Even the fort cared
These soldiers are from Fort Jackson and helped with the Carolina Cares project Wednesday.

Plane going to Tournament

"In response to an apparent demand to see the games," the University Union Travel Committee has chartered a Southern Airways DC-9 for the Quaker State Tournament Dec. 27, according to Wescoat Sandlin, tour coordinator.

Sandlin said, "The price should be no higher than $120, closer to $110." The plane will leave Columbia Municipal Airport Dec. 27 at 1:30 p.m. and will return Dec. 31 at 4:45 a.m.

Requirements for admittance to the plane are that the person be a student, a faculty member, staff member or a member of the Alumni Association and their immediate families, Sandlin said.

He added that there will be no off campus solicitation. "The only cheaper way is by bus." Further information can be obtained at the information desk of the Russell House, the University Union office or contact Wescoat Sandlin.

Baha'i faith puts man above any principal, dogma, doctrine

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Note: The background of this report came from the comments of several Baha'i's during one of their weekly firesides - informal meetings, here on campus. It is unlike any religious assembly I've seen; there is no pretense, no teacher-student relationship, no should-be-asked questions or should-be-felt answers. The people there genuinely look like they enjoy people - wit, challenge, spontaneity.

Two people in particular, Ben Judah and Phil Ramsey, wandering generators, make their faith human and believable. If you go to the meetings, make it a point to know them.

The Baha'i faith is a religion that has been around longer than the present prophet cults, longer than the cult of peace, love, brotherhood.

It came much later than the Buddhist, Judaic, Islamic, Zoroastrian or Christian faiths. Yet it surrounds all these with its own vitality.

The Baha'i faith is exhausting a major life corruptor - the idolatry of race.

Baha'u'llah's faith is a family of man above any principal, dogma, or doctrine.

In 1853 a Persian prophet, Baha'u'llah, wrote his teachings. His concepts included:

--The unity of all religions.
--The independent investigation of truth.
--Equality of men and women.
--Universal education; universal auxiliary language.
--World government, a world legislature to control the resources of all the component nations, a world tribal to settle disputes.
--Reconciliation of science and religion.
--Freedom from racial, religious, cultural and political prejudices.
--World unity that preserves cultural diversities.

Baha'u'llah was imprisoned for his teachings most of his life. But his faith was spread by his son, Abdu'l Baha throughout the 20th century.

Baha'i believe that all religions relate to the return of a spiritual leader - for the Jewish people, the Lord of the Hosts; for the Buddhists, the Fifth Buddha; for Christians, Christ. There is a "progressive revelation" in religious history every 1,000 years a prophet has come to an area of the world to fulfill its spiritual capacity: Krishna, Moses, Zoroaster, Buddha, Christ, Mohammed, Baha'u'llah.

Baha'i believe that Baha'u'llah is the prophet for this day, awaiting all religions, for world unity.

What is important to the Baha'i faith is not the idolizing "personality" of this or any prophet but the proof or manifestations of his teachings. And inherent to the faith is the individual investigation of these teachings.

Any "fireside" - Baha'i informal meetings is witness to this individuality - replete with debate, sweers, jokes, frank questions. People at these meetings seem to have a healthy knowledge of many religions. There is no clergy no "guiding light" save for the belief in the faith.

And because the responsibility of belief is left to the individual, Baha'i's have no organized section. They have "pioneers" - individuals who voluntarily settle in other countries, adopting the particular language, the culture, and whose mission is to live "an exemplary life." They "obey the laws of the land," will not engage in politics, will not fight in a war. Most men of the Baha'i faith apply for conscientious objector status.

There is one apparent contradiction in the credibility of belief: What happens to the cultural diversity, the cultural privacy behind the concept of world-government religious unity? If you can extend the fear of faith that masses people to a state, masses millions to a nation, masses billions to a world organization, what happens to the stubborn unbelievers?

Grier

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udisman Clay Riley and his assistants Meriam P. Smith, Key Czyzynski.

"The Student Government Ombudsman office has been reinvigorated with the Walker administration and has been working mostly with students to help find solutions to their various problems," Riley said.

"We have been able to help most of the students who sought our aid. "Unfortunately many students who have not known that the office existed or what it is. I feel that with the appointment of Mike Grier as the full time University Ombudsman, the Ombudsman office will be able to serve the entire community and to handle more individual problems."

Commenting on his new post Grier says he views it as an opportunity to help the University provide responsiveness in a more coordinated and visible way.

"The office will draw attention to mistakes and problems by its very nature," Grier said, "but its primary function is to dwell on corrections and solutions as they occur. We want to make it easier for people to find help when they need it."

Grier, a graduate of Furman University where he was president of the student body, received his juris doctor degree from the USC School of Law in 1969. He served as assistant to President Jokes after graduation and before entering private law practice in Greenville.

He rejoined the USC staff in August 1970.

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