

USC Briefs

Co-op office to host first Federal Career Fair

USC will host the first ever statewide Federal Career Fair Tuesday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the concourse level of the Carolina Coliseum. Approximately 50 agencies will be represented at the fair, which is a consortium effort between the S. C. Co-op and Placement Association and Office of Personnel Management.

The fair is open to students of all majors and offers an excellent opportunity for students interested in full-time or summer positions, internships or co-op experiences.

Students will be able to meet with agency representatives who can make hiring decisions on the spot and drastically reduce the amount of paperwork and processing students would encounter by going through the normal channels.

Agency representatives will be looking to fill positions such as OPM evaluators, accountants, engineers, computer programmers, counselors, social workers, translators, interpreters, cartographers, and Department of Agriculture inspectors. Students should take several copies of their resume and be prepared to complete a Form 171 if requested by an agency.

Theodore to speak for Army ROTC program

Lt. Gov. Nick Theodore will be the featured guest speaker when USC Army ROTC celebrates George Washington's birthday in a ceremony at 11 a.m. today on the State House grounds.

USC's popular chorus, "Carolina Alive," will perform, and the Fort Jackson Ceremonial Salute Battery will fire a 21-gun salute.

"This is a great way for the public to honor this nation and one of its greatest leaders," said Capt. Dusty Owens, ROTC advisor and assistant professor at USC. "It's also an excellent way to give our cadets a sense of duty, history and purpose for their future military careers."

USC cadets will form the color guard at the ceremony. Festivities will conclude with the cutting, by military saber, of a two-foot-square birthday cake.

Sorority forum focuses on respect, support

By KEILA LEGREE
Staff Writer

Issues ranging from changing roles in the black community, leadership training for young women and interpersonal relationships were discussed Thursday in a forum sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in Gambrell Auditorium.

As part of its week-long founder's day activities, the Iota Chi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. sponsored a discussion, "What Have We Done For Ourselves Lately?"

The program featured Pamela Martin, president of the Iota Chi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta; Thyra White, national second vice president of Delta Sigma Theta; Andrew Chishom, USC criminal justice professor; Adell Adams, president of the Columbia Branch of the NAACP; and Willie Harriford, professor of

Afro-American Studies.

"Things have been shifting to the theme 'what have I done for myself lately,'" Chishom said. "Be proud of who you are. Be what you want to be. We must learn to respect one another and use the collective knowledge for the unification of our people," Chishom said.

Adams' interpretation of the theme focused on the leadership skills of young women.

She said men naturally have a support system, but women have to be conscious of the need to support one another.

"Young women, develop talents that will help you to be leaders in any capacity," Adams said.

Harriford spoke optimistically about the present and future of the black community. He stressed that as a group of people, the black community is proactive.

"Each one of the generations decide where and which direction they want to go. You are the ones that will have to go. You will be determining whether the black community will be reactive or proactive," he said.

The program also focused on interpersonal relationships within the black community and the NAACP's decision to boycott Columbia Mall.

Delta Sigma Theta also sponsored a "Cultural African Stepshow" in the Russell House Ballroom. The program featured the Harlem Hospital Dance Clinic, an all-female children's dance group from New York.

The stepshow included several cultural dance routines from the young dance group and African and traditional steps by Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

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"I thought Carolina Tip-Off was very nice. I really enjoyed it. It opened up some doors and channels for parents. I'm just ecstatic about it," Snipes said.

Newton said the USC students that worked with Carolina Tip-Off were very helpful. She said they told the students about the positives as well as the negatives of attending USC.

Broadcasting junior Tjuan Dogan, who served on the student

panel addressing black student life, said the program was a way of letting high school students know what USC is all about.

"We didn't have it when I came here as a freshman, and I think this is beneficial. I hope students take advantage of programs like these," Dogan said. "And I hope it will increase the amount of minorities that decide to attend USC."

Ron Laffitte, assistant director of admissions, said Carolina Tip-

Off also is a way to bring USC in closer contact with the Columbia community.

"One dad said something that was really interesting. He said that this was a good program, and what we are doing is really an investment in the community," Laffitte said.

"And that's true, because we can bring parents in, and they may

have a particular notion about USC. And to dispell that notion or change it is really something," he said.

USC," LouCresha Elliott, a senior from Hilton Head High School, said.

Mount Pleasant resident Henrietta Snipes came with her daughter to Carolina Tip-Off and said she was very impressed with the entire program.

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International sanctions, inflation, disinvestment, a lack of new jobs and the closing down of factories and mines brought the South African economy to a standstill and resulted in Mandela's release, Delancey said.

"It is too soon to think about ending sanctions in South Africa," he

said. USC has not been a great supporter of the freedom movement, said Katherine Gilbert, president of Alliance for Peace. The university has "invested millions of dollars in American companies doing business in South Africa," she said. "We have to tell the people in our university that this is not where we

want our money to go," she said.

Sheila Elliot, USC doctoral candidate, stressed that blacks in South Africa still suffer. "Black children still receive an inferior education to white children," Elliot said. "For every \$5 spent on a white child's education, only a dollar is spent on a black child's."



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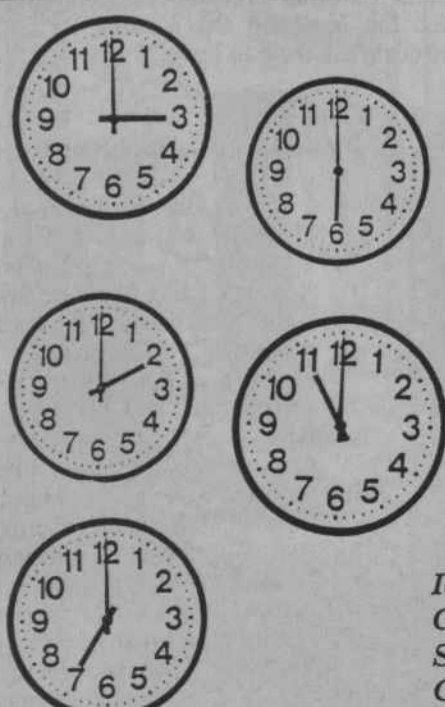
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