Leaders gather for MLK service projects

Panel gamers debate over Obama’s policies, similarities to King’s ideals

Bush delivers farewell address

President looks back on tough decisions made during term

Bush is spending his last weekend as president at Camp David. The speech is his final public appearance until he greets President-elect Barack Obama on Inauguration Day at the White House’s North Portico. Bush called the inauguration of Obama, the first black president, a “moment of hope and pride” for America. “Standing on the steps of the Capitol will be a man whose story reflects the enduring promise of our land,” Bush said in wishing the best to Obama, including first lady Michelle Obama and their two daughters. Bush’s presidency began with the worst terrorist attack in U.S. soil and ended with the worst economic collapse in three generations. “Even in the toughest times, we lift our eyes to the broad horizon ahead,” Bush said with his trademark optimism. “I have confidence in the promise of America because I know the character of our people. This is a nation that inspires immigrants and risk takers for the dream of freedom. This is a nation where citizens show calm in times of danger and compassion in the face of suffering. An audience of about 200 people were being assembled to listen to the speech at the White House. They include about 40 people chosen for their personal stories, a practice normally reserved for a State of the Union address. The venue is a break from farewell addresses by Presidents Bill Clinton and Ronald Reagan, who spoke to the nation from the Oval Office. “Like all who have held this office before me, I have experienced setbacks,” said Bush, whose performance has drawn low public approval ratings for months. “There are things I would do differently if given the chance. Yet, I have always thought it best to honor interests of our country in mind. I have followed my conscience and done what I thought was right.” Bush also provided the nation to lead the cause of freedom and maintain its “moral clarity” in what he described as a choice between good and evil.

Holiday weekend inspires good will

Annual volunteer event reaches capacity, honors King with service projects

This Monday in Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, various organizations around Columbia will be serving the community with a variety of volunteer service projects. Carolina Service Council and the staff of Community Service will take part in the 12th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service activities, which will take place on Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Volunteer Coordinator Melissa Roorer is in charge of the event. “We will be doing various service projects from 16 different sites,” Roorer said. Participants will meet on the second floor lobby of the Russell House at 9:10 a.m. for check-in and will attend a brief ceremony honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Transportation will then be provided to a variety of work sites for the day. “We will be working with Haven House for Humanity, Carolina Children’s Home, Harvest Hope Food Bank, St. Lawrence Place and a variety of other organizations,” Roorer said. Roorer said the group will be working on homes by painting and organizing shelves. Unfortunately, due to the overwhelming interest from students, registration for the event is closed. Other service events will be conducted in the area through the United Way of the Midlands. “We have seven projects going on Monday which are all full opportunities will be available for this weekend,” said Roorer. “These organizations,” Volunteer Coordinator Eric Roberts said. Roberts said they will be working with the Palmetto Place Children’s Center by helping to clean and perform administrative duties at the facility and taking children to Chuck E. Cheese’s to play with their families. Roberts said the United Way of the Midlands will help with volunteer work at the Free Medical Clinic off Harbison Street and at the Epilepsy Foundation. They will also be helping to do cleaning and landscaping with the Richland County and Sister Care, a battered women’s center.

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Weather

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**Caio, Brazil** — A top Israeli envoy delivered his first public address on a cease-fire agreement in Gaza to a Gazan audience on Thursday, urging Jews to seal a truce on Tuesday.

The Israeli president said the fighting showed Israel's continued existence in the region is "not feasible."

The development comes as the U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon pressed Israel on a cease-fire, and Gulf leaders gathered in Saudi Arabia to discuss the conflict.

Meanwhile, Israeli troops pushed deeper into densely populated Gaza City on the 20th day of the offensive to hunt Hamas militants. Israeli tanks shelled the crowded downtown, sending terrified residents fleeing for cover.

An Israeli airstrike Thursday evening killed prominent Hamas figure Baby Abu al-Atta and three of his associates.

