspapers and on television and has heightened the public's awareness of the issue and its potential impact on the state and the higher education community.

During the past 10 years, Palms said, appropriations supporting public higher education were far below the average appropriations for other state agencies, including K-12 public education.

"While we applaud the gains in K-12 public education, it should be noted that state support for public higher education was \$107 million below the average of all other state agencies during this period," Palms said. He added that the cuts were paradoxical in light of new state lottery scholarships that would presumably enable more South Carolinians to attend state colleges and universities.

"These shortfalls have been felt throughout our campuses as many important programmatic, hiring, capital, and operational needs have remained unmet. Underfunding the senior public institutions has made it increasingly difficult to compete successfully among our regional peers, as well as continue to retain our state's best students," Palms said.

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President Palms welcomes thousands of invited guests and University supporters to the opening day of USC's bicentennial year. The Jan. 10 morning was crisp and clear and included remarks by Palms and several other speakers. See page 8 for more photos. KIM TRUETT

University launches year-long celebration of 200th anniversary

The University opened its doors to the state, the nation, and the world Jan. 10 to commemorate the day in 1805 when it opened its doors to its first nine students.

Several thousand friends and guests of USC filled the Horseshoe for the bicentennial opening ceremony. The event included an impressive procession of college and university presidents, state officials, and University faculty to the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance." The USC Symphony Orchestra performed the debut of "1801-2001 Overture," composed by music professor emeritus Gordon "Dick" Goodwin.

President Palms and Gov. Hodges made remarks, and U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley, former governor of South Carolina and an alumnus of the law school, presented the keynote address from a special stage constructed in front of McKissick Museum.

President Palms recommitted the University to a third century of the partnership of learning and service.

"We chose this date to begin our bicentennial because

Jan. 10 marks the anniversary of an event that reflects the continuing mission of this University to educate students. On Dec. 19, the bicentennial shall conclude by marking another special beginning. On that day 200 years ago, the General Assembly formally chartered South Carolina College. With these two dates, we remember the original unchanged and still relevant ideals on which we were founded."

"Today we renew our determination to face the challenges of our time and to live up to the enduring principles of this place we call our own."

—President Palms

Palms said that although South Carolina College has changed, its ideals have remained the same.

"In this bicentennial year, we join together as our

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Hallman named chancellor of USC Aiken

Tom Hallman, who earned his doctorate in higher education administration from USC in 1993, has been named chancellor of USC Aiken.

Hallman, who became interim chancellor July 1, began his new duties immediately. He is only the third chancellor in USC Aiken's 39-year history.

"It is humbling to enjoy the support of the campus in this competitive search, and the many expressions of support from the community and from colleagues across the

state and region have been important to me and my family," Hallman said. "It is my belief that even greater days lie ahead for this campus, and I look forward to joining with the faculty, staff, and students to sustain and enhance the important work of USC Aiken."

"As we expected, the chancellor's position at USC Aiken drew national interest," said President Palms, who made the announcement Dec. 19 at a faculty meeting on the

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Tom Hallman becomes USC Aiken's third president.

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■ **SOUTH CAROLINIANA ACQUIRES PAPERS OF FORMER UNIVERSITY**

PRESIDENT: The South Caroliniana Library's Modern Political Collections Division recently acquired the papers of the late Donald S. Russell. Russell, who was USC's president from 1952 to 1957, also achieved success in many other areas. He held important positions in the Roosevelt administration during World War II, practiced law in South Carolina, was elected governor in 1962, and was the state's senior senator to the U.S. Congress. In 1967 he was made a U.S. District Court judge and in 1971 was appointed to the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, a position he held until his death at age 92 in 1998. The Russell collection is organized into several series including public papers, personal papers, speeches, audio-visual materials, and clippings. Russell's private activities rival his public work in importance to the state. He labored diligently to promote education and the welfare of children and the disabled. For more information about the collection, contact Herbert J. Hartsook, curator of Modern Political Collections, at 7-0577.

■ **LIBRARY OFFERS FELLOWSHIP:**

The South Caroliniana Library is accepting applications for the Lewis P. Jones Research Fellowship in South Carolina history until Jan. 31. The fellowship, which runs from June through mid-August, is open to non-professional historical researchers, public school teachers, and college and university instructors who are researching South Carolina history. The recipient will receive on-campus housing and a small stipend. Lewis P. Jones is professor emeritus of history at Wofford College. The permanently endowed research fellowship was established in 1996 by a private gift as a tribute to Jones. For an application, call 7-2810. For more information, call Allen Stokes at 7-3131.

■ **DEBATE TEAM RANKED AMONG NATION'S TOP 25:**

After one of its most challenging debate schedules ever, USC's debate team is ranked among the top 25 teams nationally and among the top three in its district, ahead of Vanderbilt and Florida State universities, according to the American Forensic Association and the National Debate Tournament Committee. In late December, two of USC's top debate pairings, junior Erin Bailey of Greensboro, N.C., and sophomore Maggie McAllister of Navarre, Ohio, and first-year debaters Alan Hancock of Greensboro, N.C., and Elyn Blackman of Milwaukee, Wis., cut their holiday break short to take on top debaters at the University of Southern California and California State University at Fullerton at tournaments in the Los Angeles area. USC's debate program has enjoyed continued success, placing among the Top 25 teams in the country for 10 consecutive years, said David Berube, a USC speech professor who was named Debate Coach of the Year in 1994. For information on the USC Debate Team, contact Berube at 7-6663 or via email at berube@sc.edu or access www.cla.sc.edu/THSP/Faculty/Berube/Debate/Index.htm.

New short courses include online offerings

By KATHY HENRY DOWELL

There's help for those of us who want to learn the intricacies of golf, or find out how to start and grow an Internet business, or even practice the fine art of tatting.

Short courses on these topics and more than a hundred others are being offered this spring through the Office of Community Programs.

"We have lots of new offerings," said Beth Hendrix, director for community programs and operational services. "Our on-line courses are probably the biggest news. You can go to the site to 'attend class' whenever you want to, and you don't have to worry about a parking space. It's a lot more convenient and cost-effective for the student.

"We're also offering a variety of business applications where folks can do a better job of creating or managing their own e-business," Hendrix said. "It's great to have a Web site out there, but if you don't know how to submit it to the search engines to have it listed, nobody's ever going to find you.

"Something else that's really new is a

partnership with Columbia's Northwest YMCA. With their cooperation, USC will offer some short courses at their facilities in Irmo. It will give folks who don't live near the downtown area the opportunity to take our courses."

Other new offerings include:

- notary training offered through the National Association of Notaries
- more golf classes, such as focus courses on irons, putting, and tee shots
- Saturday courses for children ages 8-14 on science, the martial arts, and pageantry
- "Final Wishes: An End-of-Life Issues Seminar," which deals with the emotional and financial sides of taking care of your final wishes, taught by Gere Fulton, a psychologist and attorney who is an adjunct in the School of Public Health.

For more information about USC Short Courses for spring 2001 or to register, call 7-9444; visit www.rcce.sc.edu/shortcourses; or stop by the Office of Community Programs at Carolina Plaza, 937 Assembly St., lobby level.



