



Hertz Graduate Fellowship offered

Graduating seniors with the potential to become leaders in scientific and technological advances and exemplars for graduate work leading to a Ph.D. in applied physical sciences can apply for this fellowship, which offers a \$25,000 stipend plus cost of education. A 3.75 GPA is required. Applications must be postmarked by Nov. 10 and are available at www.hertzfdn.org.

Scholarship available for female doctoral candidates

Female doctoral candidates completing dissertations, female graduate students in designated fields where female participation has been low or engineering doctoral candidates are eligible to apply for the American Association of University Women Fellowships which offer up to \$15,000. Applications must be postmarked by Nov. 15 and are available at www.aauw.org.

Udall Scholarship workshop offered

A Udall Scholarship workshop will be held at 3:30 p.m., Oct. 27, in the Gressette Room of Harper College. The scholarship program was created to encourage outstanding students to pursue careers related to environmental public policy and to encourage outstanding Native American and Alas-

ka native students to pursue careers related to health care and tribal public policy. Douglas Williams is the Udall faculty advisor. Contact Novella Beskid at 777-0958 for more information.

NSEP workshop offered

A National Security Education Program scholarship and fellowship workshop will be held at 3:30 p.m., Nov. 4, in the Gressette Room of Harper College. Patricia Willer is the NSEP faculty advisor. NSEP provides opportunities for Americans to study in regions critical to U.S. national interests. Award amounts are up to \$8,000 per semester or \$16,000 per academic year for undergraduate students. For applications, contact your NSEP campus representative or the NSEP office at (800) 618-NSEP. Deadline is Feb. 8, 1999.

Pre-doctoral biological science fellowships offered

Eighty fellowships will be awarded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute for full-time study toward a Ph.D or Sc.D. in the biological sciences. The fellowships are intended for students who have completed less than one year of graduate study. The application deadline is Nov. 10. For more information or an application, call (292) 334-2872.

Pre-doctoral fellowships offered for minorities

About 50 pre-doctoral fellowships will be awarded in a nationwide competition sponsored by the Ford Foundation and administered by the National Research Council. An annual stipend of \$14,000 is awarded to the fellow and a \$7,500 stipend to the institution. Applications are due Nov. 14. For more information, call (202) 334-3419.

Senate encouraged to keep office hours

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even though I'll still probably vote against it," he said. Sharpe, however, said the proposal should be a requirement included in the duties of a senator. "There is no log book police," he said. "This is based on, heaven forbid, a code of honor. Do we have that amongst ourselves? This bill is not about making senators feel like children. No, this is about being grown up, being responsible." The bill was defeated by a roll-call vote. Sharpe and Tidikis then reintroduced the suggestion as a resolution.

"I encourage you to vote for this — to send the proper message to your constituency," Sharpe said. "If responsibility to your constituency isn't something you're concerned about, then vote 'no.'" Although many senators left before the resolution came to the floor, it was passed by a roll-call vote. The senate also approved the 1998-1999 Elections Commission by a slate vote. New members include Mitch Boatwright, Tushar Chikhliker, Tammy Freeman, Russell Gaither, Emily Lamaster, Laura McFarland, Erika Rose and Adam Snyder.

BGLA planning next drag performance

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their lives. One audience member asked whether the performers dress like women in their everyday lives, which produced a variety of answers. Stevens said she lives her life as a pre-operative transsexual and has been married to a "wonderful man for eight years." Saunders is a hairdresser who lives as a pre-operative transsexual, as well. Both Saunders and Stevens will become women in every sense through operative procedures. Hunter and Roberts live as men but dress in drag for performances. Hunter is the proprietor of Hunter's Fashions and is a peer counselor in her spare time. Roberts is employed as an administrative assistant for the State of South Carolina. Brian Quick, secretary for the BGLA, was "so ecstatic about the number of people who came to the show. It was really, really great. It showed a lot of support from the university, and I really appreciate that."

Quick pointed out that while many students from the BGLA were at the show, a "large portion of [the students are] people who don't ordinarily come into contact with the gay community." He also pointed out that it was "a healthy step" toward unity among all USC students. Because of the success of the show, planning for "The Birdcage II: Samantha's Revenge," is already underway, according to BGLA Graduate Assistant Pat Patterson. Student Government President Kim Dickerson and Treasurer Susanne Newman attended the show. "I had a really good time," Dickerson said. "I'm really glad that BGLA brought this program to campus during Creed Week." While the four performers might have been dressed in drag, 90 to 95 percent of homosexuals dress in regular clothes, Quick said. "Too often, diversity is limited to race," he said. "The [gay] community is as much a part of every day life as any other group."

