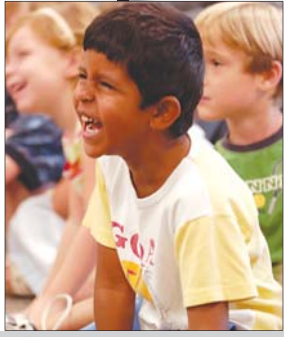


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Majority whip to speak at law MLK program

U.S. Congressman James E. Clyburn, the new House Majority Whip for the U.S. House of Representatives, will be the featured speaker at the annual Law School Program as part of the University's 2007 Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr. Holiday celebration Jan. 15–20, 2007.

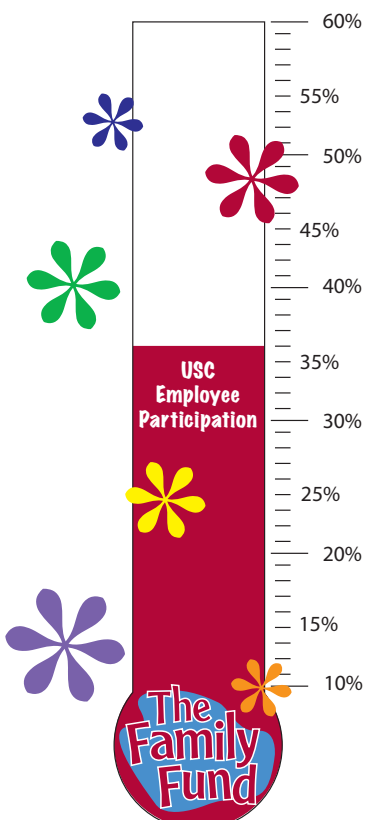
The program will begin at 3 p.m. Jan. 15 in the main auditorium at the USC School of Law. Just Five of Columbia will perform a special musical selection. The University's MLK Committee and the Black Law School Students Association are sponsors of the event, which is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the program.

Luther Barnes and the Sunset Jubilaires, an award-winning gospel group, will be the featured performers at the annual MLK Jr. Gospel Fest Jan. 15. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Koger Center. Two area groups, the Six Voices of Zion and a Columbia choir, also will perform. Christopher Leevy Johnson, a USC faculty member and assistant pastor at Brookland Baptist Church in West Columbia, will be the speaker.

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■ Family Fund update

There's still time to make a gift to the Family Fund. Go to www.sc.edu/familyfund. And check out the list of departments reaching 100 percent participation on page 6.



Moore to address fall graduates Dec. 18

USC alumna Darla D. Moore, vice president of Rainwater Inc. and a major benefactress to the University's Moore School of Business, will deliver the commencement address and receive an honorary doctor of business administration degree during ceremonies at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 18 in the Colonial Center.

The University expects to award more than 2,500 degrees to students from all USC campuses, including 11 associate, 1,178 baccalaureate, seven law, 32 graduate certificates, 465 master's, and 11 specialist degrees from the Columbia campus.



Moore

The doctoral commencement ceremonies will be held at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 18 in the Koger Center. Fred Medway, a professor in the Department of Psychology, will be the speaker, and 77 degrees will be conferred.

USC Aiken will hold a convocation for graduates at 7 p.m. Dec. 14 in the Student Activities Center Gymnasium. Margo Gore, a USC Aiken alumna and the 2006 Aiken County Teacher of the Year, will be the speaker. Graduates will include 204 baccalaureate and five master's degree recipients.

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Kim Truett

Deck the halls Becky Moody, executive director of the Culinary Institute at McCutchen House, decorates the building with greenery, ribbons, and red and gold ornaments for the holidays. This year is the first that the College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management has decorated McCutchen House, which offers diners a gourmet lunch buffet during the fall and spring semesters on the historic Horseshoe.

Peak performance Nursing professor will reach new heights by conquering Seven Summits

By Larry Wood

Patrick Hickey is just two peaks away from the high of a lifetime.

Since 2001, Hickey has been on a personal quest to climb the highest mountain on each of the seven continents, known as the Seven Summits among mountaineers, in seven years. He's topped five summits and will leave Dec. 12 to climb Mount Vinson in Antarctica. He will attempt to complete the Seven Summits—seven in seven—with Mount Everest in late May 2007.

"The Seven Summits of the world are kind of like the holy grail of mountaineering," said Hickey, a clinical assistant professor in the College of Nursing. Hickey has received his master's of science and doctor of public health degrees from USC's School of Public Health, and this semester graduates with his master's in nursing from USC's College of Nursing. "When I started researching the possibility of climbing the Seven Summits, I found there had been fewer than 100 people in the world who actually had done it at that time, and today the number still remains fewer than 100."

Hickey, 51, who admits that he loves vistas but is afraid of heights, had never climbed a mountain until 1993 when he and his wife, Carol, were backpacking through Latin America. He was in Banos, Ecuador, when he ran into a group of Israeli tourists in an outdoors shop.

"One of the gentlemen turned to me and said, 'Hey, you, you want to go climb a mountain?' I looked at my wife. I had never considered anything like that before in my life, and I said, 'Sure, why not?'" Hickey said. "Five days later, I was summiting a 20,000 foot mountain, my first experience ever. I had no training at all, but I was hooked—the thrill, the excitement, pushing myself to the limit, to the envelope."

With the high of his first climb still fresh, Hickey began challenging himself with 14,000-foot



Patrick Hickey summited Russia's Mt. Elbrus in 2004.

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Briefly

TECHNOLOGY SECURITY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT USC:

The University will sponsor a national conference in conjunction with the internationally recognized SANS Institute. The six-day seminar, "Security 505: Securing Windows," will be held Jan. 8-Jan. 13, 2007, and is open to the public. The training will be conducted by nationally recognized security expert Jason Fossen. SANS (SysAdmin, Audit, Network, Security) is an international organization providing cooperative research and forums on computer and network security. The conference is being coordinated by USC's University Technology Services and managed by the University's Academic Enrichment and Conferences service. Training will be held at the Columbia Marriott hotel. USC and statewide technology staff are encouraged to attend. The conference focuses on MS Windows 2000/XP/2003 networks. By completing the course, attendees also will become eligible to take the GIAC Certified Windows Security Administrator examination, although the cost of the examination is not included in conference registration fees. More information on the conference and registration forms can be found at: <http://uts.sc.edu/SANS/>.

GAMECOCKWINS DESIGN AWARDS: *The Daily Gamecock* won four design awards at the 26th-annual Southern University Newspapers Advertising Conference (SUN). The newspaper's advertising staff won an Advertising Best in Show award for overall excellence in design. Other awards were a first place for Best Use of Color and two third-place finishes for Best Individual Retail Ad and Best Theme Page. Twenty collegiate newspapers from around the Southeast competed for honors. *The Daily Gamecock* is an editorially independent student newspaper, which was founded in 1908. The newspaper publishes 12,000 copies weekdays during the fall and spring semesters and on Wednesdays during the summer. SUN was established in 1979 to provide advertising training to Southern college newspapers' students and professionals.

UNIVERSITY RECEIVES LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR 'GREEN DORM':

The University has received a 2006 Leadership Award from the S.C. Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), which recognized the West Quad Living and Learning Center. The award, given in the Education category, was one of four awarded by the USGBC's state chapter, which recognized outstanding individuals and organizations that have shown vision, leadership, and commitment to the advancement of green building and construction in South Carolina. The West Quad, also known as the University's "green dorm," is one of the nation's first LEED-certified university residence halls. The USGBC cited the facility for being a "beacon for sustainability" and for accelerating the education of issues related to sustainability and to green building design and construction.

STUDENT AFFAIRS PUBLICATIONS ARE NOW ONLINE:

The Division of Student Affairs' publications are now online. Check out the latest issue of *Causerie*, featuring information on academic support and success at USC, and *QuickTake*, which examines Supplemental Instruction and the Academic Success Web site. To view the publications, go to the Student Affairs Web site at www.sa.sc.edu and click on the "Student Affairs publications" icon on the right. Users also can view past issues and look at *Let's Face It*, a guide to responsible participation in online communities.

USC CHOSEN AS DUKE UNIVERSITY TIP SCHOLAR WEEKEND SITE:

USC has been selected as the only South Carolina school to sponsor a Duke University TIP Scholar Weekend in 2007. The inaugural Scholar Weekend will be March 3-4 on the Columbia campus. The Honors College and the Department of Academic Enrichment and Conferences have teamed up to give academically talented students in grades 8-11, who have been identified as Duke TIP scholars, a glimpse into the collegiate experience. Fifty-one S.C. students will be chosen to participate in the event and to take classes taught by USC faculty. For more information, contact Academic Enrichment and Conferences at 7-9444 or go to <http://ced.sc.edu/adventures>.

ICE SHOW TICKETS AVAILABLE AT DISCOUNT:

Discounted tickets are available for the Dec. 10 Kristi Yamaguchi Friends & Family Ice Show at the Colonial Center. Tickets must be purchased online no later than 5 p.m. Dec. 8. Go to the University home page (www.sc.edu) and click on the Kristi Yamaguchi Friends & Family banner. Enter the promotional code: USCICE (all capital letters) to gain access to the discounted tickets. Regular ticket prices are \$45.50 and \$39.50. Discounted tickets are \$10 off for adults. Tickets for children 2-12 are \$15.50. A seating chart can be found by clicking on the events button and choosing Kristi Yamaguchi Friends and Family. Contact the Colonial Center Group Events Department at 6-9078 with questions about ordering online. The ticket discount is for online orders only. Phone orders can be placed for ticket purchases of 15 seats or more.

