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Beasley stresses education, employment

REGINNA GREEN Asst. News Editor

Gov. David M. Beasley stressed the importance of building roads to the 21st century, both literally and figuratively, last night as he addressed the convention of the 112th South Carolina General Assembly.

Beasley informed the audience of South Carolina's significant economic gains over the past two years, citing a 56 percent increase in job creation, and the creation of 50,000 new jobs, all with median annual incomes of at least \$30,000

a year.

The governor said he believes such sound economic success requires a strong infrastructure, including interstate roads and highways in equally good shape as the state. Reiterating this is the release of a recent statistic reporting South Carolina welcomed 31 million visitors in 1996.

"Extraordinary demand requires extraordinary creativity," Beasley said. The state's most well-known champion of smaller government supports the creation of an

independent board to oversee the state's infrastructure improvement process.

In addition to improving physical roads to the next millennium, the governor plans to improve what he termed "the road to education," and, while citing parents as the most important element in education, touted the successes of South Carolina schools.

"Ladies and gentlemen," Beasley said, "this progress is real."

According to the governor, South Carolina boasted more than 200

National Merit Finalists and Semi-Finalists and almost more students of Advanced Placement courses than any other state in the nation. The state also plans to double the number of students at the South Carolina Governor's School for Math and Science in Hartsville, S.C. The South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts in Greenville, which is currently only a summer program, will be extended to year-round operations in the near future.

"I commend you, the General Assembly, for your actions," the

governor said. "We are seeing results ... [and] we will raise the bar and reach for the stars in education in South Carolina."

Beasley also unveiled a plan to help parents put their children through college. Beginning at age eight, according to the governor's plan, parents would be able to deposit money into a college trust fund for ten years. The governor's strong support for young people and their primary, secondary and post-secondary educations was clear as he announced his new plan and

boasted of success within South Carolina's schools and among South Carolina students. As he told the General Assembly, "it is for their good that we serve."

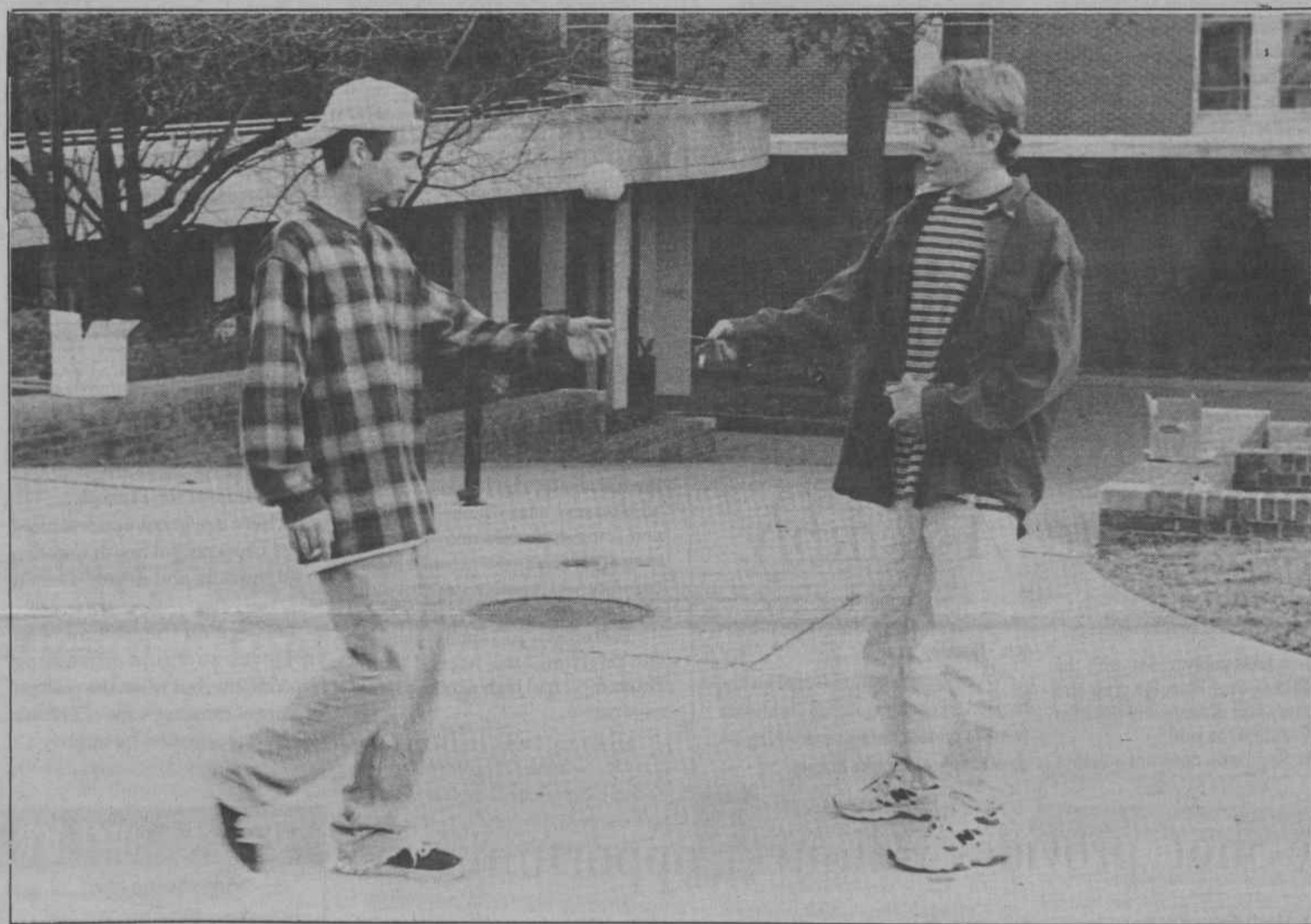
It was a night when the state expected the governor to tackle head on the issue of the Confederate flag, and he did.

