

# New Fee Payment System

## SPRING 1994 PRE-BILLING

Students who register for the 1994 Spring Semester before December 2, 1993 will receive a bill that will be very different from the bill received in the past. The new bill will list the classes the student is registered for and the charges the student currently owes the University. Additionally, the bill will list the student's financial aid. For the first time this financial aid can be used during the prepayment time frame to pay the bill.

The following is an explanation of the new bill:

- Section One** of the bill will be the schedule of courses the student is currently enrolled in at the time of billing. These courses were used in computing the charges due. Students will be billed at the part-time rate if their courses reflect that they are part-time students. Students are urged to register during their TIPS registration appointment time and make every effort to enroll as full-time students if they wish to be billed at the full-time rate (12 hours) for fee purposes.
- The upper portion of **Section Two** of the bill will be used to convey general messages such as the final date to pay fees prior to cancellation. The lower portion of Section Two will contain payment options and instructions that pertain specifically to this student.
- The left side of **Section Three** of the bill will display the charges due at the time of billing. The right side of Section Three will display all available and pending financial aid. Available financial aid is that aid that has been finalized and approved by the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships. Aid not yet finalized will be listed in the pending column, and the code listed adjacent to the pending column will be explained on the bottom right of Section Three.

Because of federal timing restraints and regulations, NO STAFFORD OR SLS (SUPPLEMENTAL) CHECKS WILL BE SENT TO THE UNIVERSITY IN TIME TO BE AVAILABLE AID ON THE PREBILL. If you are receiving a Stafford or SLS loan, you may call TIPS after December 29 and use these loans to prepay your Spring Semester charges. YOU MUST COME TO THE COLISEUM DURING REGISTRATION TO ENDORSE YOUR STAFFORD OR SLS LOAN CHECKS.

**Section Four** of the bill is a reprint of Section Three that will be retained by the Bursar's Office.

If you wish to add optional fees you may use the reverse side of the bill, **Section Five**. Some examples of fees that may be added are meal plans, cash cards, insurance, etc.. If you add optional charges to the bill, do not add them again through TIPS.

ALL STUDENTS WHO WISH TO PAY BY RETURN MAIL AND ARE USING ANY FORM OF AVAILABLE FINANCIAL AID CURRENTLY APPEARING ON THE BILL AS PAYMENT MUST SIGN AND DATE SECTION FIVE OF THE BILL BEFORE RETURNING IT TO THE UNIVERSITY FOR PROCESSING.

It is recommended that students with Stafford or SLS pending financial aid call TIPS after December 29 to pay their bill. After this date most of these loans will have been sent to the University and can be used to pay the Spring Semester bill. However, if the student has not met other criteria such as federal loan counseling or advisement, the loan will not be available until all criteria have been met.

All students who have financial aid greater than their charges must come to the Coliseum at their scheduled appointment time to receive their financial aid balance due check.

## USC DIGEST

### High school math contest to visit USC

The state's most important high school mathematics contest, featuring prizes worth more than \$18,000, will be from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the law school auditorium.

The seventh annual USC Mathematics Contest will have more than 300 of the state's brightest students competing for top prizes. Fifty high schools from every corner of the state also will be vying for bragging rights as the state's No. 1 math team.

The state's richest contest in the sciences, the competition offers a top prize of a four-year, full-tuition USC scholarship worth more than \$12,000. The runner-up will receive a half-tuition scholarship for four years at USC worth more than \$6,000.

Prizes are sponsored by the College of Science and Mathematics dean's office to generate interest in math and sciences among the state's high schools and to recognize exceptional academic talent. This year's contest is the first to offer a scholarship to the runner-up.

The scholarship winners are determined by the results of a written math test. Team scores are a combination of results on the written test and a single-elimination math tournament. The tournament, the contest's most colorful event, begins at 2:15 p.m. Schools will be cheering on their representatives as a field of 16 teams is reduced one by one to produce a champion.

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idea getting the team ready for the competition was to beat Georgia."

The conference, in its fourth year, was sponsored by the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers. It began Sunday, Nov. 21 and ended Tuesday, Nov. 23.

Team members praised USC's geography program, especially the graduate program, which is the only one of its kind in the state.

"Our win is a remark on the teaching at USC because not every graduate school in the nation has the curriculum we have," Smith said.

USC's geography graduate program is based solely on comprehensive exams that students must pass to remain in the program, Smith said.

The students said they are anxious to compete next year in San Francisco and feel confident they have a good chance of winning against the Northeast and West teams.

"Being able to represent South Carolina and the Southeast region at nationals will provide great exposure for the USC geography department, and I will definitely enjoy going into nationals as the team to beat," Scott said.

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