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Russell House seems cramped in recent days

Grand Market Place, old stomping grounds may need to keep up

I'm not a claustrophobic person, and size-wise, I'm pretty compact — my long-awaited growth spurt never happened. But the Russell House seems to be getting smaller and smaller these days. I remember, as a freshman, the Grand Market Place was fairly roomy. Sure there were busy times when the lunch or coffee lines would get a little out of hand, but there were at least we were always somewhere to sit inside. But you had to go up to upstairs every once in a while — all, as my dad used to say, just wasn't that many of us since if you ate between classes or during the day, you tore ourselves up.

What do you think? Time to be getting somewhere again? In RH now, and I can't imagine it getting any better. There's just that one time of the day, frustrating — when the Wednesday night kids are balancing their food in the third floor — rarely works out. Forget the Grand Market, there's no place to sit inside. It's funny the way we think of places as getting bigger, but my food, I usually get it at least there.

Time to be getting smaller and somehow, it doesn't really matter, since it's frustrating — when those kids grow up and work the lines at In-n-Out. In recent days, I'm sure some people might be thinking, "I'm pretty dicey, too. Even my growth is slowing down."

America: In money we trust

It's a funny way we are all attracted to money, to be so afraid to be seen as being in their pockets or from their car to their car or from their car to the gym, without making even these anti-bacterial pit stops. We all have pockets and will go to extreme lengths to keep our money in our pockets, even when we're desperate. The screaming decibel level of some kids in the sixth grade, nearly everyone thinks time moves similarly, although limited by the monetary and social lives full of reading and other wonderful things.

All of this makes us see two fundamental truths about time. We need to realize that stop dead of this confusion. Comment yourself now, an even shorter day that will be brief until you won't speak up on you. You can undertake this abridgment of time, you'll lose your voice to the continent more. When your roommate comments in May that spring semester went by in a flash, you can count on everything you've accomplished and responded to something that sounds exactly as long as you will laugh at the delusion and say with a yawn, "I thought you'd never get here." You'll be content knowing that, try it at midnight, time didn't make the clock ticking on you this time around. The clock making this happen, somehow.

Change of perspective can alter overwhelmed feelings at semester’s end

For instance, or donating time to relevant charitable causes.

So keep speaking your mind. Just be sure you do not speak in vain.

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The dance party is back by popular demand, after the racking success of the station’s similar bash held last semester at The Whig. Last year a whopping 300 students showed up, making The Whig not only a lit crowd, but a fire hazard as well, prompting the station to consider a larger venue for their next event, hence the move to New Brookland Tavern.

The station has hired popular local DJs Kev-Kev, Corps and Chris Wenner to supply the sound, it is different from the rap and remixes one expects to hear in a club. Flores said Friday’s event is “not like most events in L.A. and New York City, with people renting out entire warehouses just to dance in them.” New Brookland was chosen as the venue not only for its size, but also because it goes off the sort of “underground authenticity” of the House parties held in big cities across America.

House music is ideal for anyone who just loves to dance. With disco undertones and an electronic sound, it is different from the hip-hop that is dominating the club scene today. "WUSC DJ Cait Costello, a second-year public relations student who also works for the station's public affairs department, said the event is “basically a very cheap way for people who are under 21 to go out.” Besides being an inexpensive good time, the party also offers the opportunity for those who are interested in the radio station to get involved.

There will be a WUSC table set up with information for students to learn more about the station. Flores hopes this event will set a precedent for the student radio station so that they can “eventually make it up to one event a month.”

Carolina Productions scores with spring lineup

Wide range of on-campus entertainment in store for students

Martin Mudder Staff Writer

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Spring 2009 Highlights:

Jan. 21: Every Pk (penetration北京) halftime of the men's basketball game at the Colonial Life Arena.

Be honest — you know you watched “America’s Best Dance Crew” religiously when it first came out. Dancers have to respect the creative style and crisp moves of the group while those of us who can barely muster a moon walk can simply watch in awe.