"The [1994] Heritage Act is right for us today just as it was then," Beasley said.

The Heritage Act brought, forth

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Sidewalk Commerce



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Jamie Sanders (right) hands out telemarketing job information for Civic Development Group to Rob Mercer.

Wright vetoes Senate proposal

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Student Body President Patrick Wright provided the reasoning behind his veto of SBL (96) 037, a constitutional amendment making certain changes to parts of the Constitution unconstitutional.

The amendment proposed that senate Districts without representation would forfeit their seat(s) after the last senate meeting in November. This, Wright said, is unconstitutional because it revokes a college's right to representation, because that right is guaranteed elsewhere in the constitution.

"One, it's against part of the Constitution as it goes against part of the Constitution already," Wright said. "The other thing is even if they change that part, the whole purpose of student senate is to have representation of the student body."

"If they got rid of those seats, it would get rid of representation for a certain portion of the students and student senate wouldn't be representing the entire student body," Wright said.

According to Wright, it is imperative that even if colleges don't exercise their right to representation, they possess the right to be represented in Student Government.

"Even if those seats aren't filled right now, at least colleges have the right to fill them up. If they got rid of them, they wouldn't even have the right," Wright said.

The legislation also proposed to relieve the Vice President of his responsibility to fill vacant senate seats. According to the present

Constitution, the Vice President reviews applications for vacant senate seats and provides preliminary approval. The candidate then goes through the application process with the Powers and Responsibilities committee and is later brought before the senate body.

The proposed amendment would eliminate the Vice President's role in the process, and Wright believes this is a "curtailing of [the] power of the Vice President."

"Right now, the VP has the power to fill empty or vacant seats," Wright said, "and what this does is take the power from the Vice President and give it to the Powers and Responsibilities committee."

Wright originally planned to use the power of the line item veto and strike certain parts of the legislation. Upon further review, however, he found other problems with the bill, problems that the bill sponsors admitted existed during a discussion of the amendment.

"In general, throughout the proposed amendment, there are certain things, like the numbering of certain things, that are wrong," Wright said. "So to give them a chance to clean up the whole thing, I just vetoed the entire thing."

In other business, Student Services committee chairman Michele Marinkovic proposed placing SG surveys in residence halls and on the Internet, so as to facilitate a greater return of surveys from students.

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Graduate students ask university for on-campus housing for summer

KAREN LAYNE News Editor

Some graduate students sharing Bates House with freshmen say they're ready for a home of their own, a place they can live and work year-round.

Graduate students can live in Cliff Apartments, but Bates' C-wing is the best on-campus option for single graduate students, according to Robert Ware, a doctoral student in the College of Business Administration.

Bates is used by the Athletic Department for summer conferences, and the residents must surrender their rooms, Ware said.

Many graduate programs require year-round participation, and students feel they should in turn be offered year-round housing, Ware said.

"We're in a pretty nasty situa-

tion," Ware said. "The university bends over backward to provide housing for undergraduates, and I don't see why they can't do the same for students on the university payroll."

About 20 percent of the graduate wing is unused during the summer programs, and that's about the number of students who would like to stay during the summer, Ware said.

Some students would prefer a separate residence hall just for graduates, but there are advantages to Bates, he said.

The residence hall offers many amenities to graduate students, including computer access, kitchens and laundry facilities, Ware said.

"There's a lot of reasons graduate students like Bates," he said, but the hassle of moving in and out

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Ninety spaces are reserved for graduate students in Bates House.

Memorial for Dickey moved to Horseshoe

STAFF REPORTS

Writer Pat Conroy will speak at a memorial tribute to James Dickey at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, on the Horseshoe.

In case of bad weather, the service, which will last about an hour, will be held at Drayton Hall.

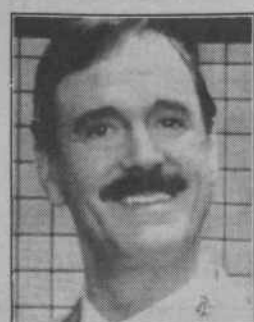
The ceremony also will feature remarks by Donald Greiner, interim provost; Ward W. Briggs, interim associate provost for undergraduate studies; and Matthew Brucoli, the Emily Jefferis Professor of English.

Julie Bloemeke, a former student of Dickey's, and David Bottoms, and English professor at Georgia State University, will read selections from Dickey's award-winning poetry.

The Thomas Cooper Medal also will be presented to the Dickey family.

Music will be provided by the Columbia City Chorale and the Zassoff Boys.

A reception will take place in McKissick Museum following the service.



Trying to figure out which movie to go see this weekend? Check out ETC. for a preview of 'Fierce Creatures' starring Jamie Lee Curtis and John Cleese and a review of 'Evita' starring Golden Globe winner Madonna.

IN ETC.

Melvin Watson's lay-up with 3.9 seconds left gave the Gamecocks their seventh-straight victory. Read all about the win on page 8. Now at 12-5 overall and 6-0 in the SEC, USC will look to keep its 1997 record perfect tomorrow as they welcome the Ole Miss Rebels to Frank McGuire Arena at 1 p.m. Get all of the up-to-date information in the preview on page 9.

IN SPORTS

Just For Fun

What is the total number of spots drawn by Disney Animators for the movie 101 Dalmatians?

ANSWER: 6,469,952

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