

## ON CAMPUS

## Filing for SG candidacy starts today

Filing for Student Government candidacy starts today and lasts through Friday in RH 110. Anyone running for office must attend a mandatory meeting Feb. 1. The Senate meeting will be held at 4 p.m., and the Executive meeting will be at 5 p.m. in RH Ballroom A.

## Service sorority to hold spring rush

Omega Phi Alpha National Service Sorority will hold its spring rush at 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in The Golden Spur. The sorority volunteers with several organizations in the Columbia area, and all women at the university are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Kindsay at 544-4930.

## Women's Studies to host speaker

Maria Mabrey, assistant professor in the Department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese, will speak at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in Gambrell 250. Mabrey will discuss "Women in the Resistance: Politics and War in Republican Spain (1931-1939)." For more information, call 777-4007.

## Mortar Board holds informational meeting

Mortar Board and Omicron Delta Kappa will be having a joint informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in RH 315. Applications are being accepted for both organizations. For more information, call Tushar at 544-4545.

## Lehigh professor to discuss evolution

Michael Behe, associate professor of biochemistry at Lehigh University, will speak on "Darwin's Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the RH Ballroom. The lecture will be followed by time for questions.

## Woman of the Year applications available

The Office of Women's Student Services and the Women's Student Association are taking applications for the ninth annual Outstanding Woman of the Year at USC award and scholarship. Applications are available at the RH Information Center, the Campus Activities Center and the Women's Studies Department. They're due Feb. 15. For more information, call 777-6688.

## Black History Month speaker to debut

Dennis Kimbro will speak on the "Empowerment for the Next Millennium" at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 2 in the RH Theater. For more information or for upcoming events, call the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 777-7716.

## Volunteers needed for ad Litem project

The Volunteer Guardian ad Litem Project for Richland County is accepting applications. Volunteers act as official representatives of abused and neglected children in family court, and they must be 21 to apply. Training sessions are Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call CC Dennis, volunteer coordinator, at 748-5024.

## SC-AMP offers drop-in tutoring

The South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation is offering free tutoring for lower-level math, science and engineering courses. The tutoring is located in the SC-AMP Drop-In Center, located in Sumwalt 209I. For more information, call Dwayne White at 777-0621.

Briefs for On Campus can be submitted to RH 333. Submissions should include a contact name and phone number. We can't promise to print everything, but we can promise to try.



## NSEP offers scholarships for study abroad

International experience is crucial to a competitive resume. The National Student Exchange Program provides opportunities for Americans to study in regions critical to U.S. national interests (excluding Western Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand). Students can get awards in amounts of up to \$8,000 per semester, or \$16,000 per academic year. Scholarships are available for study in summer 1999, fall of 1999 and/or spring 1999. For applications, call the NSEP campus representative at 777-6742. The application deadline is Feb. 8.

## American Chemical Society deadline Feb. 15

The American Chemical Society is sponsoring several scholarship programs for qualified minority applicants who are incoming freshman. To apply, students must be majoring in chemistry, biochemistry, chemical engineering or other chemically related fields. The scholarships are worth up to \$2,500. The application

deadline is Feb. 15. For more information, call the Fellowships Office at 777-0958.

## Rotary International offers scholarship

The Rotary Foundation sponsors Rotary Scholars each year for study abroad. Rotary Scholars award recipients are expected to strive to contribute to world understanding and peace both during their studies abroad and thereafter. To qualify, students must have completed two years of college-level coursework or professional experience before beginning their scholarship studies. A workshop detailing information on the scholarship, application procedures and selection criteria will be held at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Gressette Room on the third floor of Harper College. For more information, call the Fellowships Office at 777-0958.

## Warwick Exchange Program competition open

The 1999 competition is open for the USC department of history's Warwick England Exchange. This program, which is open to all history majors, minors and cognates, will select four USC-system students to attend the University of Warwick in Coventry, England. Rising sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible. Applications are available at the history office and are due on or before March 5.

## Technicians available to help students

through Feb. 19 in the following locations:

• Mondays in the third-floor study hall in Preston

• Tuesdays in the first-floor computer lab in Patterson

• Wednesdays in the Towers Lobby Information Resource Room

• Thursdays in the first-floor computer lab in Bates House

• Fridays in the first-floor computer lab in Columbia Hall

Computer Services advises any student who experiences computer problems to notify them immediately. Their service number is 777-1800.

In addition, computer technicians will be available in dorms to help students with problems they might have connecting their computers to the USC network.

Technicians will be available from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

## Hazing victims defend ritual as common practice

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were supposed to be used to slurp Jell-O.

But the fun ended when 18-year-old Jeannette McKinney was singled out for not marching fast enough and quick-stepped blindfolded into a brick wall, resulting in causing a chipped tooth and a bloody face.

She was taken to the emergency room and released. And John Cushman, the veteran French horn player barking orders, was charged with culpable negligence.

But the charges were dropped when McKinney told FSU police she didn't want to press charges.

Instead, a faculty review board found that the incident violated the student code of conduct governing hazing and put the Marching Chiefs on probation for three years.

"A reluctant victim causes us a real dilemma," FSU Police Maj. Jack Handley said. "When you have a victim who does not consider themselves a victim, it is very difficult to move forward with a prosecution."

Similarly, Tallahassee police dropped battery charges against Luckey's paddlers because the beating was

not against his will — and he even returned for more blows.

The worst hazing goes on behind closed doors, off campus.

And those hazed often don't feel like victims.

As 19-year-old Luckey told the Ocala Star Banner the day after his release from the hospital: "It goes on at every university. This was pretty much by choice. If you want to be in a fraternity or the cool part of the band, that's kind of what you do."

Doug Richmond, a St. Louis lawyer who defends fraternities in hazing litigation, offered explanations of why hazing occurs:

• Misguided tradition: "Somebody has been hazed when they were a pledge or a freshman member of the band or a junior varsity wrestler. They persevered: 'Well, if I put up with it, you can put up with it.'"

• Alcohol abuse: "Alcohol makes reasonable people look the other way."

• Power trips: "In every group, whether it's in education or corporate America, there are people who like to lord authority over people. And that personality is encased in the bodies of 18- and 22-year-olds."

## Got Features?

3 p.m. every Sunday  
Russell House 333.  
Or call 777-7726  
and press 3.

# Resident Advisor Applications Now Available!

Applications are available in the following locations:

- Bates Area Office
- Towers Area Office
- South Area Office
- Capstone Area Office
- Horseshoe Area Office
- Residence Education Office

Applications & completed reference forms are due

**Thursday, Jan. 28, 1999  
by 4:30 PM**

to the Residence Education Office

## WOMEN'S Student Services

The Office of Women's Student Services and the Women Student's Association is proud to sponsor the Ninth Annual

## Outstanding Woman of the Year at USC Award and Scholarship

Applicants must be an undergraduate with a minimum of 60 credit hours and a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Areas of consideration for the award are as follows:

1. Academic Achievements and Awards
2. Campus/Community Activities
3. Athletics (including intramural sports & fitness)
4. Work Experience
5. Character

Applications available at the following locations:

- Russell House Information Center
- Campus Activities Center (Lower Level Russell House)
- Office of Student Life (115 Russell House)
- Office of Women's Studies

Application deadline is Monday, February 15, 1999.

For additional information, please contact  
The Office of Women's Student Services at 777-6688  
Department of Student Life.