Feb. 10: Illustrious Mike ‘Nigel’ will perform in the Russell House ballroom. Crowned by NBC as the world’s best mentee, Super has a flair for the dramatic. While I’m not convinced that Super truly possesses supernatural abilities, I am sure that his show will be entertaining and just a little creepy.

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**March 17:** The Calling and Eve 6 perform in the Russell House. Everyone's favorite bands from those middle school years are suddenly back in style. It was almost impossible to get through a day in 2001 without hearing “Think Twice” or “Wherever You Will Go” on the radio, and for one night, we can relive some of the music that defined 2001.

**March 23:** Aasif Mandvi from “The Daily Show” will speak in the RH ballroom. Mandvi’s quick wit and deadpan delivery will definitely make the show worth seeing. In a time of international turbulence, the least we can do is have a sense of humor, right?

**March 24:** “The Birdcage” in the RH ballroom. If you’ve never seen this show before, you’re in for a memorable experience, to say the least. While the details of what will happen at “The Birdcage” are far from predictable, the performances showcase some of USC’s most talented (and most beautiful) men.

**April 7:** David Gold performs in the RH ballroom. The most recent American Idol, Gold’s Crescent could easily make him as much of a star as Kelly Clarkson or Carrie Underwood. Since the upcoming season of “American Idol” will be full of surprises, this is a must-see performance.

**April 21:** USC Idol in the RH ballroom. For one night only, USC’s students show that they’re as talented as “American Idol” candidates. The show is always as high a quality as “American Idol” without all the drama. All the talent, without the obnoxious Simon Cowell.

**Valkyrie** Continued from 6

Stauffenberg intelligently gains Hitler’s trust by attempting to seize control of the Nazi government. He would attempt to make peace with Allies, close all concentration camps and end World War II. Unfortunately, as Valkyrie member Ludwig Beck foresaw, “Just remember: nothing ever goes according to plan.” “Valkyrie” is not a typical historical war movie. There is a level of action that keeps the pace moving, seamlessly threading scenes together, especially during the execution of the plot. All aspects of the film — costumes, set, special effects and screenwriting — are realistic. The many bombs and explosions are not overdone or exaggerated — an aspect that draws viewers in. Most of the cast was chosen well: Cruise and the many generals (Kenneth Branagh, Bill Nighy and Tom Wilkinson) play excellent militants. However, David Bamber proves to be a mediocre Hitler pick. Bamber had physical similarities but lacked the characteristics instilled in the Nazi monster’s evil persona. Although history reveals the ending, the compelling story and top-notch acting shows that not all Germans succumbed to Hitler’s evils. It raises questions about the role of a dictator and the power of an individual’s moral obligations. Hearing about World War II is one thing, but seeing the Nazi soldiers take their oath to Hitler on screen, swearing they would follow him to death, is a chilling experience. Regardless of viewers’ feelings about the acting, it is satisfying to know there were people attempting to defy evil.

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The USC team is currently ranked No. 33 in the nation, whereas BYU sits at No. 40. South Carolina’s Ana Maria Zubori is ranked No. 14 in the nation for singles, a ranking that has only been possible once in school history by the current assistant coach, Katrina Potrocic. Senior Giza Schofield is also ranked at No. 71. This dominated last week of being ranked on the ITA’s polls since March 6, 2007.

“The ranking means nothing,” Zubori said. “It doesn’t change my name, my name is still the same if I’m No. 1 or 55. It’s good for the team because it looks nice. Maybe if opponents see my ranking they have a little bit more respect for me. It puts me in a position to play a little harder to defend in?”

Zubori had a much more different surface, but I saw the team is optimistic, so we have to find a way to go in there and play our game.”

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Junior Sophia McHale and senior Alana Fay will begin the spring season this weekend against BYU. McHale is currently ranked No. 35 in the nation, while Fay is ranked No. 121.

“Considering that it is a new season, the match will be a great opportunity to get good shots and work on techniques,” McHale said. “It’s good for us to start the season on the right foot.”

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