KIM TRUETT

Fans' delight

Gamecock fans Gene and Jan Schofield of Ridgeway recently presented President and Mrs. Palms with a fighting gamecock as a pre-Outback Bowl gift. Gene Schofield has been preparing wildlife and other animals for exhibit since the early 1980s when he retired from state government.

Input needed on draft of SACS reaccreditation report

Editor's note: Peter Becker, history, is co-director of the SACS reaccreditation self-study, looking at the "must statements" to which the University must respond.

By PETER BECKER

During the past two years you have had the benefit of the occasional column by my colleague Dan Barron, co-director of the SACS reaccreditation self-study.

Dan's portion is concerned with the application of information technology at this institution yesterday, today, and tomorrow. The last refers to the year 2006, a half-decade away in a world that is full of daunting technological challenges.

The other portion of the self-study is comparatively sedate. SACS, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, demands that before it grants us reaccreditation we give an account of ourselves. We have to do this every 10 years, and as 1991 was the most recent year of reaccreditation, we have to report on ourselves once again in 2001.

To make this task easier (or, depending on your perspective, more difficult), SACS has a list of items that we must address. They are the so-called "must statements"—more than four hundred of them—to which we must respond. They are grouped in six sections, from Principles and Philosophy of Accreditation to Institutional Purpose, Institutional Effectiveness, Educational Program, Educational

Support Services, and Administrative Processes.

In other words, SACS requires the University (the Columbia campus as well as regional campuses) to take a detailed look at itself. SACS expects to learn from us what we have been up to during the past decade and where we see ourselves in the year 2001. We are expected to describe our achievements as well as our shortcomings without being shy about either of them.

Toward this end, I have gathered from dozens of people in the University responses in those areas in which they are competent in order to determine how compliant we are with SACS's expectations of us, how effective the University is in what it purports to be doing.

The responses were then reviewed by equally knowledgeable people, were vetted by administrative and faculty committees, and are now being inspected by a steering committee.

The drafts of the self-study reports of the regional campuses are still in the works, undergoing the same process and scrutiny as the draft for the Columbia campus.

At the same time, this draft of the self-study has been put on the Web for all to see (with the regional campuses added as they are ready). I invite all readers—faculty, staff, and students—to peruse this submission carefully.

Please e-mail me your views by Jan. 31 at pwbecker@gwm.sc.edu.

Six students awarded Rotary scholarships

Six USC students—a record number for the University—have received Rotary International Ambassadorial scholarships for the 2001-02 academic year.

Five students were awarded Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships for nine months of study abroad.

Recipients are Michael T. Harmon, Anthony "Tony" Macias, Olivia Stafford, Sona Shah, and Will Sharp.

Susan Masson received a Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship for three months of study abroad.

Harmon, a senior majoring in political science in the Honors College, will study at the Australia National University in Canberra, Australia. Macias, a senior Spanish major in the Honors College, will study at the Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica in Heredia, Costa Rica. Shah, a senior biology major in the Honors College, will study at the University of Natal in Durban, South Africa.

Sharp, a third-year medical student in the School of Medicine, will study at the University of Oxford in England. Stafford, a senior Spanish major in the Honors College, will study at the Universidad de Malaga in Spain. Masson will take intensive language training in Spanish for three months at Cuauhnahuac in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

Since USC's Office of Fellowships and Summer Programs was established in 1994, 35 students have been awarded Rotary scholarships.

It's history

Henrie Monteith Treadwell, inset, one of three African-Americans admitted to USC in 1963, is

portrayed in a commercial, at right, that will air on TV this spring as part of USC's bicentennial celebration.



■ **USC RECOGNIZED FOR ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS:** USC has earned more than \$200,000 in grants and a national award for its efforts to educate students about the dangers of alcohol abuse. The U.S. Department of Education awarded USC \$192,161 to test the effectiveness of two alcohol-abuse education programs, including providing alcohol-free social activities and conducting social norm perception studies to challenge students' incorrect assumptions about student drinking. USC also has been awarded \$19,410 from the S.C. Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Instructional Abuse Services to educate students about alcohol and drug abuse. For the fourth consecutive year, BACCHUS & GAMMA Peer Education Network awarded first place to USC in its national Safe Spring Break category for its education program in the spring. USC's Safe Spring Break combines fun and education to warn students about the pitfalls associated with traditional spring break activities.

■ **HEMINGWAY GIFT SET FOR DISPLAY JAN. 31:** Faculty, staff, and students can get a first peek at the University's newly acquired Ernest Hemingway collection from 2 to 4 p.m. Jan. 31, following a formal announcement of the gift to the media at 11 a.m. Pieces of the collection, which is part of USC's Center for Literary Biography and valued at nearly \$2 million, will be on display in the Graniteville Room on the mezzanine floor of Thomas Cooper Library. The letters, manuscripts, and galley proofs were formerly owned by the granddaughter of Hemingway's attorney, Maurice Speiser, who amassed the collection. Before it was acquired by USC, the collection might have been the last large grouping of its kind held privately. "The most important part of this story for the University community is that this gift was made possible by private funding," said Patrick G. Scott, associate University librarian for special collections. An article detailing how the collection made its way to the University will be published in the Feb. 2 issue of *TIMES*.

■ **STUDENTS, ALUMNI WIN MET AWARDS:** Four current students and two alumni in the School of Music received all six awards at the South Carolina Metropolitan Opera auditions last fall. Current students, Kevin Eckard, bass-baritone, DMA; Kerri Roberts, soprano, master of music; and John Neeley Gaston, countertenor, a senior undergraduate, received \$1,000 and advances to the regionals in Atlanta in February. Senior Scott Guinn, baritone, received an honorable mention with a \$300 award. Two former students, Misti Brinkley, soprano, and Madalena Aliverti, soprano, received encouragement awards of \$100.

New manager at Faculty Club caters to members

By MARSHALL SWANSON

The Faculty Club at McCutchen House on the Horseshoe has a new general manager with a new recipe for success: create a friendly, caring, service-oriented atmosphere by catering to members and making them feel special.

"We've attempted to change the culture of the club, and we have improved the quality of food and beverage service," said Travis Branaman, who joined the campus facility about 10 months ago.

"Our intent has been to create the kind of environment I envisioned the founders having in mind when they started the club in 1977."

Formerly operated under contract by Sodexho-Marriott, the club reverted to its own independent management when the contract expired and Branaman joined the organization from Little Rock, Ark., where he had managed a country club.

A nine-member board comprised of six members from the Columbia campus Faculty Senate and three members appointed by President Palms govern the Faculty Club at McCutchen House, which is not subsidized by the University.

"We exist purely by the dues-paying members who belong to the club," Branaman said, adding that the Faculty Club leases the McCutchen House from the University and also pays for campus mail, the phone system, printing, and other services.

When Branaman took over as general manager, he sought to restructure the club's operations along the lines of its original purpose as a place where faculty could mingle in a socially and intellectually relaxing environment.

In addition to installing a new in-house accounting system that is now nearly error free, he:

- revamped the culture of the service staff with emphasis on classroom training
- changed the philosophy of food preparation to emphasize fresh over prepared items
- relaxed the club's emphasis on formality, doing away with dress codes that required coats and ties, and
- maintained a price structure that remained affordable and attractive.