USC AIKEN NAMES HONORS STUDENTS:

USC Aiken recently named 14 students to the campus' honors program and recognized them at a reception sponsored by Chancellor Tom Hallman. Students admitted to the program were in honors classes as high school students and/or have a GPA of 3.5 or higher at USC Aiken.



Michael Brown

Reading Express rolls on to campus

Student Body President Tommy Preston reads to youngsters outside the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center Nov. 13 as part of Cocky's Reading Express. Preston and other USC student volunteers also read at several elementary schools in the Columbia area and EdVenture as part of National Children's Book Week Nov. 13-17. Inspired by USC's School of Library and Information Science's Children, Libraries, and Literacy Initiative launched last fall, USC Student Government leaders created Cocky's Reading Express to help promote literacy statewide by targeting children, adults, and teachers.

USC Salkehatchie receives major federal grant

USC Salkehatchie students will soon have improved access to classroom technology and specialized courses, thanks to help from the federal government.

The campus and its governing body, the Western Carolina Higher Education Commission, will receive \$334,485 as part of the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Office of Rural Development. The local grant was one of 103 awarded in the nation and the only one awarded in South Carolina, according to the USDA Web site.

The grant will allow the campus to outfit existing "smart" or distance-learning classrooms at both its Allendale and Walterboro locations with wireless laptop carts for student use. While those rooms are now used regularly to connect students with classes originating at the Columbia campus via real-time monitors and audio conferencing, the new computers will allow a professor in Columbia to display documents directly on student laptops or access assignments from those workstations.

In addition, the USDA funds will provide two fully equipped "smart" classrooms, one on West Campus and one on East Campus. Those classrooms are needed to fill the growing demand caused by the addition of a bachelor's level nursing program and a Technology Support and Training Management degree program through partnerships with USC Columbia. Both programs allow local students to participate in degree programs offered by USC Columbia without having to leave the Salkehatchie region for class.

"We are proud to expand our technological capacity to provide more coursework toward USC Columbia four-year degrees on our campus," said Ann Carmichael, dean of USC Salkehatchie. "This grant funding will allow us to offer even more opportunities for accessible academic programs for local residents in our five-county service area."

The laptop carts for existing classrooms should be in place by the start of the spring semester, and staff will work to have the two new classrooms operational for next fall.



Carmichael

Workshops scheduled for Magellan Scholar program

The Office of Research and Health Sciences has institutional grant funds available under the Magellan Scholar program through the Office of Undergraduate Research. Proposals for projects that begin in summer or fall 2007 must be approved by a dean and chair before 5 p.m. Feb. 15, 2007.

All students and faculty applying for Magellan funding are required to attend one 30-minute application workshop. Faculty and students do not have to attend the same session. Students and faculty who attended a workshop in the fall do not have to attend a second workshop; however, they should review the Magellan guidebook at www.sc.edu/our/magellan.shtml for recent revisions. Applications will not be accepted from students or faculty who have not attended a workshop. Workshops will be held in the Russell House, Room 304 at:

■ 4 p.m. Jan. 22 and 23

■ 5 p.m. Jan. 24 and 25

■ noon Jan. 26.

Each Magellan Scholar receives up to \$3,000 to fund his or her research project, competing for this award with the submission of a research, scholarship, or creative project proposal developed in collaboration with his or her faculty mentor. Selection is based on the project's educational and intellectual merit, the potential impact of the project, and the student's previous academic success.

This process is designed to provide the student with experience in writing a research proposal. The student must be the primary author of the proposal. While the student is responsible for writing the proposal, the faculty mentor is responsible for submission through USCERA (<https://sam.research.sc.edu/uscera/>).

More information can be found at <http://www.sc.edu/our/magellan.shtml>. Questions should be directed to Julie Morris, program director at 7-1141 or jmorris@sc.edu.



Courtesy of Harrison Greenlaw

Alpha Lambda Delta receives Order of the Torch

USC's largest honor society has received the Order of the Torch as the outstanding chapter in the nation. Of the nearly 300 Alpha Lambda Delta (ALD) chapters across the country, USC's chapter is the only one to have received the award four times. Several chapter members recently painted four rooms in the Office of Financial Aid. "The building needed painting, but the office lacked funds to have it done professionally, so ALD volunteered," said Harrison Greenlaw, chapter advisor. Other ALD service projects include You Light Up USC, Scholars Day, Clean Carolina, and mentoring a University 101 class. For more information about Alpha Lambda Delta at USC, go to orientation.sc.edu/ald.htm.

Applications available for Faculty/Staff Dependents' Scholarships

Applications for the Faculty/Staff Dependents' Scholarships for the 2007-08 academic year are now available.

The scholarships are open to the dependent children or spouses of full-time slotted employees in the USC system. The scholarship is valued at \$1,500 for students attending USC Columbia; \$1,200 for students attending the Aiken, Beaufort, and Upstate campuses; and \$800 for students attending the Lancaster, Salkehatchie, Sumter, and Union campuses.

Applications are available at the financial aid offices for all campuses but must be received by the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships at USC Columbia by the priority deadline of Feb. 1, 2007.

To be eligible, an applicant must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student on one of USC's campuses. Freshman eligibility is determined by weighted core course GPA and test scores.

USC Aiken history professor at forefront of Latino research

By Marshall Swanson

Elaine Lacy thinks a lot of South Carolinians look at Latino immigrants as migrants who are in the state to do short-term work and then leave or, if they're here for a longer period of time, will still eventually return to their homeland.

That's probably one of the biggest misconceptions about Latino migration into the Southeast and South Carolina, said Lacy. Most Latinos are here to stay, and their numbers will continue to grow, she said.

"I don't think that has sunk in for a lot of people," said Lacy, a professor of history at USC Aiken and director of research initiatives with the Consortium for Latino Immigration Studies in the Arnold School of Public Health in Columbia. Since 2004, Lacy has participated in USC efforts to study migration so state policymakers can deal with the issues the influx of Latino immigrants will present in the future.

The number of Latinos in South Carolina and the Southeast is expected to continue growing because of the tremendous push factors in countries where they're coming from, because of pull factors (such as the demand for low-wage workers) in the United States, and because their birth rates in this country are higher than other groups, Lacy said.

Just released census figures show the Hispanic population in this country grew at a rate more than three times that of the population as a whole between 2003 and 2004, with a majority of the numbers coming from births in the United States, rather than from immigration, Lacy added. "There is a critical mass here already, and as they have more children, their numbers will increase dramatically," she said.

South Carolina needs to pay attention to Latino immigration because of its impact in areas such as education, health care, labor, and housing, Lacy said.

Lacy is part of a vanguard of USC faculty members studying those and other topics in a series of research projects that are either underway or in the planning stages. Topics range from economic activity by Latino immigrants to health disparities and relations between Latinos and African Americans.

The work is being done by affiliates of the Consortium For Latino Immigration Studies established in the College of Liberal Arts in 2004. The consortium now includes more than 50 faculty affiliates from USC, Clemson, other colleges and universities in South Carolina, and from the University of Veracruz in Xalapa, Mexico.

Lacy stepped down as the consortium's director in summer 2005 to become director of research initiatives while she continues her own Latino research. The consortium is now directed by Myriam Torres, an epidemiologist in the Arnold School of Public Health.

Lacy estimates that between 300,000 and 400,000 Latinos are in South Carolina, probably

80 percent of whom have come from Mexico, the majority as undocumented workers. Most of the immigrants are relatively young, have low levels of education, and are in occupations such as construction, manufacturing, and agriculture. Increasingly, they're bringing their wives and children with them.



Elaine Lacy believes Latinos can be incorporated into American culture.

The influx of the new residents is posing significant challenges to South Carolina in education, health care, law enforcement, and other areas because the state largely was not prepared for them, Lacy said.

While anti-immigrant feelings are not as strong in South Carolina as in neighboring states, Latino immigrants are being met with feelings of negativism and an anti-foreign sentiment by some South Carolinians, perhaps because of their numbers, Lacy said. She added that some anti-immigrant fervor is unwarranted and being fueled by misinformation and fear mongering.

She believes the Latino population can and will be incorporated into American culture and that the Latino immigrants are "contributing to American society in myriad ways."

Lacy developed her appreciation of Latino culture growing up in Texas. She did graduate work at Arizona State University where she studied modern Mexican history and wrote about the history of Mexican immigration to the United States. She later worked at the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C., which encourages development in Latin American countries.

She arrived at USC Aiken in 1991 to teach Latin American history and in 2003 was called on to help lead a State Department-funded exchange program between leaders of South Carolina and Mexico. The program highlighted the need for USC to take a leadership role in providing more information to the state on its immigrant population, and Lacy was

asked to help coordinate the research.

The consortium is headquartered in the Arnold School of Public Health because much of the money in federal and foundation funding for Hispanic/Latino research is in the area of health and well being and because many of the consortium's affiliates are involved in research in these areas, she said.

