

Briefs

Graduation Gala tickets available

May graduates and their families and friends are invited to attend this traditional event to celebrate the graduation of bachelor, master and doctoral degree recipients at 7:30 p.m. May 8 in the Carolina Coliseum.

Entertainment will be music and dancing to the sounds of Second Nature, heavy hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. There will be a chance to win roundtrip airline tickets and other prizes.

All proceeds benefit the Student Endowment Fund as a gift from the Class of 1997. Call 777-4172 for information.

Counseling Center to offer spring programs

The center will provide between-semester faculty and staff workshops on stress, self-hypnosis, forgiveness and managerial styles beginning May 1. Student workshops will be offered on self-hypnosis, eating habits, families and psychomotor therapy. Call the center at 777-5223 or stop by the center at 900 Assembly St. for information.

Bates College president to deliver Mays lecture

Donald W. Harward, president of Bates College in Lewistown, Me., will deliver the third annual

Benjamin Elijah Mays Lecture at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the John H. Lumpkin auditorium in the Business Administration building. The lecture is titled, "Benjamin E. Mays: Legacy and Liberal Learning."

Planned Parenthood to offer free HIV testing

Free tests will be offered from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. the week of May 5, except for Wednesday, when testing will be held from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling the Planned Parenthood of South Carolina Columbia clinic at 256-4908.

City pools offer competitive swimming

Beginning this summer, City of Columbia pools will offer competitive swimming. Swim teams will be formed at Drew, Greenview and Maxcy Gregg pools. Registration forms are available at each park, and those interested should sign up as soon as possible. In addition, recreational swimming and swimming lessons will be offered at all three pools this summer. City pools open May 24. For more information, call Bobby Goodwin at 733-8331.

Student Government accepting applications for open Senate seats

Student Government is now accepting applications for open Senate seats. Applications may be picked

up in the SG office on the first floor of the Russell House. The following districts have open senate seats:

- District 3: Social Work — One open seat
- District 14: Health — One open seat
- District 15: Music — One open seat

Springtime festival to come to Finlay Park

Mayfest 1997 will be a celebration of 18 years of outdoor entertainment in Columbia's Finlay Park and Taylor Street. The festival will be held May 2-4 and will feature numerous musical acts, both national and local, as well as Southeastern arts and crafts, commercial and civic exhibits, tempting festival foods and a variety of special events. For more information, please contact the Columbia Action Council at 343-8750.

The Gamecock accepting applications

The Gamecock is looking for staff writer, photographers, cartoonists and columnists for the summer. Interested applicants should attend a meeting at 5:30 Wednesday in Russell House room 333 or call 777-7726.

The first issue this summer will be published May 16.

Environmental internships available

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Defense and Engineering Graduate Fellowship awards a \$54,000 total stipend and educational allowances over three years.

Recipients of the award must demonstrate ability and special aptitude for advanced training in science and engineering.

Boone is a senior mechanical engineering major and a member of the South Carolina Honor's College. He has received more national scholarships than any other student at the university.

Boone plans to complete his master's and doctorate degrees and become a professor of mechanics of materials at a research university.

Tatulli is a junior international studies major and has been awarded the John Cabot University Scholarship.

Nationally, only three students are awarded this scholarship. The John Cabot University Scholarship provides tuition and fees for an academic year of study at an Italian university. Tatulli will study abroad this year.

Educational applications aren't only being awarded, but created and promoted as well. The Environmental Careers Organization (ECO) is a national non-

profit organization and has been spending the last 25 years developing environmental professionals and promoting environmental careers.

The ECO provides an opportunity for new environmental professionals to work as paid interns in corporations, government agencies and non-profit organizations.

"The internship program is just one part of our organization," ECO president Jeff Cook said. "We also help those trying to clarify or find out more about environmental careers through our career workshops, web site, conferences, books and many other resources."

The 1997 National Environmental Career Conference, hosted by ECO, gives over 1,500 students a chance to find out more about the levels of environmental careers and issues and trends that help them make informed career decisions.

The conference plans to conduct general sessions, workshops, field trips and an environmental career fair. The conference will be held Oct. 24-25. To register, or for more information about the Environmental Careers Organization, call (617) 426-4375 or check out the ECO web site at <http://www.eco.org>.

Make your mommy proud.

Hey buddy, they sent you here to get an education and make something of yourself. So do it. Don't sit around and watch reruns all summer. Join The Gamecock. Meet new people. Write stuff. Take it home. Mom will think you've been spending your time productively. You'll have an awesome summer. Everyone is happy.

Summer writer's meeting. 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. Russell House 333. Be there.
Call 777-77276 for more details.

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