"Everything we've done goes back to the theme of reverting to the club's original goals and catering to members," said Branaman, who is a certified club manager with 35 years experience and a reputation for turning around troubled clubs.

To make paying dues easier, the club has instituted a monthly billing of \$12.50 rather than requiring that dues be paid on an annual basis, and dues can be debited from Carolina Collegiate Federal Credit Union accounts. The club's board is considering paying dues through payroll deduction and some forms of electronic banking.

Membership in the club is open to all faculty of the University, as well as adjunct professors, graduate students, and staff in Band 5 or above with a one-time initiation fee of \$100. Faculty and staff of the University's regional and four-year campuses may join at 50 percent of the initiation fee and annual dues.

The club is working on a variety of activities for the year and has several benefit initiatives for new members in the planning stages. For more information, contact Branaman at 7-5206.

Marshall Swanson can be reached at mswanson@gwm.sc.edu or 7-0138.



Travis Branaman invites you to join the Faculty Club at McCutcheon House.

KIM TRUETT

Q&A with Bill Harris

Research chief outlines vision for high-octane research program

Editor's Note: Bill Harris, a former National Science Foundation leader and former president and executive director of Columbia University's Biosphere 2, was named vice president for research at USC in June. The following are excerpts from a recent interview about USC's research agenda.

Q. What do you see as the strengths and weaknesses of USC's research program?

A. Faculty are the key—the University can't accomplish anything in research without good faculty. I also see the appointment of Bill Hogue as chief information officer as being very important to the research initiative. He comes from MIT and understands the need for information systems to serve faculty and students.

I think our biggest weakness is in facilities. That's hindering our progress in such areas as geography, psychology, physics, information technology, and materials research.

The Graduate Science Research Center is great, but we need three or four more buildings of that quality. You can be lean, but if you don't have the infrastructure in place, the federal research agencies will pass you over. The National Science Foundation and others like it want to leverage their investment in research money. They look at places such as North Carolina, which has just passed a \$3 billion bond bill to address capital projects in higher education. That's what we're competing against.

Q. What are the top changes you want to implement to improve USC's research standing?

A. I just mentioned more buildings—a minimum of three to four like the Graduate Science Research Center.

We also need better space for information technology and more first-rate faculty for that discipline. I visited BMW recently, and they were greatly distressed that they can't find talented people with university degrees in information technology.

Our electronic infrastructure is deficient. USC still is paper intensive, and we're well behind where the National Science Foundation was 10 years ago. A university should be ahead of a federal agency.

I'd also like to see a far richer partnership with industry. We need to be engaged in much more collaboration with the private sector, but to be clear, this is a challenge as we don't have a research-driven economy in South Carolina. Thus, we in the University community have to help "incubate" and develop this sector. This will drive wealth creation.

Q. What are your concerns on the immediate horizon?

I've set up a fund to help deans retain outstanding faculty who are being recruited by other universities. That's a key concern. Another issue the University will be dealing with is replacing a wave of faculty who were hired in the 1960s and now are retiring. We have to be purposeful and deliberate in hiring new faculty.

If we don't recruit the very best people now, we'll be locked in and won't have the opportunity again for a long time. This is absolutely critical—we've got to use our resources to achieve excellence.

Ultimately, if you don't make selective investments, you're not serving the students very well.

Q. You're a chemist by training—in fact, you earned your Ph.D. in chemistry here at USC—but what other academic disciplines do you find interesting?

It's hard to answer what's most interesting. When I visit various departments around campus, it's sort of like sending me into a candy store. I am very excited by the English and history departments. The scholarly work that's being done in these departments is very high quality. I am also excited by the important research in the School of Public Health. And, of course, I continue to be excited by the accomplishments of the chemistry department. A passion for knowledge is what excites me.

Q. Are there any new projects that excite you?

A. I am interested in nanoscience, genetics, public policy, education, the environment, to name a few. There's always something brewing, but the student incubator program is particularly intriguing. We have a lot of students with entrepreneurial ideas, and this project will help foster their development. It's a cooperative effort among the S.C. Research Institute, the research office, student government, the business school, and engineering. I don't know that we'll end up creating the next Microsoft, but the incubator program will help create a culture of developing ideas that can become start-up businesses. At the very least, it will help USC to attract more good students.



Harris

upcoming events

Some activities planned for the Faculty Club at McCutchen House include:

- Valentine dinner party
- monthly wine tasting parties
- newsletter every two months
- bimonthly cooking classes with dinner
- book signings
- new faculty reception
- reciprocity agreements, buying clubs, speakers bureau, and other initiatives.

■ **STUDENTS' TRAVEL TO TURN INTO LESSONS FOR K-12:** A new program will enable K-12 students to learn more about the world around them. The program, World Wise, will arrange for USC students from other countries and from the University's study-abroad program to go into area K-12 schools to share their knowledge of other cultures and countries. Students will be available throughout the school year to serve as speakers to area schools. There is no charge for schools to participate in World Wise. For more information, contact Casey Fitzpatrick at International Programs for Students at 7-7461 or fitzpatc@gwm.sc.edu.

■ **LIBRARY ACQUIRES RUTHERFORD PAPERS:** The South Caroliniana Library recently acquired the William Drayton Rutherford Papers. The papers include 153 manuscripts beginning in 1858 when the young Newberry district lawyer began courting his future bride, Sallie Fair, the daughter of Simeon Fair, also of Newberry. Rutherford's letters to Sallie continued after he left for Virginia in June 1861 as adjutant of the Third South Carolina Regiment. Apparently Rutherford was able to return home in 1862 to marry Sallie sometime between February 17 and April 7. The February letter is addressed to Miss Sallie Fair, but the April letter was sent to Mrs. Sallie Rutherford. The letters continue as Rutherford fought battles in Virginia, Maryland, and Tennessee. There are no letters during a period of time when he was in a Union prison. Rutherford's last letter to Sallie was dated October 6, 1864. One week later, on October 13, Col. Rutherford was killed at the battle of Strasburg. William F. Rutherford donated the collection to the University. For more information about this collection, contact Henry Fulmer, manuscripts librarian, at 7-5746.

■ **CAROLINA ALIVE CUBA TRIP OPEN TO SUPPORTERS:** Carolina Alive is seeking supporters of the USC show choir to travel with the group when it performs at the International Choral Festival in Havana, Cuba, May 17-21. The trip, which has been specially permitted by the U.S. Treasury Department, will be managed by Music Contact International in Vermont, which is handling U.S. arrangements. The Cuban Ministry of Culture is responsible for arrangements in Havana. The per-person cost of the trip is about \$1,200 from Miami for four nights in Havana, including airfare from Miami, accommodations at an American style four-star hotel, breakfast buffet each morning, and some additional meals. Other planned activities include receptions at the opening and closing ceremonies, transportation on a modern motor coach with guides and escorts, and a tour of Havana. Additional optional tours out of Havana are available at extra cost. For information or to reserve a place on the trip, contact Richard Conant, 7-3125.