The research and publications that will result from the consortium's work are important because of the lasting impact they will have in addressing the lack of knowledge on Latinos in South Carolina while helping the state's policymakers understand the issues, Lacy said.

"I think it's wonderful that USC's mission is to improve the lives of all South Carolinians, including Latino immigrants, and I've been very pleased with the support we've received from the University's administration," Lacy said.

Nominations open for Mungo teaching awards

Nominations are being accepted for the Michael J. Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Awards (four awards) and the Michael J. Mungo Graduate Teaching Award (one award).

Each of the winners will receive \$2,500. The awards recognize and reward excellence in teaching on the Columbia campus.

The awards are open to all full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty, including faculty who are candidates for, or who have already received, other teaching awards.

Students, faculty, department chairs, and deans can nominate faculty. Each nomination should be designated as either a nomination for an undergraduate teaching award or for the graduate teaching award.

The deadline for nominations is Dec. 8. Nominees will be notified and asked to provide specific informa-

tion by Feb. 2, 2007. The University Faculty Committee on Instructional Development will recommend winners under the supervision of the provost, who will make the final selection for the awards. Winners will be announced at the General Faculty meeting May 2, 2007.

Faculty award information is available at www.sc.edu/provost/facultydev.html. Nominations should be directed to:

Karl G. Heider
Associate Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies
Office of the Provost
Osborne Administration Building, Suite 102

For more information, e-mail Heider at Heiderk@gwm.sc.edu or call 7-2808.

Deadline for Distinguished Professor Award is March 2

Applications are being accepted for the Michael J. Mungo Distinguished Professor of the Year Award. The deadline for nominations is March 2, 2007.

The award will be given to a faculty member who best exemplifies excellence in undergraduate classroom teaching. The winner will receive a \$10,000 prize.

Any full-time, tenure-track faculty member who teaches undergraduate courses on the Columbia campus can be nominated. Current faculty members who have received the teaching award in previous years are ineligible. They are Tangali Sudarshan, engineering; Larry Durstine, public health; James Roberts, mathematics; Vincent Van Brunt, engineering; Walter Peters, engineering; David Sumner, mathematics; John Spurrier, statistics; Chaden Djalali, physics and astronomy; Richard Showman, biological sciences; Daniel Reger, chemistry and biochemistry; Steven Mann, business; Ronald Atkinson, history; Scott Goode, chemistry and biochemistry; Terence Shimp, business; Charles Kovacic, geography; David Cowart, English; and William Bearden, business.

Nominations should be sent in the form of individually signed letters and include a statement in support of the nominee. Nominations must be received by March 2, 2007, to give the selection committee, made up of students and faculty, time to interview the candidates. Send nominations to:

Richard Showman
Michael J. Mungo Distinguished Professor of the Year Selection Committee Chair
Department of Biological Sciences.

For more information, e-mail Showman at showman@sc.edu.

Calendar to benefit USC Aiken scholarship

Proceeds from the 2007 Coca-Cola Calendar, by artist Jim Harrison, will benefit a scholarship at USC Aiken in honor of Anne Harrison, the artist's mother.

Signed copies of the calendar will be available at Security Federal Bank branches through the end of January 2007. The calendar, an 11" x 13" size, features 12 full-color images appropriately arranged to match the seasons of the year. Each image is nostalgic and created around a Coca-Cola trademark of years past.

The calendar cover features "Disappearing America," one of Harrison's most famous limited images, originally painted in 1975. The country store featured in the painting still has visible one of the old faded signs Harrison had painted 20 years earlier. The painting was put into print, and "Disappearing America" was released as a limited edition at \$40. It became an immediate success, selling out all 2,500 prints in the edition. The work is possibly the first Coca-Cola collector print ever put on the market and has since soared to a secondary market price of more than \$3,800 today.

Spanish program engages students in Hispanic culture

By Chris Horn

With 110 Spanish majors, another 250 Spanish minors, and about 1,000 students taking Spanish courses each semester, you might think USC's Spanish program faculty have their hands full just teaching the language.

Turns out the program also has a strong outreach component that is connecting in several ways with South Carolina's ever-growing Hispanic population.

"We're here to teach Spanish, but we're also trying to facilitate our students' interaction with the Spanish-speaking culture," said David Hill, director of the Spanish program within the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures.

That interaction takes several forms and is directed by several Spanish program faculty without extra compensation or reduced course loads. The outreach includes:

- a literacy program for Hispanic mothers and children is coordinated by adjunct instructor Alicia de Myrer and offered at St. Joseph's School in Columbia. Many USC students assist as volunteers, mostly working with the children while the mothers receive instruction.

- internships with Spanish-speaking clients are part of Pam Gerth's Working with Hispanic Clients course in which students complete 20-hour internships in law enforcement, medicine, education, business, and social work areas. "Some students have continued to volunteer at the agencies where they interned, and many have had special experiences with this course," said Gerth, a Spanish instructor at USC since 2002. "It gives them an opportunity to use their Spanish in a real setting."

- students in Lizette Laughlin's Spanish for Health Professionals class learn Spanish medical terminology, then visit a migrant worker health clinic to practice their language skills

- students in Lenora Hayes' Spanish 209/210 class write bilingual story books and read them to students at Arden Elementary in Columbia

- students in Patti Marinelli's honors 121 and 122 courses get involved in community exploration activities, which can involve service such as volunteering with Hispanic patients at Columbia's free medical clinic

- a handful of students work with migrant farmworkers each summer as part of "Into the Fields" internships sponsored by the Durham, N.C.-based Student Action with Farmworkers (SAF). "I've seen students changed before my eyes," Hill said. "Two former students are now immigration lawyers, one joined a migrant medicine program, and one is now co-director of SAF."

The Spanish program also offers a language course for South Carolina's law enforcement community and fields community requests for translations and interpretations. Faculty member Tania Chipman also serves as the program's volunteer coordinator, helping students find paid and volunteer positions with for-profit and not-for-profit agencies that work with Hispanics.

December & January

Calendar



Eating like the rainbow

Children in the Children's Center at USC get an exciting lesson in how to stay healthy, thanks to the USC Department of Theatre and Dance and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. *Adventures in Meadowland*, a 30-minute skit created by theatre professor Richard Jennings and performed by theatre students, introduces children to Hugo, a mouse in the midst of a battle against junk food. His two friends—Caroleena Von Hopp and Chloe—use poetry, song, and dance to show Hugo how to run and play every day and how to eat five or more fruits or vegetables a day, one for every color in the rainbow. The skit is performed free of charge in Midlands daycare centers and elementary schools to grade three.

Kim Truett



Ringling Bros. & Barnum and Bailey Circus comes to the Colonial Center Jan. 18–21.

Lectures

Dec. 7 Physics and astronomy, "Hadronic Physics and QCD Lattice," Ross Young, Jefferson Laboratory, Newport News, Va., 4 p.m., Jones Physical Science Center, Room 409. Refreshments at 3:45 p.m.

Jan. 18 Women's Studies, "Situating Identidad de la Mujer Negra: Feminism, the Cultural Construction of Gender, and the Emergence of a Black Women's Movement in the Dominican Republic," Kimberly Eison Simmons, professor in USC's African American Studies Program and Department of Anthropology, 3:30 p.m., location TBA. For update information, go to www.cas.sc.edu/wost.

Miscellany

Dec. 7–8 Professional development: Assertiveness at Work, a workshop for faculty and staff where participants will learn to use communication techniques to help express themselves more positively, productively, and with greater effectiveness and make requests and state complaints constructively. 8:45 a.m.–noon, 1600 Hampton St., Room 101, free. Sponsored by the USC Professional Development Office, Division of Human Resources. For more information, go to hr.sc.edu/profdevp/classes/enrich.html#balance.

Dec. 10 Colonial Center: "Kristi Yamaguchi Friends and Family," with a live performance by Amy Grant, 4 p.m. Regular ticket prices are \$39.50 and \$45.50; children 2–12 are \$15.50. USC faculty and staff can get a discount of \$10 per adult ticket by purchasing tickets online (go to www.sc.edu and click on the Kristi Yamaguchi tickets announcement on right.) Enter this promotional code, USCICE (type all capital letters), to gain access to the discounted tickets. For more information, go to www.thecolonialcenter.com.

Jan. 17–25 Professional development: The Work-Life Balance, a workshop for faculty and staff where participants will learn to be more efficient and network to accomplish everyday tasks and further career goals. 12:10–12:50 p.m., 1600 Hampton St., Room 101, free. Sponsored by the USC Professional Development Office, Division of Human Resources. For more information, go to hr.sc.edu/profdevp/classes/enrich.html#balance.

Jan. 18–21 Colonial Center: Ringling Bros & Barnum and Bailey Circus, several performances. For full schedule, go to www.thecolonialcenter.com or call for tickets at 6-9200.

Jan. 22–26 Workshops: Magellan Scholar Proposal workshop, 30-minute required workshop on the proposal and submission process followed by an optional 20-minute workshop on tips and hints for writing a Magellan proposal. 4 p.m. Jan. 22 and 23; 5 p.m. Jan. 24 and 25; and noon Jan. 26. All workshops held in Russell House, Room 304. For more information, go to www.sc.edu/our/Magellan.shtml or call Julie Morris, Undergraduate Research, at 7-1141.

