

Alumni Association to honor McNair at Homecoming gala

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The Alumni Association will be host to a dinner for returning alumni and several reunion classes Friday night at the Sheraton Hotel in celebration of Homecoming.

Robert McNair and Luther Battiste will be honored as distinguished alumni at the dinner.

McNair was graduated in 1958 with a degree in liberal arts and served as student body president while he attended USC. Alumni Association Assistant Director Lynn Bradley said he has since become a respected businessman.

"He's owned several companies and most recently acquired an NFL franchise for Houston. His resume is quite extensive," Bradley said. "He is be-

ing honored for his continued success in business and for his contributions to USC."

Three years ago, McNair donated \$20 million to USC to start a scholarship program for out-of-state students. The scholarship is comparable to the Carolina Scholarship Program for in-state students.

Students submit applications that are judged on academic performance, SAT scores, talent and essays. Of the students who apply, 30 become McNair finalists with a guaranteed \$8,000 a year. After an interview, 15 of the finalists become McNair Scholars and get \$12,000 a year.

According to Scott King, associate director of admissions, the McNair scholarship program is still in an early stage of development.

"When it is fully funded, there will be 20 McNair Scholars to equal the number of Carolina Scholars," King said.

Business freshman Adam Wilson, of North Carolina, was awarded the scholarship last year.

"Obviously, I am very grateful because my education is pretty much paid for," Wilson said.

"Mr. McNair is doing a great thing by giving back to the school. I think his honor is well deserved."

Wilson and the other McNair scholars will attend a dinner in their honor Thursday night and will have the chance to meet McNair.

"I am looking forward to meeting him," Wilson said.

While McNair excelled in the business field,

Battiste is being honored for his service to the university.

As a lawyer in Columbia, Battiste was the first representative for District 1 at the Columbia City Council. He held his position for 15 years.

"He kept the university informed of what was going on in the city," Bradley said. "He was a good resource for the university, as well as an avid supporter."

Battiste and McNair will be two of seven award recipients at the dinner. Bradley Smith will receive the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award for service. Stephen Brown will be honored as Outstanding Young Alumni. Aretha Pigford will be honored as Outstanding Black Alumni, and Philip Mullen and Harriott Faucette will become honorary life mem-

bers of the Alumni Association.

During the celebration, alumni will gather for cocktails, eat dinner and watch the awards ceremony. President of the Alumni Association William Doar and USC President John Palms will present the awards. Both McNair and Battiste will speak, as well.

The Alumni Association has given awards to alumni for 30 years.

However, it's the sixth year for the gala. It was originally held the morning of the Homecoming football game.

"We moved it to Friday evening to make it more special and a bigger event for the alumni," Bradley said.

CORRECTION:

The caption in Monday's issue of *The Gamecock* should have said Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, not Alpha Ki Alpha.

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Oct. 17

Assistance rendered, LaBorde. The victim complained of depression. The reporting officer observed the victim in an extreme state of intoxication. Emergency Medical Services and First Responder were notified and responded. The victim was taken to the Palmetto Baptist Medical Center for treatment.

Oct. 16

Disorderly conduct and trespass after notice, Greene Street. The suspect was seen stumbling and could barely stand. He was observed to have slurred speech and bloodshot eyes, and he smelled of alcohol. The suspect had been warned two days earlier to stay off USC property. He was arrested and taken to the Richland County Detention Center.

Oct. 15

Trespass after notice, School of Law. Reporting officer was summoned to the USC School of Law and

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advised that the suspect was on the property after being warned to stay off by USC police officers. The suspect was placed under arrest, booked at the USC Police Department and transported to the Richland County Detention Center.

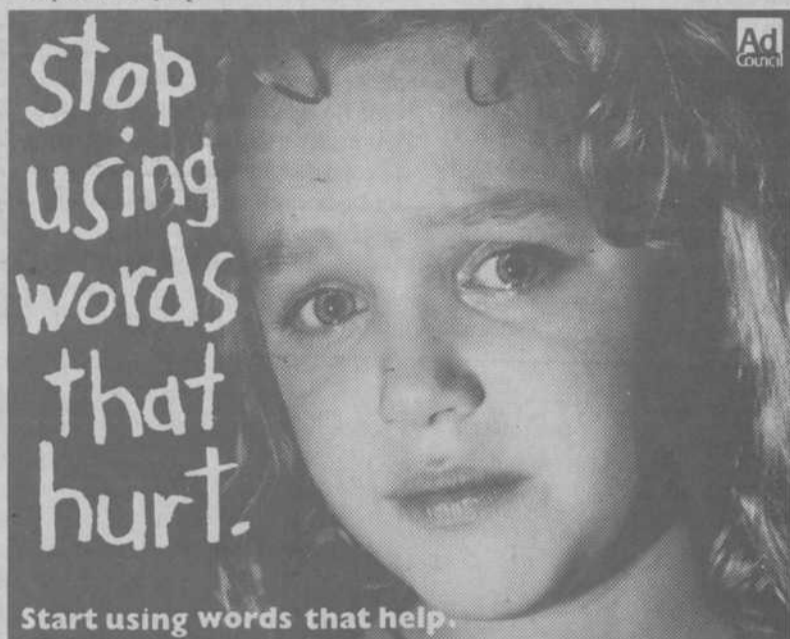
Disorderly conduct, School of Law. Complainant said the subject was being very loud and boisterous. A witness said the subject was so bad that she feared for her safety. Upon talking with the subject, the responding officer discovered the subject was neither a student nor a faculty or staff member. The subject was warned to stay off USC property or face arrest for trespassing after notice.

Oct. 14

Grand larceny of laptop computer, Russell House Bookstore. Complainant said a person or persons used a key to remove one Apple laptop computer from a glass case while the complainant was at lunch. The reporting officer dusted for fingerprints, but none were good enough to be lifted. Estimated value: \$1,600.

Oct. 13

Larceny of calculator, Russell House Bookstore. Victim said he put his bookbag down at the bookstore. Upon returning to it, an unknown person or persons had removed it, along with its contents: a TI-83 calculator, two textbooks and a day planner. Estimated value: \$200.



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