Staff spotlight

■ **Name:** Dwight F. Gardner

■ **Title:** Head Business Librarian, Springs Business Library, The Darla Moore School of Business

■ **Years at USC:** 24

■ **Background:** BA, economics, and MBA, marketing, University of Cincinnati; MSLS, University of Kentucky

■ **How did you decide to go into library science?** I worked in retail for a few years before I went back to school for a degree in library science. I've always liked libraries, spent a lot of time in them, and it seemed like a logical fit for me. After I graduated, I was hired by USC as its business librarian. The library was really a reserve reading room then and has evolved into what it is today—a full departmental library.



Gardner

■ **So you've seen a lot of technological change.** Oh, yes. It's gone from paper card catalogs to electronic databases. When I first started, there was no automation at all.

■ **Describe your job.** I'm responsible for the operation of the library on a daily basis. There are some 350 journal subscriptions with a 10-year backfile, a very active reserve collection, and both print and electronic sources. I'm also involved in collection development and ordering and reviewing books. There are two librarians here, and we offer instruction on the use of those resources. Tomorrow, for instance, I will visit two classes to teach them how to use electronic databases to find information they need for a project. One of the nice things about my job is that it's so varied. There's a lot of administrative detail, hiring student workers, training them. We're open seven days a week, 85 hours a week, so we have a large staff of undergraduate work-study students and graduate assistants. I'm also on the University's Network Training Team, which makes presentations to faculty and staff to teach them how to use the networked resources.

■ **What aspect of your job do you enjoy most?** I like the search of the reference process. When you find some obscure information for someone, it's very satisfying.

■ **What is available to faculty and staff at the Springs Business Library?** I want to emphasize that we are a service organization. We are here for them, and we want them to take full advantage of what we have to offer. They might be interested to know that we have a database called ProQuest ABI-Inform. It indexes and summarizes articles from over 1,000 business journals and even contains the full text of articles found in 700 of these journals. We have Disclosure, which is a very detailed database with information such as annual report figures for thousands of companies. We have the Craighead Country Reports, which provides detailed information for the business traveler about countries around the world. We have a print collection of annual reports, which can be very helpful if your students are interviewing. We have another database, called MediaMark, which gives statistics on consumers, like what kind of magazines they read and what kind of products they use. There's so much data available.

■ **What do librarians read for fun?** I love detective mysteries. I like Jeffrey Deaver, who wrote *The Bone Collector* and *The Empty Chair*. I like his detective, Lincoln Rhyme—he's the hero of these books. He's confined to a wheelchair but is still able to solve all these cases. I really admire that.

Four themes emerge from SACS self-study

By DAN BARRON

The Carolina Community begins 2001 in the true spirit of Janus by celebrating the past with the bicentennial and the future with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) reaccreditation. This year promises to be fun and exciting.

The SACS self-study focusing on information technology (IT) applications has lasted over two years. Technically the process will culminate when our report is accepted by SACS and reviewed by a consulting team during the first week of April; however, the findings and recommendations will serve the community well into the first decade of our third century.

Nearing the end of the information gathering and analysis for our report, *USC 2006*, four themes have emerged. Prophetically, the process in which we have been engaged, SACS, provides a convenient and descriptive acronym for combining those themes—systemic access, communication, and support.

Throughout the self-study, we have encouraged the University community to think first of teaching, learning, scholarship, and community service needs. Then we've asked you to consider how IT can be integrated into daily academic lives to meet those needs—an integrated part of our system rather than an independent entity. In other words, we propose that IT be applied to meet needs, not that we merely need to apply IT.

The only singular event related to IT applications in higher education is that point at which an institution commits itself to using IT in the most effective and efficient ways possible. From that point on, members of the institution must position themselves to deal with rapid and consistent change. To accommodate this, the literature of technology planning and change management encourages institutions to adopt systematic thinking and planning processes. For these reasons, "systemic" must be a recurring theme in our reporting and recommendations.

Effective IT applications demand that members of the institution have "access" to appropriate and reliable

networks, hardware, software, information, and instruction that are ever changing constants.

"Communication" among all members of the community apropos to needs, policy development, planning, assessment, and collaboration is essential for building a sustainable learning community that can apply IT well.

"Support" for each member of the community, related to all elements of the infrastructure and its functions, at every level of application, for every learning preference, and at the specific time that the individual needs support is fundamental to effective use.

Systemic access, communication, and support (SACS) must be our goal if we are to enjoy the promises that IT offers us to meet our needs and to fulfill the mission of the University. This is a primary finding and recommendation from our SACS self-study.

Over the past two years, more than 300 members of our University community have contributed directly to the information gathering and analysis for the self-study. During the next two months the entire community will be encouraged to participate in a continued conversation related to the recommendations that have emerged from that self-study.

All of the documents related to SACS, including a draft of the recommendations and report for our SACS Consulting Team, are available on our Web site: <http://aim.deis.sc.edu/SACS>. A number of open forums will be conducted for members of the community during February, including a session immediately following the Faculty Senate meeting on Feb. 7 that will be broadcast to Columbia and the regional campuses. Others will be announced well in advance through the deans and department chairs as well as being posted on the Web site.

If you have any comments or questions related to the process or recommendations, please leave them on the Web site or contact me at 7-9770 or ddbarron@gwm.sc.edu. Happy Bicentennial and SACS New Year!

Dan Barron, library and information science, is co-director of the SACS reaccreditation self-study.

IT's Carolina



First-place finish

Helen Tecklenburg and Leslie Brown, front row, left to right, became the first graduates of the bachelor of arts degree program in Women's Studies during December commencement. Both women have achieved scholarly distinction. Brown earned a place on the Dean's and President's academic honors lists last year. Tecklenburg, a double major in Women's Studies and sociology, was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa last spring and received the Arney Robinson Childs Award, Women's Studies' highest undergraduate honor. Other graduates are expected in May 2001, including Chassidy Gilliam, back row, left; Sharon Rachel, a Phi Beta Kappa inductee with a double major in Women's Studies and sociology, and Monique Brown.

The Aquila Theatre Company, left, presents *Cyrano de Bergerac* at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Koger Center. Tickets are \$15 adult, \$8 student, and are available at Carolina Coliseum box office and Capital Tickets outlets. To charge, call 251-2222.

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lectures/seminars

- **Jan. 23 School of Music:** Faculty concert, Charles Fugo, piano, Room 206, 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 7-7374.
- **Jan. 26 USC Symphony:** The Dick Goodwin Quintet, pops/jazz concert, Donald Portnoy, conducting, 8 p.m., Koger Center. Tickets are \$12 faculty, staff, and seniors; \$7 students. Tickets are available at the Coliseum Box Office, all Capital Tickets Outlets, or by calling 251-2222.
- **Jan. 28 School of Music:** Guest artist Tadeu Coelho, flute, Room 206, 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 7-5227.
- **Jan. 30 School of Music:** Faculty concert, Clifford Leaman, saxophone, accompanied by Furman University faculty member Derek Parsons on piano, Room 206, 7:30 p.m. For information, call 6-5893.
- **Feb. 1 School of Music:** Faculty concert, Robert Pruzin, horn, Room 206, 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 7-3195.

■ **Permanent exhibits:** Baruch Silver Collection, an extensive collection of 18th- and early 19th-century British silver; The Laurence L. Smith Mineral Collection, gem stones and fluorescent minerals with a hands-on mineral library. Free. 9 a.m.–4 p.m. weekdays, 1–5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. For information, call 7-7251.