The Árpád Darázs Singers mark the holidays with concert series

"Christmas Welcome!" is the theme of the Árpád Darázs Singers' 2006 holiday concert series. The theme was taken from a selection by John Ness Beck, and the program will feature sacred and secular music, including arrangements of traditional Christmas choral works such as "Go Tell It On The Mountain," "Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town," and a medley of "Jingle, Jingle, Jingle Bells." J.S. Bach's "Hear the Joyful News" and Gustav Holst's "Christmas Day" also will be performed, along with a few surprises. The choir represents every walk of life: students, business professionals, homemakers, and retirees. Although coming from various backgrounds, the members share a common love of music and the desire to share it with audiences. This year's holiday concert schedule is:

- 4 p.m. Dec. 10, First Presbyterian Church, Orangeburg
- 7:30 p.m. Dec. 12, Union United Methodist Church, 7582 Woodrow St., Irmo
- 3 p.m. Dec. 17, St. Peter's Catholic Church, 1529 Assembly St., Columbia.

All concerts are free and open to the public. For more information, call 926-7306 or go to www.ADSingers.org.

Exhibits

Through Dec. 9 McKissick Museum: *Telling Our Story: 30 Years at McKissick Museum*, exhibit marks the 30th anniversary of the museum and highlights important additions to the museum's object and archival collections, research projects, past exhibitions, teaching, and public service.

Through Dec. 15 Thomas Cooper Library: On display, personal correspondence and other items belonging to Brig. Gen. Evans F. Carlson (1896–1947) and his family, including letters, diaries, photographs, and maps, along with medals and other artifacts. Also on view will be an exhibit of rare books on Chinese history from the USC Department of Rare Books and Special Collections.

Through Jan. 6 McKissick Museum: *Talking with the Turners: Southern Traditional Pottery*, an exhibit that incorporates the voices of artists interviewed by Charles Mack, USC art professor, along with 50 pieces of pottery. Free.

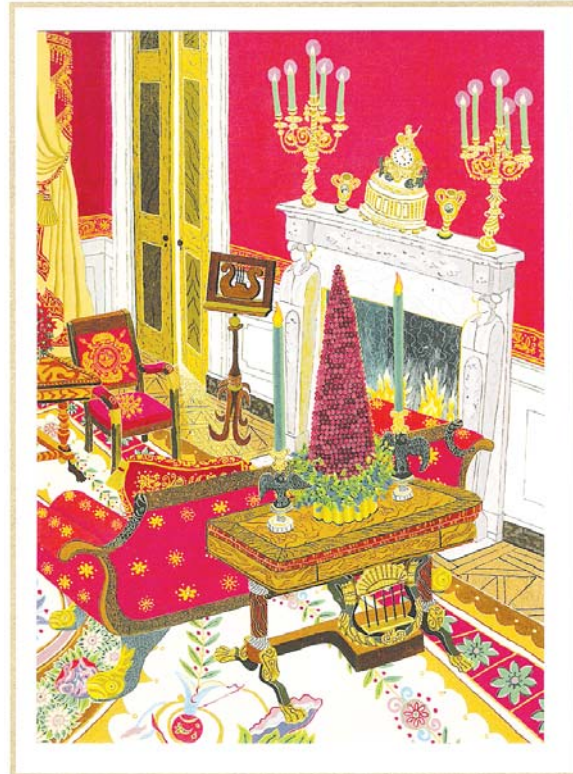
Through Jan. 7 Thomas Cooper Library: *Napoleon, an Exhibit in Support of the Napoleon Exhibition at the South Carolina State Museum*, Main Floor Exhibit Area.

Through Jan. 8 Thomas Cooper Library: *George V. Higgins: A Retrospective*, celebrating the life and work of George V. Higgins (1939–1999), author of fiction, nonfiction, short stories, magazine articles, literary criticism, and book reviews. Mezzanine Exhibit Area.

Through Jan. 15 South Caroliniana Library: *Christmas on the Potomac*, an exhibit of holiday cards from the holdings of S.C. Political Collections. Lumpkin Foyer.

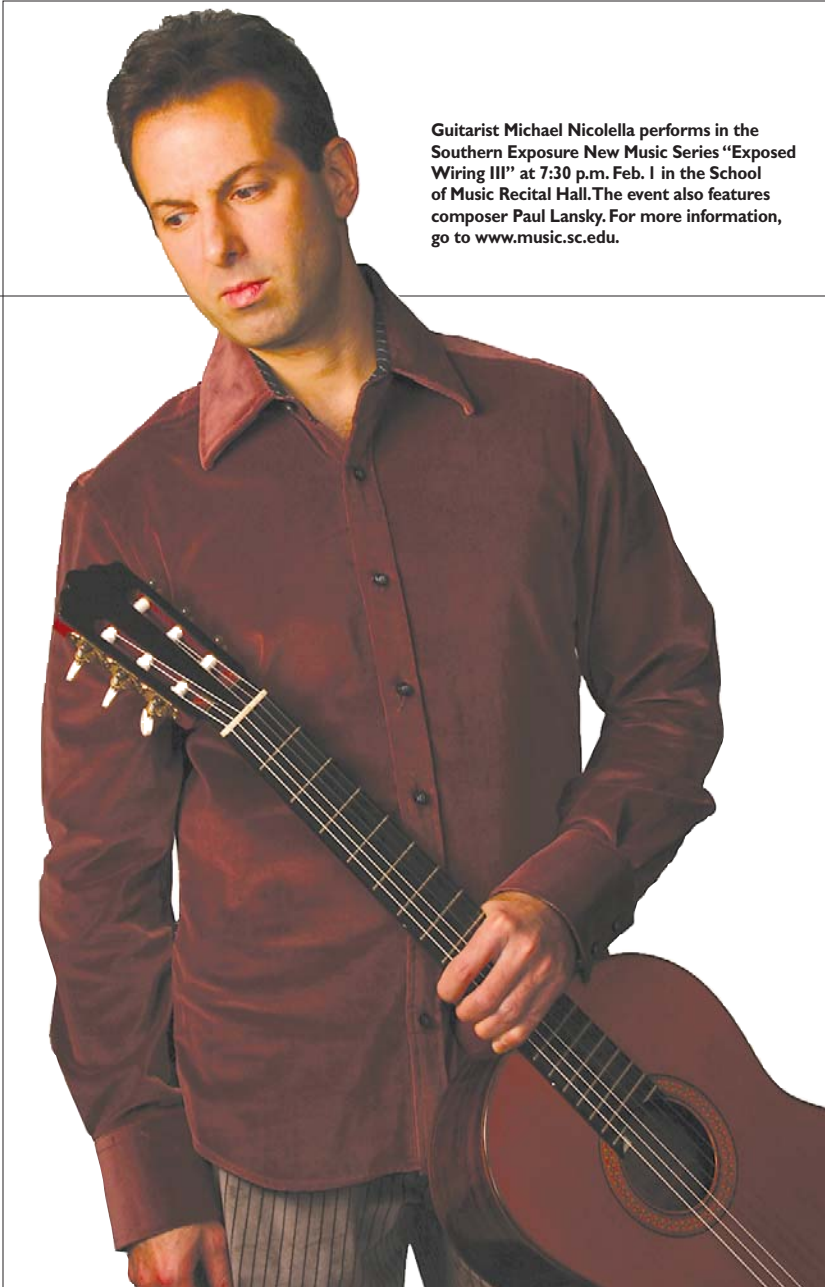
Through Jan. 31 Thomas Cooper Library: *Hugh MacDiarmid and the Modern Scottish Renaissance*, the most prominent Scottish literary figure of the 20th century also was active in local, national, and international politics; he was born Christopher Murray Grieve on Aug. 11, 1892 and died in 1978. Graniteville Room.

Through Feb. 3 McKissick Museum: *Leaving Our Mark: The Impact of Student Life at the University of South Carolina*, an exhibit that brings to life all aspects of the student experience—religious life, sports, student government, clubs, Greek organizations—from the University's earliest days to the present. The exhibit represents the collective work of 16 graduate students in USC's museum-management program.



This 2004 Christmas card is from President and Mrs. George W. Bush.





Guitarist Michael Nicoella performs in the Southern Exposure New Music Series "Exposed Wiring III" at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 1 in the School of Music Recital Hall. The event also features composer Paul Lansky. For more information, go to www.music.sc.edu.

Holly Larocque, right, performs Big-Band era classics with the Mark Ferguson Orchestra at USC Beaufort Dec. 9.



■ Around the campuses

Dec. 8 USC Upstate: Friday Focus Lunch Series, "Topics in Nonprofit Banking," Susan Hodge, senior director of development at USC Upstate, noon, Rampey Center. Sponsored by the Center for Nonprofit Leadership at USC Upstate.

Through Dec. 8 USC Upstate: Exhibit, mixed media drawings and installations by Cory Peeke, gallery director and instructor of art at Eastern Oregon University. University Gallery.

Dec. 9 USC Beaufort: Mark Ferguson Orchestra and singer Holly Larocque, a return to the golden age of radio with performances of Big Band-era classics, 8 p.m. USC Beaufort Performing Arts Center. Tickets range from \$30 to \$40, half price for children 12 years old and younger. For tickets, call the box office at 50-4145, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday–Friday.