Members devote one year to community service

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nity service. Nationwide, 900 members work in different cities on projects similar to the types of projects volunteers will be working on during Columbia's Serve-a-thon. Columbia has 62 City Year members. Members are ages 17 to 24 and are from different educational backgrounds. Members include GED candidates, students taking a break from college and college graduates. City Year members learn how to write a resume and answer interview questions. They become leaders at their workplace or in their communities. They

have new experiences that help them become well-rounded people. They establish housing on their own. City Year will help if a needed. They have a weekly allowance of \$140 and are awarded \$4,725 upon completion of the program. The City Year program is promoted at career fairs, volunteer fairs, career centers, fraternities, sororities and high schools. Senior member Monica Biswas decided to come to Columbia to join City Year after doing small community service projects in her home town of Mass. She encourages those who want to be a part of City Year.

Lottery issue significant factor in gubernatorial race

senior writer KEVIN LANGSTON

Perhaps the biggest issue in this year's gubernatorial race is the lottery and whether it's the solution for education improvements. The main concern for college students and their parents is whether the lottery will aid in the cost of higher education. Since gubernatorial Democratic candidate Jim Hodges said he would push for a lottery, the state has been in constant debate over whether our state would in fact benefit from it. Incumbent David Beasley had been against the lottery until recently. The governor now claims he will not stand in the way of a statewide referendum. "Governor David Beasley won't stand in the way of a lottery," Beasley press secretary Eric Cavanaugh said. "However, if the state wants a lottery, it will be the cleanest, most efficiently run lottery in the U.S." "Whether or not the lottery does improve education is all speculation," Cavanaugh said. Cavanaugh indicated that current studies show the lottery will only pull in \$75 million. "This is only 3 percent to 4 percent of our current education budget," Cavanaugh said. He added that Beasley is already spending \$550 million on education. According to Cavanaugh, Beasley is exploring other methods of improv-

ing statewide higher education, including further development of the LIFE scholarship. Since the scholarship is in its first year, Cavanaugh said Beasley plans to evaluate the program and make the necessary adjustments to assure that it stays. "The LIFE scholarship has been the driving force for Beasley," Cavanaugh said. "I think it says a lot about the accomplishments of a Republican governor and house." In addition to the LIFE scholarship, Beasley has proposed a nine-point education plan that, according to the official press release, "is designed to take South Carolina's schools to the next level." Point four of the nine-point education plan reads, "South Carolina's colleges and universities should reshape their teacher training programs to bring them in line with the new standards." Cavanaugh said it is important to keep the "best and brightest" here in South Carolina. "The students deserve the best teachers possible," he said. The \$90 million South Carolina loses each year to Georgia's lottery has the Hodges camp screaming out against Beasley's legislation. They have proposed an in-depth "rescue plan" for education improvement. "[The lottery] will be a stable revenue source for scholarships," said a

spokesperson for the Hodges' campaign, who requested anonymity. "According to the non-partisan Strom Thurmond Institute of Economics at Clemson University, the lottery would bring in \$218 million," he said. This figure is not consistent with the \$75 million Beasley's party says the lottery will generate. According to the spokesperson, this discrepancy can be linked to the fact that Beasley paid a committee to investigate the lottery's potential effects. "Who are you going to believe, a non-partisan committee or a committee paid for by Beasley?" the spokesperson asked. He said more change would be seen from Hodges' lottery because Hodges wants to specify where the lottery money will go. "This year's election is nothing more than a referendum or election on the future of education in South Carolina," the spokesperson said. According to criminal justice professor Blease Graham, all recent elections have "hinged" on the education issue. Graham sees the lottery as a "painless source of revenue," but he does not see the lottery as the ultimate solution to South Carolina's educational problems. "It is not a magic bullet solution to education improvement," Graham said. He is concerned that the lottery will create a false sense of revenue gain. Graham indicates that an increase in

revenue from the lottery may be undercut by a reduction in revenue from taxes. Graham also said South Carolina spends too much time dealing with new ways to solve problems. "We are too concerned with input and not performance," he said. Graham said South Carolina is too concerned with finding new ways to solve problems rather than effectively using the money the state already has. Computer science freshman Darren Braynard does not think the lottery will improve higher education. He said an increase in revenue will not inspire more students to go to college. "It is about a lack of ambition, not a lack of money," Braynard said. Biology sophomore Jodi Anderson disagrees. "We are 50th in the nation in SAT scores and 48th in education, and here we are sending Georgia students to college," she said. On Thursday, Beasley filed a lawsuit against Collins Entertainment to stop the company from illegally funding a campaign against the incumbent.

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