- **Jan. 24 Women's Studies Program Research Series:** "I'm Only One, But I am One": Southern African-American Women Schoolteachers, 1884–1954," Val Littlefield, history and African-American studies, 3:30 p.m., Belk Auditorium. Free.
- **Jan. 31 Last Lecture Series:** Laura Ahearn, anthropology, 7 p.m., Gressette Room, Harper College. Free. For more information, call 7-71321.

other exhibits

■ **Through Feb. 10 McMaster Gallery:** Installations and sculptural work involving new three-dimensional computer modeling techniques by Norwood Viviano, free. McMaster College, first floor. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Monday–Friday. For weekend hours or more information, call Mana Hewitt at 7-7480.

- **Until further notice:** At the Visitor Center, Carolina Plaza, Assembly and Pendleton streets.
 - BBQ regions of S.C.
 - Class of '41 memorabilia
 - Faculty and alumni art
 - Prominent alumni of the College of Journalism and Mass Communications
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 - The USC Press
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 - Interactive multimedia showcasing the University's academic programs, history, housing, and facilities
 - Photography from the President's Annual Report

around the campuses

- **Jan. 10-Feb. 23 USC Sumter:** An exhibit of sculptural teapots and tiles created by South Carolina artist Katherine A. Triplett will be on display in University Gallery, located in the campus' Anderson Library, 200 Miller Road. Free. Gallery hours are Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–8:30 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m.; Saturday, closed; Sunday, 2–6 p.m. For more information, call Cara-lin Getty, 55-3727.
- **Jan. 10-Feb. 23 USC Sumter:** An exhibit of new abstract paintings by Cara-lin Getty, professor of art, will be on display in the Upstairs Gallery of USC Sumter's Administration Building, 200 Miller Road. Free. Gallery hours are Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. For more information, call Getty at 55-3727.
- **Jan. 24–28 USC Aiken:** *The Fantasticks*, 8 p.m., Etheredge Center O'Connell Theatre. For ticket information, call 803-641-3305.
- **Jan. 26 USC Spartanburg:** Faculty Senate meeting, 1:30 p.m., Tukey. For more information, call 864-503-5317.

theatre/opera/dance

- **Jan. 18 Koger Center:** Jellyeye, 7:30 p.m., \$22 adult, \$12 student. Tickets available at Carolina Coliseum box office and Capital Tickets outlets. To charge, call 251-2222.
- **Jan. 22 Koger Center:** London City Opera in *Carmen*, 7:30 p.m., \$30 and \$28 adult. Tickets available at Carolina Coliseum box office and Capital Tickets outlets. To charge, call 251-2222.

miscellany

- **Jan. 23, 25 Personal Development:** Division of Human Resources, "Taking Control and Paying Off Your Debt," employee enrichment workshop, noon–1:30 p.m., 900 Assembly St., Room 010, free. For faculty and staff. Participants attend both sessions. For more information or to register, call 7-6578.
- **Feb. 1 Professional Development:** Division of Human Resources, "Human Resources Staff Compensation," 8:45 a.m.–noon, 900 Assembly St., Room 010, free. For employees who are responsible for completion and/or oversight of human resources activities in a department or college. For more information or to register, call 7-6578.



Sophomore Marius Petravicus scores during USC's win against Wofford University. KIM TRUETT

sports

- **Jan. 20 Men's Basketball:** Auburn, Carolina Coliseum, 7:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 21 Women's Basketball:** Florida, Carolina Coliseum, 3 p.m.
- **Feb. 3 Men's Basketball:** Kentucky, Carolina Coliseum, 1 p.m.

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String Project to offer mid-year classes

USC's nationally recognized String Project will offer a mid-year class for beginning string students. Enrollment will be limited to 15 students ages 9 and 10 to learn the violin, viola, cello, or bass. The first meeting of the class is 5:30 p.m. Jan. 23 in the recital hall of the USC String Project Annex at 511 S. Main St. Tuition is \$50 for 24 classes, which will be held weekly at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays through May 4. No materials are necessary before the first meeting. After the first meeting, students will be expected to rent instruments and purchase method books. Lessons are taught by USC students majoring in string education under the direction of Johanna Pollock, the String Project's master teacher, and Gail Barnes, a USC music faculty member and director of the String Project. Students who enter the USC String Project can continue lessons through high school. After the first year, students receive semi-private and private lessons and play in one of five orchestras.

■ **LIST YOUR EVENTS:** The *TIMES* calendar welcomes submissions of listings for campus events. Listings should include a name and phone number so we can follow up if necessary. Items should be sent to *TIMES* Calendar at University Publications, 701 Byrnes Building, e-mailed to kdowell@gwm.sc.edu, or faxed to 7-8212. If you have questions, call Kathy Dowell at 7-3686. The deadline for receipt of information is 11 days prior to the publication date of issue. The next issue will be published Feb. 1. Remaining publication dates for this semester are Feb. 15, March 1, March 22, April 5, April 19, May 3, and May 24.

♿ If you require special accommodations, please contact the program sponsor.

■ **PANTHERS HONOR USC SPARTANBURG CHANCELLOR:**

The Carolina Panthers' Community Quarter-back program recently recognized John C. Stockwell, chancellor of USC Spartanburg. The distinction honors volunteers whose efforts on behalf of a local agency have been meaningful to the community. Representing the Urban League of the Upstate, Stockwell was cited for his contributions to a 13 percent increase in minority hiring in the Spartanburg area.



Stockwell

■ **PAPER ON WOMEN AND POLITICS WINS AWARD:**

Laura Woliver, an associate professor in government and international studies, recently received the 2000 Marian D. Irish Award. The award honors the best paper on women and politics presented at the 1999 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. The topic of the paper was "Designer Genes: Cultural Shifting on Reproductive Values and the Impact on Gender, Race, Class, and Sexualities."



Woliver

■ **COLLEGES HONORED FOR EXPANDED RESEARCH FUNDING:** USC honored its top researchers at the University's fifth annual research reception last fall. The University recognized four colleges for their efforts in obtaining outside funding, faculty for publishing articles in refereed journals, and all research faculty who had obtained outside grants of at least \$20,000 in the past year. The College of Engineering and Information Technology received one of four Leadership in Research Awards, which recognized the strongest growth in research and sponsorship last year. The School of Public Health, College of Nursing, and College of Education also received Leadership in Research Awards.

■ **PROFESSIONAL WOMEN ANNOUNCE AWARDS:** Professional Women on Campus has announced the winners of the organization's 2000-2001 professional development awards. The awards are given annually to support professional travel for a USC faculty member and a staff member. This year's winners are Betsy Eudey, an instructor with Women's Studies and director of the Center for Women's Studies and Programs, USC Spartanburg, and Carolyn Hudson, computer programmer for Administrative Information Services, Computer Services, on the Columbia campus.

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first students did on this very Horseshoe and remember the ideals that have endured," he said. "Today we renew our determination to face the challenges of our time and to live up to the enduring principles of this place we call our own. In this place, our first nine students entered classes and began studying, leading the way for generations that followed.

"May history record that with all the humility and confidence of the student about to start a life of learning we fulfill our own best hopes for our university, for our community, and for the world we share."