Dec. 12 USC Sumter: Lecture on the life and history of Joel Poinsett, former secretary of war. Speaker is Tiana Tracy, USC Sumter faculty member and co-author of *Feed My Sheep: The Life of Alberta Henry*, 7 p.m., USC Sumter Lecture Hall. Free and open to the public.

For more information, call Bob Ferrell, history instructor at USC Sumter, at 55-3762.

Dec. 12 and 13 USC Beaufort: *The Nutcracker*, performed by Columbia City Ballet, 7 p.m., USC Beaufort Performing Arts Center. Tickets are on sale at the box office. Tickets range from \$30 to \$40, half price for children 12 years of age and younger. For tickets, call the box office at 50-4145, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday–Friday.

Dec. 13 USC Beaufort: *Jack Frost*, a ballet for all ages that teaches lessons about injustice and kindness, performed by Columbia City Ballet, noon, USC Beaufort Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 per person. To reserve seats, call 50-4145.

Dec. 13 USC Beaufort: Lunch with Author series, William Rawlings Jr., author of *The Lazard Legacy*, *The Tate Revenge*, winner of the Golden Eye Literary Prize award, and *Crossword*, his latest book. Noon, Country Club of Hilton Head. Lunch and lecture are \$40. To make reservations, call 50-4147 or e-mail kingsley@gwm.sc.edu.

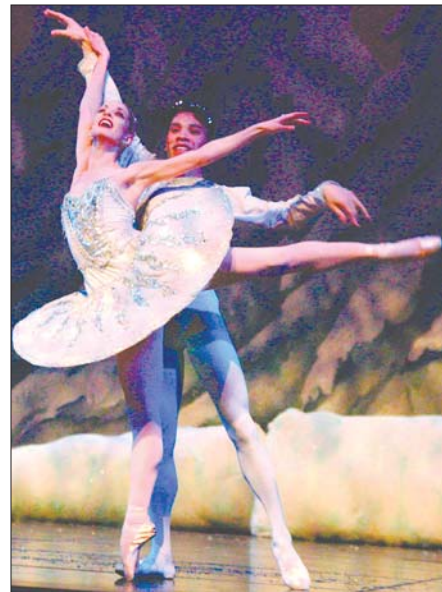
Dec. 17 USC Beaufort: Concert, Charles Wadsworth and Friends Chamber Music Series, featuring Carter Brey, cello; Christopher O'Riley, piano; and Chee-Yun, violin. 5 p.m., USC Beaufort Performing Arts Center. Tickets range from \$40 to \$50. For tickets, call 1-800-638-3525 or 1-843-986-5400.

Through Dec. 17 USC Sumter: Exhibit, digital photography by Sumter artist Donny Floyd, Upstairs Gallery, Universities Administration Building. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Friday.

Through Dec. 17 USC Sumter: Exhibit, a collection of paintings and drawings from a group of Sumter artists who have met regularly since 1998. Umpteenth Gallery, Arts and Letters Building. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Friday, closed Saturday and Sunday.

Through Dec. 17 USC Sumter: Exhibit, *Still-Life as Metaphor*, Michael Brodeur, assistant professor of art at Furman University. University Gallery, free. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.–8 p.m. Monday–Thursday; 8 a.m.–1 p.m. Friday; closed Saturday; 2–6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call Cara-lin Getty at 55-3727.

Jan. 15 USC Sumter: The Seventh-annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dream Walk, 8:30 a.m. registration, 9:30 a.m. walk begins, 11 a.m. celebratory program. USC Sumter Nettles Building. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by USC Sumter; Central Carolina Technical College, Morris College, and the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact Shannon Mewborn at 55-3763 or spmewbor@uscsumter.edu.



The Columbia City Ballet performs *The Nutcracker* at USC Beaufort Dec. 12 and 13.



The Columbia City Ballet also performs *Jack Frost* at USC Beaufort Dec. 13.

■ Concerts

Dec. 7 School of Music: Graduate Vocal Ensembles, conducted by Jeff Wall, 6 p.m., Recital Hall.

Dec. 7 School of Music: Terwilliger Violin Studio Recital, 7 p.m., Recital Hall.

Dec. 8 School of Music: Lomazov Piano Studio Recital, 7:30 p.m., Recital Hall.

Dec. 9 School of Music: USC String Quartet Workshop Concert, 8 p.m., Recital Hall.

Dec. 10 School of Music: Community Music Program Piano Recital, 1 p.m., Recital Hall.

Dec. 13 Colonial Center: Trans-Siberian Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$35.50 and \$45.50. For more information, go to www.thecolonialcenter.com.

■ Sports

Dec. 7 Women's basketball: Oklahoma, 7 p.m., Colonial Center.

Dec. 20 Women's basketball: High Point, 6 p.m., Colonial Center.

Dec. 20 Men's basketball: Princeton, 7 p.m., Colonial Center.

Dec. 23 Women's basketball: S.C. State, 2 p.m., Colonial Center.

Dec. 28 Women's basketball: Samford, 8 p.m., Colonial Center.

Dec. 28 Men's basketball: UNC Asheville, 6:30 p.m., Colonial Center.

Dec. 29 Men's basketball: Jacksonville, 7 p.m., Colonial Center.

Jan. 1 Women's basketball: Winthrop, 7 p.m., Colonial Center.

Jan. 3 Men's basketball: Western Carolina, 7:30 p.m., Colonial Center.

Jan. 4 Women's basketball: Kentucky, 7 p.m., Colonial Center.

Jan. 7 Men's basketball: Kansas, 4:30 p.m., Colonial Center.

Jan. 11 Women's basketball: Vanderbilt, 7 p.m., Colonial Center.

Jan. 13 Men's basketball: Florida, 1 p.m., Colonial Center.

Jan. 14 Women's basketball: Alabama, 3 p.m., Colonial Center.

Jan. 16 Men's basketball: Kentucky, 9 p.m., Colonial Center.

■ 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, 920 Sumter St.; 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 business days prior to the publication date of issue. The next publication date is Jan. 18.

■ Online calendar

USC Calendar of Events is at <http://events.sc.edu>.

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



Michael Brown

Arbor Day

The University observed Arbor Day with a tree-planting ceremony at noon Dec. 1. A live oak tree was planted near McKissick Museum on the Horseshoe. At the ceremony, President Sorensen was joined by, among others, Thomas Stepp, USC Board of Trustees secretary; Tommy Preston, student body president; and Ryan Holt, student body vice president. In South Carolina, Arbor Day is celebrated the first Friday in December. The state's first Arbor Day was celebrated in 1934.

Briefly

DEPARTMENTS REACH 100 PERCENT FAMILY FUND PARTICIPATION:

The Honors College was the first college to reach 100 percent participation this year and has done so for the first time during the Family Fund campaign. Departments joining the rank of the University's most supportive divisions include the Career Center, Institute for Families in Society, President's Office, University Development, African American Studies Program, USC Aircraft, Board of Trustees, Special Events, International Support for Faculty & Staff, Legal Residency Office, Fellowships & Scholar Programs, Parking Services, and the School of Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management. Top performing departments, boasting the campaign's highest participation rates, are the School of Law, Moore School of Business, School of Library and Information Science, University 101, Advancement Administration, Carolina Alumni Association, Department of Sport and Entertainment Management, USC Aiken, Department of Educational Leadership and Policies, Religious Studies, Internal Audit, and the Provost's Office. Faculty and staff can designate their gifts to their own departmental or college fund, thus enriching the programs closest to them. Flu shots and other wellness benefits are offered through the generosity of the University family members who designate their gifts to the Faculty Enrichment Fund or the Staff Enrichment Fund. The goal for this year's Family Fund campaign is 55 percent participation. The campaign will need the support of each faculty and staff member to reach that goal. Compared to last year, the following departments have significantly increased their participation rates: Facility Services, School of Music, University Publications, Maintenance, Landscaping Services, Facilities and Planning and Construction, College of Nursing, and Admissions. To make a gift to the Family Fund, go to www.sc.edu/familyfund.

STIVER NAMED PRESTON COLLEGE PRINCIPAL:

Jim Stiver, a former philosophy professor and associate dean of the Honors College who retired in 2002, has been named principal of Preston College, beginning with the spring 2007 semester. Stiver and his wife, Marta, will become the first retirees selected as co-principals for USC's only residential college. "Jim was a very successful undergraduate teacher and associate dean of the Honors College, and we're very pleased to have him back at the University in this important role," said Karl Heider, associate provost and dean of undergraduate studies. "The reason I decided to apply was that I realized how much I missed the University, the students, the faculty, and the rhythms of academic life," Stiver said. "The more we looked into Preston College, the more interested we became. I'm interested in trying to foster more student-faculty interaction and, hopefully, entice more Preston residents to stay at Preston beyond their sophomore years." The Stivers replace mathematics professor Matt Miller who served as interim principal for the fall semester.

AUTHOR SETS BOOK SIGNINGS: Author Karen Petit, a public information coordinator in USC's Office of Media Relations, will sign copies of her first book, *The Mystery of the Screecher Creature*, featuring a crime-solving canine named Ivy, at the following locations:

- 8-11 a.m. Dec. 9, Parisian, Richland Mall, Columbia
- 2-4 p.m. Dec. 10, The Mitchell House, 421 North Lake Drive, Lexington
- 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 23, EdVenture Children's Museum, 211 Gervais St., Columbia.

