



### Hands-on work available for undergraduates

The South Carolina Center for Health Services and Policy Research is sponsoring an undergraduate level student program for experience this summer working with USC faculty and RMH staff on scholarly research in health care delivery and health policy. Applications are available from Dr. Dave Murday and due March 2. For more information call 777-0692.

### Lab interns wanted in S.C.

The South Carolina Center is sponsoring research opportunities in laboratories in several Columbia hospitals. Applications are due March 2 and available from Dr. William Woods, Director of the South Carolina Cancer Center, 7 Richland Medical Park. For more information call 733-3331.

### Cardiovascular, stroke studies offered at USC Medical School

Applications are due March 2 for summer job opportunities in laboratories at USC School of Medicine and the main campus. Applications are available from Stanley Fowler, VA Campus. For more information call 733-3331.

### Professional Women on Campus accepting nominations

Professional Women on Campus is accepting nominations of outstanding papers by women graduate students. Cash awards will be presented on Graduate Student Day. Nominations are due Monday to deans, department chairs, directors of graduate studies and members of Professional Women on Campus. For more information, call Jane Przybysz at 777-7251.

### State Employees Association accepting applications for scholarships

The S.C. State Employees Association is accepting applications for the Anne Agnew Scholarships. Students who have completed at least one year of higher learning are eligible. The deadline is March 1. For more information, write SCSEA, P.O. Box 5206, Columbia, S.C. 29250.

### USGS internship program offered

The U.S. Geological Survey Earth Sciences Internship Program is continually accepting applications for hands-on appointments. The program is administered by Oak Ridge Associated Universities. For more information, contact Ernestine Friedman at (423) 576-2358 or Deborah McCleary at (423) 576-4813.

## People still need affirmative action

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He said it was a coalition of blacks and women who came together in 1964 to get the civil rights act passed.

He said it is untrue that affirmative action is only for blacks and women. "An affirmative action plan should include all race and sex groups, including white males," he said.

According to Gist, discrimination in America is not solely racial.

There is discrimination based on sex, home-ownership, SAT scores, GPAs and various other characteristics.

Affirmative action is still needed because blacks and women are still getting less representation and are, in general, still earning less income than white males, he said.

Students at the meeting were generally supportive of Gist's discussion.

"As for the number of African-American students here at USC, a large part

of us are here because of affirmative action and without it, we probably would not be here," said Aaron Plush, senior administrative information major.

"It not only decides my future but decides the future of my kids," said Blanton Tolbert, junior chemistry and biology major.

Tolbert also came to the discussion because he was unclear about some aspects of affirmative action, which the discussion cleared up for him.

"In South Carolina we've made tremendous strides," Gist said. "There is hope and there is light at the end of the tunnel, and that light is not a freight train coming toward you."

## Volunteers have special break

staff writer BYRON HOLLAND

Spring Break. For most people, the phrase conjures thoughts of beaches, bathing suits and week-long drunken parties. For students taking part in USC's fourth annual Alternative Spring Break, though, it's a chance to spend time more constructively.

Alternative Spring Break is a national movement that encourages students to spend their break doing volunteer work rather than traditional activities.

"The idea behind it," said David Janes, Coordinator of USC's Community Service Program, "is that since students have this time off, and they don't have any other obligations, they can spend time in a community where they can make a difference."

Alternative Spring Break was founded at Vanderbilt University in 1985. Since then, every major college has adopted the concept. USC began its

program in 1994, when a group of students spent the week helping the needy in Boston. This year's trip will be to Rural Retreat, Virginia, a town with a population of around 1000.

Janes compares the program to Habitat for Humanity. "There are four full days of work planned," Janes said. "We'll be working on restoring a community center which will be turned into a tutoring center for children. Part will also serve as a day center for senior citizens."

In addition to working on the center, students will also have a chance to interact with the community. Dinners during the trip will be hosted by local citizens, and students will have a chance to square dance and clog on the last night.

"This is more than just a chance for volunteerism," Janes said. "It's also a chance to learn about different cultures right here in America."

USC junior Jenny Malizia went on her first Alternative Spring Break during her freshman year. The trip that year was to Pawleys Island, S.C., where students helped restore a local camp for minorities. What surprised her most about the experience, though, was the togetherness the group developed.

"What really amazed me," Malizia said, "was that despite the fact that we had different backgrounds, different religions and different majors, we were able to come together into this incredibly cohesive group. I've been involved in a lot of student activities and this is easily the coolest thing I've done," she said.

The cost of the trip is \$150 per person. This includes transportation, food and lodging. Interested students should call the Office of Community Service Programs at 777-6688.

## Muggings continue on Horseshoe

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If a person is in distress and can't stay to speak into the call box, the police can still tell which call box was activated.

If a person is being chased on campus and can't stay by the box, then Gallman said they could hit the call boxes they go by so that police can track their movement.

This is the first confirmed armed robbery for the school year, Gallman said.

One of the muggings last semester was thought to involve a gun, but the victim was not sure.

"In this community and in any community, one is too many," he said.

Dinkins said he and his friends thought they were "pretty safe."

He said that something like this changes the way people look at things.

"I guess I've been looking around a little more," he said.



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The Horseshoe has been the scene of two recent muggings of USC students.

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