Gov. Hodges called the bicentennial opening ceremony "indeed a magnificent day for our University of South Carolina. As an alumnus of this school, I'm incredibly proud of the accomplishments we've achieved over these 200 years."

"The University is the gateway to highly skilled, high-paying jobs of the future for many South Carolinians and many who choose to call this University their home," he continued. "We are committed to keeping the gates of the University open and accessible and affordable to all to allow the University to continue its great mission."

Riley emphasized educational opportunity and partnership during his address, challenging public and private universities to put teacher education "at the top of the agenda for American higher education" and to create partnerships with public schools.

Riley addressed his final comments to the children of the state.

"Mark well this great bicentennial celebration. Remember the struggles of generations past who worked so hard to build this great University. They have prepared this place for you," he said.

"Come and make the most of it. Study here. Question everything. Give us your best ideas. And above all, prepare an even better place for those who will come after you. So that one day, after the dust of future centuries has passed, we will be remembered not for our victories or defeats, but for our contribution to the human spirit."

Following the ceremony, the University treated guests to a barbecue picnic on Greene Street in front of the Russell House.



MICHAEL BROWN

Thoroughly modern Melton

Things are looking up at the Melton Observatory now that its largest telescope is back in place and ready for public viewing. The 16" refracting telescope, built around 1900, underwent a modern makeover this past fall. "We've been putting computer controls on the telescope," said Tom Melsheimer, owner of the Colorado-based company that updated the instrument. "Now visitors can choose on a computer screen what they want to see in the sky and, within 10 to 20 seconds, the telescope will move to that destination, regardless of the light pollution in the city sky or other poor-viewing conditions." It took 250 to 300 hours to outfit the telescope, he said, about 60 of those hours spent onsite. On Jan. 9, Melsheimer, right, and Robert Sproull, physics and astronomy, were part of the team that hoisted the instrument back into place.

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Internal management procedures had placed the University's administrative costs among the lowest in the Southeast for similarly situated institutions, Palms said, noting that USC expenses were pared by \$5 million in fiscal year 2001 to meet commitments for important programs.

Also, the University may have to absorb up to \$3.2 million in additional costs to pay accrued leave for employees opting to retire and continue employment through the TERI plan.

As an alternative to or in conjunction with tuition increases, Palms said that if cuts are implemented, the University would have to cancel classes and academic programs throughout all eight campuses.

"Simply put, the effects of such budget cuts would be felt by this institution and our state for decades," he said. "A drastic cut, even for one year, will have pernicious and immediate effects on daily operations, faculty retention, academic offerings, student services, enrollment, and tuition at all campuses."

Palms added that public higher education already had been shorted by 20 percent because institutions have been funded at only 80 percent of the funding formula recommended by the Commission on Higher Education.

Following a private meeting with Robert W. Harrell Jr. (R-Charleston), chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, and public comments by Harrell and House speaker David H. Wilkins (R-Greenville), Palms said he had been encouraged that across-the-board 15-percent cuts for all agencies "was not the approach that should be taken."

Every state agency needs to be looked at from the standpoint of what is essential, he said, and what its funding means to most of the state. "I think that's a very sound approach, and we'd be very pleased to cooperate with that analysis during the legislative process," Palms said.

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Aiken campus.

"As the committee worked to select the best candidates, it became clear that the best person for the job was already in place. Hallman's understanding of the needs of the Aiken community and his vision for the future of USC Aiken pushed him to the front of the selection process."

A Charleston native, Hallman earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from The Citadel.

Since joining the USC Aiken campus in 1983, Hallman has served in various administrative roles, including vice chancellor for administration from 1998 until he assumed the role of interim chancellor.

He is a past chair of the Aiken Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, past president of the Aiken Kiwanis Club, founding member and past chair of the Aiken County Forum, and a former chair of Leadership Aiken County.

Hallman is married to the former Susan West of Woodruff, and they have two children.

Robert Alexander served as the chancellor of USC Aiken for 17 years until his retirement in June 2000.

More than 3,000 students attend USC Aiken, which offers baccalaureate degrees, an associate's degree in nursing, and master's degrees in selected programs designed to meet regional needs.



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■ **TWO CHAIRS NAMED IN ENGINEERING:** The College of Engineering and Information Technology has appointed two new department chairs. Asif Khan, a professor with the college since 1997, has been named chair of the Department of Electrical Engineering. Khan, who leads the University's research efforts to develop wide bandgap materials, earned his doctorate from MIT in 1979 and came to the University from private industry. Duncan A. Buell, a former member of the research staff at the Center for Computer Science of the Institute for Defense Analyses, has been named chair of the newly formed Department of Computer Science and Engineering. Buell earned his doctorate from the University of Illinois in Chicago in 1976.



Carter

■ **CHRONICLE HIGHLIGHTS HISTORY DEPARTMENT:** *The Chronicle of Higher Education* reported the achievements of USC's history department in the "Peer Review" section of the Nov. 17 issue. The story noted the department's "busily carving out a niche for itself as a leader in Southern and African-American history." Recent hires include Dan T. Carter, formerly of Emory University; Valinda W. Littlefield, a specialist in African-American teachers in the South; Daniel C. Littlefield, who focuses on slavery in the Colonial period; and Bobby J. Donaldson, who studies the African-American intelligentsia in late-19th-century Georgia. (Also see "African-American Mecca," April 2000 *Carollian*.) Other additions to the department include Page Putnam Miller, a Washington lobbyist for historians, and Anna Krylova, a historian of modern Russia. Patrick J. Maney left Tulane University in 1998 to become chair of the department.

Faculty/Staff

■ **BOOKS AND CHAPTERS:** Cynthia Colbert, art, and Martha Taunton (University of Massachusetts at Amherst), "Art in the Early Childhood Classroom: Authentic Experiences and Extended Dialogue," *Promoting Meaningful Learning*, N.J. Yelland, editor, National Association for the Education of Young Children, Washington, D.C.

■ **ARTICLES:** Sara Wilcox, exercise science, and A.C. King, "Alcohol consumption in older adults: A comparison of two assessment methods," *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, also, with C. Castro and R. Brownson, "Determinants of leisure time physical activity in rural compared with urban older and ethnically diverse women in the United States," *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*.

Ben Franklin, English, "Adventures in the Skin Trade, or the Enigma of *White Stains*," *Bulletin of the Bibliographical Society of Australia and New Zealand*.

Varun Grover, business, "The Information Technology Future: Extrapolation, Discontinuity, Paradoxes, and Caveats," *Journal of Information Technology Cases and Applications*.

Robert L. Felix, law, "The Ox-Bow Incident," *Legal Studies Forum*.

Ronald Baughman, media arts, "Henry Hart's *James Dickey: The World as a Lie*," *James Dickey Newsletter*.

Rhonda B. Jeffries and Susan L. Schramm, educational leadership and policies, "Valuing Multicultural Feminism: Guidelines for Cross-cultural Mentoring in Education," *Journal of Communications and Minority*.

Eugene H. Kaplan, neuropsychiatry and behavioral science, and S.S. Weiss, "Inner Obstacles to Psychoanalysts' Retirement: Personal, Clinical, and Theoretical Perspectives," *Bulletin of the Menninger Clinic*, also, "Rejection of the Visual in Telepsychotherapy," *CyberPsychology & Behavior*.