For more information, go to theybooks.com.

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peaks in Colorado when he returned home. "So, I started looking into climbing higher mountains, and that's when I heard about the Seven Summits," he said.

Hickey began with Mount Aconcagua (elevation 22,841 feet) in Argentina in 2001. In 2002, he and his wife together summited Mount Kilimanjaro (elevation 19,340 feet) in Africa. In 2003, he topped Mount McKinley (elevation 20,320 feet) in Alaska.

"To date, that is my favorite mountain," Hickey said. "McKinley has been the most beautiful and quite the challenge—severe cold weather, 50 degrees below zero, living on a glacier for three weeks, crevasses everywhere."

In 2004, Hickey climbed Mount Elbrus (elevation 18,510 feet) in Russia. In 2005, he and two other climbers became the first to climb Carstensz Pyramid (elevation 16,023 feet) in Indonesia, just north of Australia, in three years. The mountain had been closed to climbers because of political unrest.

"It was an Indiana Jones adventure," Hickey said.

A helicopter pilot dropped the climbers off at the base of the mountain but, with the mountain socked in, never returned with their support team and provisions.

"So here we were with no communications, no walkie-talkies, and no food. So, we took inventory, and among us, we had three or four power bars," Hickey said. "We determined we were going to have to summit the next night."

Exhausted, the three climbed a 3,000-foot rock face all night and made it to the summit, but "it took forever to get down and back to our base camp totally exhausted."

The next day the group returned to where they thought

a helicopter would pick them up, but it never appeared; and they started hiking down the mountain through the highest mine in the world at 12,000- to 13,000 feet.

"We were about half an hour on to the mine's property when we were arrested by the military at gunpoint for trespassing," Hickey said. "We spent the day in the barracks."

"Our guide wasn't there with us. He'd been taken someplace else. Finally, he showed up with this military commander and a bunch of boxes, and they threw them at us. We opened them, and it was food. We hadn't eaten in like three or four days. We just ripped into the chicken and rice."

"That broke the ice, and then all the military guys were friendly with us. We have pictures of them with their arms around us. Their pictures of us are probably posted somewhere in their barracks now—crazy Americans. We made a lot of headlines at the time because we opened the summit for the world. That was very exciting."

In Antarctica, Hickey will climb Mount Vinson (elevation 16,050 feet), which will take two to three weeks.

"You have good communications there," Hickey said. "Everything depends on the weather down there because things can be frigid. It's their summer, but it still can be 40 or 50 below zero as we're climbing."

The climb on Everest (elevation 29,028 feet) this spring will take from two to three months. Climbers must acclimatize and get accustomed to the altitude before making the summit.

"You go up and down the mountain until the weather is right, and the stars align," Hickey said. "Then you make your push for the top."

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USC Upstate will hold its convocation at 7 p.m. Dec. 14 in the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium. Sheila S. Breitweiser, president of the S.C. School for the Deaf and Blind, will deliver the graduation address. USC Upstate degree recipients include 382 baccalaureate candidates.

The University also expects to award 11 associate and 47 baccalaureate degrees from USC Beaufort; 26 associate degrees from USC Lancaster; 13 associate degrees from USC Salkehatchie; 29 associate degrees from USC Sumter; and seven associate degrees from USC Union.

After earning a bachelor's degree in political science from USC in 1975, Moore spent six years in Washington, initially in U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond's office, then with the Republican National Committee and, finally, with the Ronald Reagan presidential campaign.

Moore then attended George Washington University where she earned a master's degree in business administration in 1981. In 1982, she began her business career as a management trainee at Chemical Bank in New York. On her way to becoming a managing director, Moore became an expert in "debtor in possession" financing to companies filing Chapter 11 bankruptcy, and she became the highest paid woman in banking.

Moore was the first woman to be profiled on the cover of *Fortune* and also was named to that magazine's list of the Top 50 Most Powerful Women in American Business.

Moore has increasingly involved herself in public service in her home state of South Carolina. In the mid 1990s, she became a board member of the University's Educational Foundation and a member of the foundation's Investment Policy Committee. She also has served the University as a member of the Business Partnership Foundation. In 1999, she became a gubernatorial appointee to the University's Board of Trustees and continues to serve in that role.

She founded the Palmetto Institute, a private policy research group in South Carolina and has been a strong advocate for higher education and economic development in the state. During the University's Bicentennial Campaign, Moore gave \$25 million to the University's business school, which was later named in her honor.

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The cost for reserved seats for the Gospel Fest is \$10. Tickets are available at the Carolina Coliseum box office and the Russell House Information Desk.

The annual MLK Jr. Commemorative Breakfast will be held at 7:30 a.m. Jan. 17, 2007 at The Zone at Williams-Brice Stadium. The Rev. Jamey O. Graham, pastor of the St. John Baptist Church of Columbia, will be the featured speaker. Carl Wells, a USC Staff member and The Chosen Gospel Ensemble, a USC student musical group, will perform special music. The cost of the breakfast is \$8 for adults and \$2 for USC students. The breakfast is open to the public. Tickets are available at the Carolina Coliseum box office and the Russell House Information Desk.

The annual MLK Jr. Day of Service activities will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 20, 2007. Students, faculty, and staff can volunteer to perform a day of community service and will meet at the Russell House to receive their assignments at 9:30 a.m. Last year, 750 to 800 volunteers performed community service activities.

For more information on all MLK activities, call 7-3854 or go to <http://hr.sc.edu/king2007.html>.

Climber supports future nurses with new Summit Scholarship

If Patrick Hickey reaches the top of Mount Everest this spring, he will become the first nurse to achieve the Seven Summits, having climbed the highest mountains on each of the seven continents.

Although it's a solo accomplishment, Hickey wants to share his achievement with his colleagues, especially future nurses. In recognition of this achievement, Hickey, in collaboration with the College of Nursing, has initiated a scholarship, aptly named the Summit Scholarship, for nursing students at USC. Through his upcoming expeditions, he hopes to gain enough support to endow the award. Anyone who would like to contribute to Hickey's scholarship for nursing students can call the College of Nursing at 7-3848 for more information.

Reaching the top of Everest and conquering his goal also is a way for Hickey to make people aware of the shortage both of nurses and nursing faculty.

"I've been contacting a lot of nursing agencies and organizations around the United States to inform them that the skills that I've acquired as a nurse have helped me get to where I am and do what I'm about to do," said Hickey, a Canadian native who is celebrating his 30th anniversary as a nurse this year.

"My skills involved with teamwork, leadership, delegation, communication—all those things have combined to allow me to be part of a team that's going to be summiting the highest mountain in the world."

"I'm hoping that as I meet people I can address the nursing shortage issue—and not only with the shortage in nursing, in general, but the shortage of nursing faculty. It's a big, big problem. You've got a bottleneck where there are only so many faculty and you're got so many people who want to become nurses."

Hickey would welcome support from other faculty members and, especially, is open to discussing any research opportunities that he can help with as he completes his climbs. To contact Hickey, call 777-7056 or e-mail Hickey@gwm.sc.edu.



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Pamela Melton, law library, "Let's Do Lunch: University of South Carolina law school library recruits new law librarians with a series of luncheons," *American Association of Law Libraries Spectrum*.

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Mary Stuart Hunter, National Resource Center on The First-Year Experience and Students in Transition, "Fostering Student Learning and Success Through First-Year Programs," *Peer Review*.

Gregory A. Hand, exercise science, Kenneth D. Phillips, and Wesley D. Dudgeon, "Perceived stress in HIV-infected individuals: Physiological and psychological correlates," *AIDS Care*.

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Ran Wei, journalism and mass communications, "Lifestyles and New Media: Adoption and Use of Wireless Communication Technology in China," *New Media & Society*.

Jorge Salvo, Spanish, Upstate, "Acerca de maldiciones, bendiciones y otros paternalismos" ("About Curses, Blessings and Other Paternalisms"), *Asociación para la solidaridad democrática con Guinea Ecuatorial/Association for Democratic Solidarity with Equatorial Guinea*.

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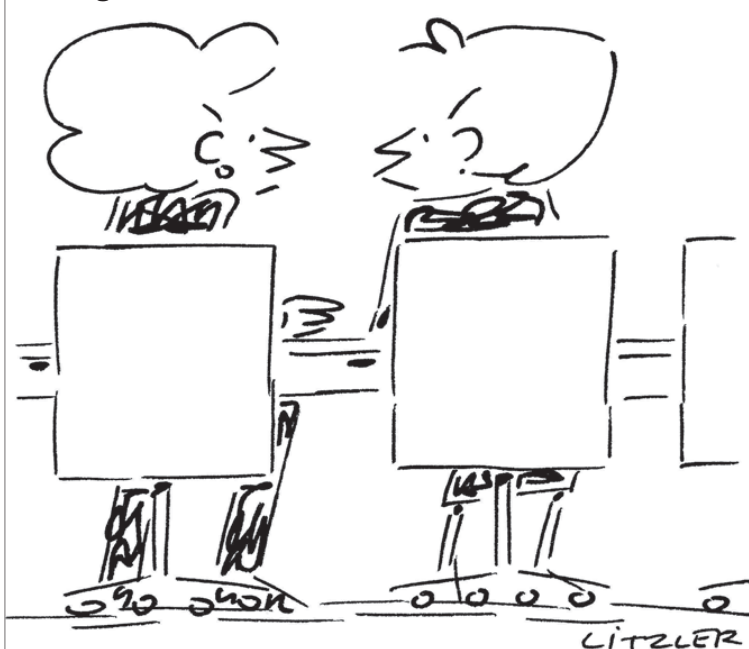
Rodney Runyan, retailing, "Environment, Marketing Orientation, and Buying Committees in Chinese Retailing: Does Strategy Affect Structure?" Triennial AMS/ACRA Conference on Retailing, Orlando, Fla., also, "Small Business in the Face of Crisis: Identifying Barriers to Recovery from a National Disaster," Workshop at the Center for Property, Citizenship, and Social Entrepreneurism, Washington, D.C.