Tom Reed and Mac Brown, early childhood education, "The Expression of Rough and Tumble Play of Boys," *Journal of Research in Childhood Education*.

Lawrence Glickman, history, "The Ism That Won the Century," *The Nation*.

Laura Townsend Kane, School of Medicine library, "Stretching the Rules: Improving Access to Electronic Resources in Online Catalogs," *MLA News*.

■ **PRESENTATIONS:** Lydia Zager and JoAnne Herman, nursing, "Developing Clinical Reasoning Skills," Innovative Education for the Century, St. Louis, Mo.

Sandy Strick and John Antun, hotel, restaurant, and tourism management, "Learning to Do More with Less," *Frontiers in Southeast Hospitality and Tourism Research*.

Ronald Baughman, media arts, "James Dickey's Exploration of the Void," South Atlantic Modern Language Association, Birmingham, Ala.

Edward Coon, hotel, restaurant, and tourism management, and Camp Lane (USC graduate student), "An Examination of Crime and Tourism in South Carolina," *Frontiers in Southeast Hospitality and Tourism Research*.

David P. Hill, Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese, "Best of the Southern Conference on Language Teaching: Really Working with Hispanic Clients," American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Boston.

Carl Boger, hotel, restaurant, and tourism management, "The Future of the Hospitality Curriculum: A Criteria for Evaluating General or Specific Curriculum Tracks," *Frontiers in Southeast Hospitality and Tourism Research*.

Jim Dahlhamer, Institutional Research and Metropolitan Institute, Spartanburg, and Janice Brooks, alumni affairs, Spartanburg, "Identifying Likely Donors: The Application of Statistical Modeling to an Alumni Database," Southern Association for Institutional Research, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Janice Probst, health administration, and Charity Moore, "Rural-urban differences in visits to primary care physicians, 1996-1997," North American Primary Care Research Group Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, Fla.

Catherine Gustafson, hotel, restaurant, and tourism management, "The Food and Beverage Curriculum: Adding Fine Dining to the Menu," *Frontiers in Southeast Hospitality and Tourism Research*, also, same publication, "Senior Internships: Creating a Capstone Experience."

Michael Myrick, chemistry and biochemistry, M. Doescher, and U.M. Evans (both USC graduate students), "Atomic Force Microscopy of Electrochemically Deposited Conducting Polymers," Federation of Analytical Chemistry and Spectroscopy Societies, Nashville, Tenn., and, same conference, with U.M. Evans and H. Li (both USC graduate students), "A Spectroelectrochemical Study of Poly(p-Phenyleneethynylene) Based Polymers," also, with Olusola Soyemi and Lixia Zhang Hong Li (USC graduate students), DeLyle Eastwood (postdoctoral fellow), and Paul Gemperline (East Carolina University), "Interference Coating Design for Optical Computing using Multivariate Nonlinear Optimization," Federation of Analytical Chemistry and Spectroscopy Societies, Nashville, Tenn.

Jim Charles, education, Spartanburg, "Smoke Signals and *The Owl's Song*: Pairing Film and Literature to Build Understanding," National Council of Teachers of English Convention, Milwaukee, Wis.

Dan Barron, library and information science, "Distance Education for the Womb to Tomb Learner," East Asia Regional Council of Overseas Schools, Library/Media Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and, same conference, "If Your Partner Is Change, What Is the Music."

Richard L. Sowell, nursing, "Writing for Refereed Journals," Association of Nurses in AIDS Care, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

G. Ross Roy, English, "The Scottish Literature Collections at the University of South Carolina," South Atlantic Modern Language Association, Birmingham, Ala.

M.B. Ulmer, arts and sciences, Spartanburg, "Lessons and Promises of Problem-Based Math," PBL 2000, Birmingham, Ala.

Buford Norman, French and classics, "Rivalry and Collaboration in *Persée*: Merope, Quinault and Lully," Toronto 2000: Musical Intersections, Lyrica Society Session, Toronto, Ontario.

Camille McCutcheon, library, Spartanburg, "Web Tutorials to the Rescue," Georgia Council of Media Organizations and Southeastern Library Association, Jekyll Island, Ga.

Patrick Scott, English/Thomas Cooper Library, "The Years After Christmas: Dickens, Lever, Giftbooks, and the Hungry 40's," South Atlantic Modern Language Association, Birmingham, Ala.

Mark M. Smith, history, "Hard Listening to the American Civil War," Listening to Archives Conference, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia.

Cecilia Cogdell, Betty Pryor, Juanita Thaxton, and Charlene Walton, nursing, Spartanburg, "Using a Strategic Performance Plan to Assess a Nursing Program," Innovative Education for the New Century, St. Louis, Mo.

Linda Randolph, education, Spartanburg, "Children's Literature at NAEYC," National Association for the Education of Young Children, Atlanta, Ga., also, same conference, with Vera B. Williams (author), Kendall Haven (storyteller), Isabel Baker (Bookvine for Children), and Ashley Shaw (Office of the First Lady of South Carolina), "Reading Allowed with Authors and Illustrators of Children's Literature."

■ **OTHER:** Kenneth D. Phillips, nursing, received the Outstanding Clinical Article Award from the *Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care*, presented at the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Carmen Harris, social and behavioral sciences, Spartanburg, selected as a member of the S.C. Department of Education's permanent working group for the African-American History and Multicultural Education initiative.

Roy Drasites, art, received the Daniel Serra-Badue Memorial Award from the Society of American Graphic Artists 68th National Exhibition held at the Stephen Gang Gallery, New York City.

Camille McCutcheon, library, Spartanburg, elected as the 2001 second vice president and membership chair for the S.C. Library Association.

Steven Morse, hotel, restaurant, and tourism management, named editor, *Frontiers in Southeast Hospitality and Tourism Research*.

Danielle Raquidell, fine arts, Spartanburg, elected representative of the Southeast region for the American Association of Teachers of French.

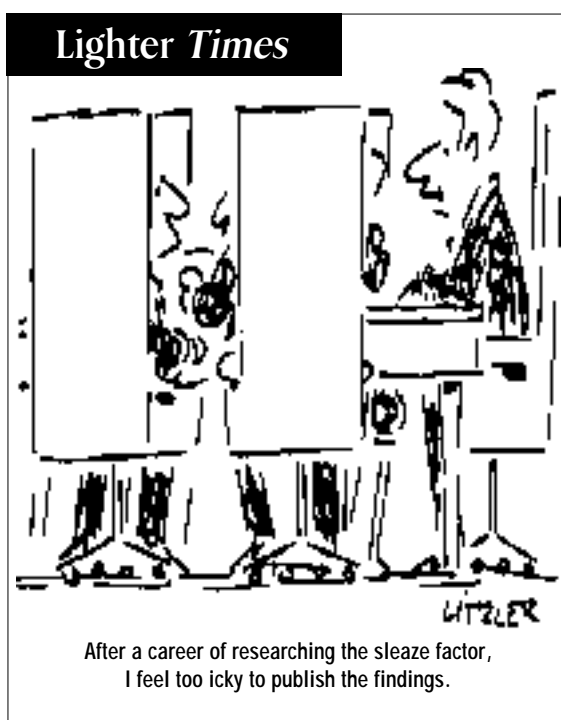
Julian Perrelli, hotel, restaurant, and tourism management, won the first-place award for plate presentation in "How Sweet It Is" dessert competition sponsored by Palmetto Place and the American Culinary Federation.

Chuck Matthews, epidemiology and biostatistics, awarded first place in new investigator award competition at Physical Activity and Cancer Conference, The Cooper Institute Conference Series, Dallas, Texas.

Laura Woliver, government and international studies, was elected to the Executive Council of the Southern Political Science Association and re-elected treasurer for the women's caucus for Political Science: South.

Siu Challons-Lipton, art, was an invited lecturer at Queens College in Charlotte and at McGill University in Montreal. Her lecture themes were, respectively, "International Paris—World Impressionism," and "Academic Instruction: The Scandinavian Students of the Atelier Bonnat."

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Senators hear report on fall admissions

By LARRY WOOD

Columbia campus Faculty Senate members heard a report on admissions for fall 2000 at the Dec. 6 meeting.

For the fall semester, the University received 9,818 applications; 6,833 applicants were accepted; and 2,501 enrolled. As of Dec. 1, 2000, applications for next fall were up 31 percent.

The average SAT score was 1387 for Honors College students, 1128 for baccalaureate students, and 961 for students in the Transition Year.

The average SAT score for all freshman was 1114. The average SAT score for all freshmen has risen 47 points during the past four years. One of the University's goals for 2005 is to raise the SAT average of all freshman to 1175.

Jerald T. Wallulis, chair of the Faculty Welfare Committee and a professor of philosophy, reported that preliminary results from the faculty survey are complete. An initial report of the survey's findings will be available in February, and a more thorough report will be made in March.

H. Thorne Compton, chair of the Bicentennial Commission Executive Committee and an associate professor in theatre, speech, and dance, updated senators on upcoming bicentennial activities.

Sept. 11 has been designated University Day, a celebration of public higher education in South Carolina. "It's on Sept. 11 because that's really the anniversary of the day we actually became a public institution in 1963 when we desegregated," Compton said.

Compton also announced the University's faculty recognition project that will name trees in the Horseshoe area in honor of great teachers from the past. "It's a way of acknowledging the living presence that teachers have in the life of the University," he said.

The focus of all bicentennial celebration activities is to reconnect the University to the people of South Carolina, Compton said.

"This as an opportunity to show the state how important we are to all citizens of South Carolina and throughout the nation," he said. "That's why we're focusing on what our faculty and students do in our programs throughout the year."

For more information about bicentennial activities, access the University's home page and click on the bicentennial logo.

President Palms and Provost Odom were at a meeting out of town and could not attend the meeting.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be at 3 p.m. Feb. 7 in the Law School Auditorium.

■ **McNAIR ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM SEEKS STUDENTS:** The Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program at the University is seeking faculty support in recruiting juniors and seniors, particularly those majoring in the sciences. The program provides research opportunities and faculty mentoring to prepare juniors and seniors for graduate-level study. The program enrolls students from low-income families, first-generation baccalaureate degree candidates, and students who are underrepresented in graduate education. Its long-term goal is to help increase diversity in college and university faculties. Faculty members who are aware of students who fit the program's criteria are urged to encourage the students to apply by March 30. For information, brochures, or an application form, contact Anna B. Moore, program coordinator, 7-5125, or visit the Web site at www.cla.sc.edu/TRIO/mcnair.htm

■ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR "THE GREAT ENGLISH IVY PULLOUT":** The W. Gordon Belser Arboretum, an urban forest in Columbia maintained by the Department of Biological Sciences, will hold "The Great English Ivy Pullout" Jan. 22-27. The event is designed to rid the facility of non-native plants, especially English ivy, which has choked out many of the native plants on the 6.8-acre site. As many as 300 volunteers are needed to restore the arboretum's pre-English ivy status. The event presents educational and service opportunities for students and for the public. For more information, call Deborah Johnson, director of the arboretum, at 7-9499 or 254-7132.

■ **OLDENDICK NAMED INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS:** Robert W. Oldendick has been named interim executive director of the Institute of Public Affairs. Oldendick, who directs the institute's Survey Research Laboratory (SRL), has been with USC since the SRL was established in 1989. Douglas L. Dobson has resigned as executive director, effective at the conclusion of a medical leave.

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President Palms and U.S. Secretary of Education Dick Riley share a lighter moment amidst the pomp and circumstance of USC's Bicentennial celebration Jan. 10. Riley, a 1959 USC law graduate, delivered the keynote address.

Bicentennial gets off to a glorious start

Student government president Jotaka Eaddy, right, carries the University mace as a long procession of faculty, University officers, and other dignitaries cross the Horseshoe at the beginning of the bicentennial program. S.C. legislators, Congressmen, judges, and higher education administrators from around the world attended the bicentennial ceremony.



KIM TRUETT



MICHAEL BROWN

About 2,500 seats were set up for the historic event, and most were filled despite a lingering chill in the mid-morning breeze.

Annual math contest often adds to USC's enrollment

By MARSHALL SWANSON

It's mid-January, which means that about 300 of the state's best high school mathematics students are about to descend on the Columbia campus to take part in the Department of Mathematics' annual math contest.

This year the contest will be held Jan. 20 with winners vying for full-, half-, and quarter-tuition USC scholarships that will be awarded to first, second, and third-place winners who major in science, mathematics, or engineering.

In its 15th year, the contest consists of a morning written exam of 30 multi-choice questions, an afternoon team competition in which the top three students from each school race against the clock, and an afternoon tournament wherein the top 16 students from the written test compete against one another solving quick-solution problems until one person is left.

One of the chief attributes of the contest, which is directed by department lecturer Bob Murphy and co-sponsored by the colleges of Science and Mathematics and Engineering and Information Technology, is that it attracts a large number of bright students to the University.

"We've had several students that I couldn't be certain would have gotten here without the contest," said David Sumner, an associate professor in the department who conducts animated presentations of solutions for teachers who accompany students to the competition.

"It certainly has brought me in contact with an awful lot of teachers and students, and several of the students from the contest have ended up taking classes from me at the University."

Because some 40 different high schools may be represented among the contestants, the University's recruiting pool from the competition "is significant and we feel that it helps," said Robert Stephenson, chair of the mathematics department.

A regular attendee at the contests is President Palms, who, along with deans and officials from the Honors College, has spoken and made introductory remarks to the contestants. Palms also has taken part in the problem-solving, which Sumner said tends to be more difficult than other math contests in the state because professors try to make the questions interesting.

"We try to come up with problems that require a little more cleverness and a little more insight that will teach the students something they didn't know before," said Sumner, noting that all of the problems must be solved without the use of calculators.

Despite the questions' difficulty, Sumner said, professors strive to create problems "that are absolutely doable with the high school curriculum. That is a requirement that we are very rigid about," he said. "We take pains to make sure the problems are unambiguous and clearly stated and have a good solution in mind at the students' level of ability."

The contest is open free of charge to all students who wish to compete. A general overview of the competition is on the Web at www.math.sc.edu/contest/ along with the first 14 exams. For additional information, contact Murphy at 7-4713.

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