Keith Griffin, communications, Aiken, "Engaging Hearts, Organization Reengineering, and Culture Transformation," Carolinas Communication Association, Charleston.

Richard Adams, chemistry and biochemistry, Erin Boswell, Burjor Captain, and Mitul Patel, "Syntheses and Structures of Ruthenium Tin, Ruthenium Germanium, and Osmium Germanium Cluster Complexes," Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society, Augusta, Ga.

John G. McNutt, social work, G. Adler, J. Jones, and G.M. Menon, "The Cyber Commons Responds to a Major Disaster: A Study of Online Volunteers in the Face of a Natural Disaster," ARNOVA Conference, Chicago, Ill., and, same conference, with K.M. Boland, "State Social Capital and Online Nonprofit Advocacy: Does Traditional Social Capital Support or Diminish Online Social Action?"

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Joseph Pappin III, philosophy, Continuing Education Credit Programs, "Edmund Burke's Emancipatory Politics and Critique of Empire: Reflections on Ireland," East-Central/American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pa.

Katherine Chaddock, education, "Truth is Strangest in Fiction: The Evolution of the Treatment of Higher Education in American Works of Fiction," Association for the Study of Higher Education, Anaheim, Calif.

Allen Dennis, biology and geology, Aiken, "Wenlock-Ludlow Post-Accretionary Terrane Dispersal in the Central Appalachians: The Carolina and Cat Squareterrane and the Salinic Basins of the Northern Appalachians," International Geologic Correlation Project 497: The Rheic Ocean and its Correlatives, Evora, Portugal.

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Jodi Nearn and **Melinda Forthofer**, Institute for Families in Society, "Contribution of the Neighborhood Context to Social Disparities in Access to Health Care among Sexually Experienced Adolescent Females," American Public Health Association, Boston, Mass.

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Hanno zur Loye, chemistry and biochemistry, and Joe Ellsworth, "Synthesis of Inorganic/Organic Hybrid materials," Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society, Augusta, Ga.

Maggi M. Morehouse, history, Aiken, "Juneteenth: Festival of Freedom," America Celebrates: Issues and Practices International Conference, American Studies Department, Sorbonne, Paris.

Tom Mack, English, Aiken, "Everyplace is the Frontier: Percival Everett and the American West," International Conference of the Association for the Interdisciplinary Study of the Arts, Atlanta, Ga.

Sonya Forte Duhé, journalism and mass communications, "Communicating Katrina: A Resilient Media," Community Readiness Communications Conference, Manhattan, Kan.

Lyndie Forthofer, Institute for Families in Society, "Navigating the philosophical and fiscal mandate for interdisciplinary research: Observations from a disciplinary crossroads," invited colloquium presentation, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y.

Doug Fisher, journalism and mass communications, "Are you ready for your own little 'Dell Hell'? Coping in an interconnected world," S.C. chapter, Public Relations Society of America, Columbia, and "The S.C. Freedom of Information Act, a journalism perspective," Municipal Association of South Carolina, Columbia.

Braden Hosch and **Maureen Bergstrom**, institutional effectiveness, Aiken, "How do you know they're engaged if they don't take the survey? Increasing response rates on the National Survey of Student Engagement," Southern Association for Institutional Research, Arlington, Va., and, same conference, with **Cheryl Fogle**, institutional effectiveness, "An approach to building an online data mart: By GEORGE I think we've got it!"

Susan Schramm-Pate, education, "Culture, Regional Identity, and the Social Studies in South Carolina: Texts Considered From a Postcolonial Perspective," American Educational Studies Association, Spokane, Wash.

Mary Stuart Hunter, National Resource Center on The First-Year Experience and Students in Transition, "Success in the First Year of College," The National Symposium on Postsecondary Student Success: Spearheading a Dialogue on Student Success, Washington, D.C., and, "National Research on First-Year Students and Appropriate Strategies for Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention Among This Student Population," U.S. Department of Education National Meeting on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention in Higher Education, Washington, D.C.

F. Patrick Hubbard and **Robert L. Felix**, law, "The South Carolina Law of Torts: 2006 Annual Cumulative Supplement," S.C. Bar Continuing Legal Education Division, Columbia.

Rachel Snow, art history, Upstate, "Images that Matter: Vernacular Photography's Challenge to Art History," Southeastern College Art Conference, Nashville, Tenn.

Elsbeth Brown and **Linda Hutchinson**, Institute for Families in Society, "Lessons from the Field: What have we learned from helping rural child care meet national environmental standards?" National Association for the Education of Young Children, Atlanta, Ga.

Laura R. Woliver, political science and Women's Studies, and Jessica E. Sowa (Cleveland State University), "Abortion Funds, Direct Actions, and Nonprofit Group Development," 2006 American Political Science Convention.

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Charmaine Wilson, communications, Aiken, received the Betty Jo Welch Award for service to the Carolinas Communication Association.

Terry K. Peterson, education, initiated and facilitated the first national dialogue of American afterschool and K-12 international education leaders on using afterschool as a time to enhance international education and foreign language development at the George Lucas Skywalker Ranch in San Rafael, Calif.

Cheryl Fogle, institutional effectiveness, Aiken, selected as the Kiwanian of the Year for 2006 by the Kiwanis Club of Aiken.

Gary J. Senn, DuPont Planetarium, Aiken, re-elected president of the International Digistar Users Group at 2006 annual meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Katherine Chaddock, education, received an Everett Helm Visiting Fellowship for archival research at the University of Indiana, Lilly Library, for a biography entitled *John Erskine and the Egalitarian Aims of Great Literature, Fine Music, and Popular History*.

Thomas McConnell, English, Upstate, won first prize in the annual Porter Fleming Writing Awards sponsored by the Arts Council of Augusta, Ga., for his essay "Two Eulogies for My Father."

Robert Thomas, media services, Upstate, won Best of Theme for "Cotton Mill Memories," at the Piedmont Interstate Fair, Greenville.

Jane Nodine, visual arts, Upstate, will exhibit "tandem concern" in the international competition "A Family is ... 2006" in Barrington, Ill., through Dec. 28.

Marius Valdes, graphic design, Upstate, received a 2006 American Institute of Graphic Arts InShow (AIGI) Award for his illustration work on a poster for an AIGA speaking event.

Barbara A. Koons-Witt, criminology and criminal justice, received the New Scholar of the Year Award from the American Society of Criminology, Division on Women and Crime, at the society's annual meeting in Los Angeles, Calif.

Laura R. Woliver, political science and Women's Studies, has been appointed to the American Political Science Association's Victoria Schuck Award Committee, which selects the best book published in 2006 in the field of women and politics.

■ Job vacancies

For up-to-date information on USC Columbia vacancies and vacancies at other campuses, go to uscjobs.sc.edu. The employment office is located at 1600 Hampton St.

National television anchor teaching at Upstate

Connie LeGrand, a former television anchor and host and motorsports journalist with more than a decade of experience, is teaching at USC Upstate.

The former host of the SPEED CHANNEL's *Speed News* is teaching three classes in the journalism department—Writing for the Mass Media, Public Relations and Persuasion, and Feature Writing.

"I'm thrilled to join the superlative faculty at USC Upstate," LeGrand said. "My work at the national level, combined with my experience in the Upstate television market, is helping me as I work with the journalism students."

Before joining the motorsports network, LeGrand spent nearly a decade as lead anchor for Greenville's FOX affiliate. Named the station's first anchor as it entered the local news market, LeGrand covered some of the region's most compelling stories. An Emmy-award winner, she juggled her work as anchor, reporter, and writer while she participated in community outreach projects. LeGrand also has worked in media in Pennsylvania, Georgia, Michigan, and Ohio. She received a bachelor's degree in marketing from Clemson University and a master's degree in mass communications from the University of Georgia.



LeGrand

Geography professor receives prestigious national award

USC geography professor John R. Jensen has received the 2006 William T. Pecora Award from the Department of the Interior and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for outstanding and sustained international leadership in advancing geographical remote sensing and remote sensing education.

Jensen received the award at the annual meeting of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing in San Antonio, Texas. He was honored for making contributions to the field of remote sensing in the geographical sciences through his research, publications, leadership, teaching, and mentoring of students.

Jensen has directed the study of 26 Ph.D. and 57 masters students during his 24-year career at USC. His graduates include 10 students who hold academic appointments, CEOs of two companies, and prominent remote sensing scientists at many federal agencies and other organizations.



Dennis Green holds one of his parking lot melons.

The miracle of the Christmas melons

On Christmas Day, Dennis Green plans to pluck a fresh watermelon from—of all places—the parking lot at 743 Greene St.

Green, an electrical supervisor in Building Services, threw a handful of seeds in a corner of the lot this summer and covered them with leaves. Now there's a lush watermelon vine 30 feet long with seven small melons attached.

"It won't die—even after the frosts we've had," said Green, who plans to retire this month after 38 years of service.

OK, it's not quite a Christmas miracle: Green has grown watermelon vines on the same sandy patch of asphalt before, but the grounds crew always cut them down before any melons emerged. This year, Building Services staffer Avis Reinhardt convinced the groundskeepers to leave the watermelon vine alone, and Green threw a handful of fertilizer and several cups of water on his pet project.

Heat radiating from the west-facing parking lot and the proximity of adjacent University buildings have probably helped shelter the watermelon vine from the occasional frost this fall. The outdoor "greenhouse effect" has paid sweet dividends.

"For the first time ever, we've eaten two watermelons off the vine—they were very sweet," he said.

For Green, Christmas will mean enjoying the holiday, the beginning of his retirement—and a fresh-picked watermelon from the parking lot at work.

With his retirement, someone else will have to tend the asphalt garden, Reinhardt said. Any takers?



Stamp of pride

Looking for a different sort of gift for those Carolina fans on your holiday list? Consider the new series of University of South Carolina postage stamps. That Gamecock fan can let the world know where his or her loyalties lie on every envelope. The Post Office-certified stamps feature the University's traditional block C emblem with a colorful fighting gamecock. Order the stamps at www.PhotoStamps.com/college. A portion of every sale supports USC's scholarship fund.

Sharing holiday favorites

Whether it's *A Christmas Carol*, a magical story from childhood, or a special celebration, almost everyone has a favorite holiday memory. Faculty and staff share some of theirs to help make the season bright.

■ My husband teases me because I like to watch three or four different versions of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* whenever they come on TV. It's a feel good story when a guy like Ebenezer Scrooge can be so bad at the beginning and then can turn out to be so good at the end.

There are several versions of the movie that appear on TV, and all of them are pretty dated, except for one Henry Winkler did a few years ago. The message I get from the story is that it's never too late to look back on your life and see things that you could have done better, fix things, and do better in the future.

None of us has the chance to make that type of walk back through our lives the way it's portrayed in the movie. But sometimes it pays to reflect on how you're living your life and whether there are things you can change that would help you and those around you.

—Barbara Knight, business manager, Daniel Management Center

■ A favorite story of my own comes from the time my brother Vasa wanted a little brother so badly that he called me "Tommy" after I was born. He even wrote to my aunt in Chapel Hill asking for a Christmas stocking for "Tommy." Thinking it was for a dog, my aunt sent him a small, handmade, red flannel sock with "Tommy" stitched on the front.

In spite of my fears, wise old Santa Claus still was able to find—and fill—my little "Tommy" stocking each Christmas Eve, and he always left extra candy, fruit, and nuts on the mantelpiece just for me.

I remember my stocking memory fondly, partly because it reminds me of how fun it was to be the littlest and the youngest in a big family, and also because it reminds me that, no matter what, some things are constant, such as the wisdom and generosity of the Santas in the world.

—Susan Cate, director, Office of Research, Arnold School of Public Health

■ My favorite Christmas story is "The Gift of the Magi," by O. Henry, a tale of giving and receiving. It's the story of Jim and Della Young, a young couple in love. Money was short that Christmas as they each tried to plan how they might buy the other a perfect present.

As O. Henry's story states "... there were two possessions of the James Dillingham Youngs in which they both took a mighty pride. One was Jim's gold watch that had been his father's and his grandfather's. The other was Della's hair." So for Della, Jim purchased the perfect present—the set of combs, side and back, that Della had worshipped long in a Broadway window. Beautiful combs, pure tortoise shell, with jeweled rims." Jim had sold his gold watch to get the money to buy the combs.

Della knew the perfect gift for Jim, "a platinum fob chain simple and chaste in design." With the money Della got for cutting off her long beautiful hair, she bought the fob for Jim's gold watch.

Both foolish, both in love, Della and Jim gave the best of themselves to the other.

O. Henry ends the story with this:

"The magi, as you know, were wise men—wonderfully wise men—who brought gifts to the Babe in the manger. They invented the art of giving Christmas presents. Being wise, their gifts were no doubt wise ones, possibly bearing the privilege of exchange in case of duplication. And here I have lamely related to you the uneventful chronicle of two foolish children in a flat who most unwisely sacrificed for each other the greatest treasures of their house. But in a last word to the wise of these days let it be said that of all who give gifts these two were the wisest. Of all who give and receive gifts, such as they are wisest. Everywhere they are wisest. They are the magi."

For me, this story remains my "true north" in finding the meaning and joy in this coming gift-giving season.

—Pat Feehan, associate professor, School of Library and Information Science

■ Visions of sugarplums may have been dancing in children's heads back in 1964, but my vision was of tiny cakes and other confections that I would soon be baking in my Easy Bake Oven.

The Easy Bake Oven was the most amazing invention—just whip up a gooey concoction, put it in the oven for 15 minutes, and presto! A chocolate delight. While some may have viewed the toy as a slap in the face of the women's movement, I viewed it as a source of empowerment. It meant I could eat snacks all day (an omen of things to come), use the treats to bribe my brother, and impress my friends with my culinary magic.

I put the oven at the top of my wish list but never mailed it to Santa because my older brother no longer believed in him and was teasing me for being so gullible. But that was okay—my parents would certainly buy it for me. A few days before Christmas my parents took me shopping, and I made a beeline to the Easy Bake Ovens.

And then came the bombshell. My mother told me that I had to select something else. I explained that I didn't want anything else in the entire world. However, I could tell my mother wasn't going to budge, so I selected a random

toy, muttered a thank you, and left the store deflated.

I was in a funk. I had blown my chances with Santa, and my parents didn't understand. Then, on Christmas morning, sitting under the tree in all its glory, was my very own Easy Bake Oven! My mother explained that she had written a letter to Santa for me. To celebrate, I whipped up a batch of chocolate cupcakes with red and green sprinkles. My parents marveled at my creation and my brother used his cupcake as a hockey puck. Oh, the joy of cooking. Oh, the joy of Christmas.

—Bonnie Drewniany, associate professor, School of Journalism and Mass Communications

■ My favorite Christmas story is the movie *Miracle on 34th Street*, the 1947 film in which an old man named Kris Kringle is recruited to play Santa at Macy's but has to go to court to prove he's the real Santa Claus. I like to believe in miracles and enjoy seeing something that appears to be a miracle. I've watched the movie all my life and still watch it with my children now.

—Susan Jett, human resources officer, USC Union

■ My favorite is *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*—the original cartoon. I just love that cartoon, and I don't really feel like it's Christmas until I've seen it. My favorite character is the dog, Max, when the Grinch turns him into a reindeer by putting antlers on him.

—Jane Brewer, director, Walterboro campus, and associate dean, student services, USC Salkehatchie

■ One of the most memorable Christmas stories I can recall didn't really have anything to do with Christmas per se, except that it recounted a true incident that occurred on Dec. 21, 1978, which captured the spirit of the season perfectly.

It was a 1993 TV movie called *Mercy Mission: The Rescue of Flight 771*. A Yorkshire, England, reviewer whose comments are posted on the Web at IMDb.com, accurately described the motion picture as "a true Christmas film with plenty of spirit." By the end of the story, said the reviewer, the audience is just as emotionally caught up in the action as the characters on the screen, "which is how any Christmas movie worth its salt should affect an audience."

The movie cast Robert Loggia as the captain of an Air New Zealand flight over the Pacific that comes to the aid of a desperate aviator in a small plane who is lost and running low on fuel. A storm is approaching, the sun is about to go down, and the Air New Zealand pilot needs the permission of his passengers to divert his flight long enough to help the smaller plane make it safely to landfall.

There are some spellbinding moments in this film that make it a good movie to watch with one's family during Christmas, or at any other time of the year.

—Marshall Swanson, senior writer, USC Publications

■ My favorite holiday is Purim. It's the most important holiday in the Jewish religion. Without it and Queen Esther, Judaism would not have survived to exist in our time. It falls in the beginning of the secular year; in 2007, it begins the evening of March 3. I would say that Chanukah is my favorite winter holiday. On the eve of the 25th of Kislev (Dec. 15, 2006), an eight-day celebration begins commemorating the joy of religious and secular freedom as well as the liberation of the Jewish people from the Greeks over 2000 years ago. "Chag Chanukat Sameach," Happy Chanukah!

—Cheri Alexander, office manager and administrative coordinator, Research and Special Projects, School of Medicine

■ While I'm a sucker for *A Christmas Carol* and own all the movie versions of it, my favorite Christmas ritual involves re-reading a short book called *The Little Mixer*. It's a sweet, funny, and touching story about two little girls—one Jewish and one Catholic—who unknowingly tear down barriers of discrimination so that they can celebrate Christmas together. It's an old and out-of-print children's book, so finding it may be difficult, but it's worth the effort.

—Mary L. Hjelm, English, USC Salkehatchie