

News Notes

ESSENCE To Celebrate 25th Anniversary

ESSENCE features Billy Dee Williams and a Travel Special in the April issue (due on newsstands March 20th). The cover story Undeniably Billy is an intimate visit with the "absolute smoothest and most sensuous, all-man star — Billy Dee Williams."

The April Travel Special features fascinating articles which will help readers get the most out of their travel dollars. Twenty-five Travel Tips will help ESSENCE readers plan their vacation and travel with the least amount of hassle.

This year, ESSENCE celebrates its Twentieth Anniversary. One of the fastest-growing magazines in the United States, ESSENCE has a guaranteed monthly circulation of 850,000 and a readership of more than 4 million. Its parent company, Essence Communications, Inc. (ECI), includes Essence Direct Mail, which distributes ESSENCE By Mail, a catalog marketed to Black consumers, and Essence Art Reproductions. Essence Licensing, another division of ECI, includes the Essence Eyewear line and the ESSENCE Collection by Butterick, a sewing-pattern wardrobe.

Black REP To Present MASTER HAROLD

The NCBRC and Theatre Guild invites the general public to join the Black

Rep when the company officially celebrates the release of Nelson Mandella with the brilliant and powerful Broadway drama, "Master Harold ... and the boys". Group rates are available. Limited seating is available, so call in your reservations as soon as possible at 723-7907.

Additional performances of "Master Harold ...and the boys" are scheduled for March 24-25-30-31 and April 1-6-7. All performances will begin at 8pm except the Sunday performances which will begin at 3 pm.

Sexual Assault Conference At NCSU

North Carolina State University will host a statewide conference, "Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence on the College Campus: Issues of Response," April 5-6.

The event, to be held at the McKimmon Center on the university campus, is being jointly sponsored by NCSU'S Campus Rape Prevention Committee, Center for Health Directions, Student Health Services, Division of Student Affairs and Division for Lifelong Education. The keynote speaker, Dr. Andrea Parrot, will open the conference at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 5.

For information, contact Connie McElroy or Belinda Niedwick, Division for Lifelong Education, Box 7401, McKimmon Center, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C. 27695-7401, or call (919) 737-2261.

Income Tax Help For Seniors

If you are a senior citizen and worried about how you can get your income taxes filled out correctly, your worries are over. The East Winston Branch Library will provide free tax assistance for older persons. Every Thursday, through April 12, 1990 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information call 727-2202 or go by the library at 1110 East Seventh Street.

Educational Loans Available

Three educational loan programs for North Carolina residents attending colleges in or out of state and or nonresidents attending colleges in North Carolina are available through College Foundation Inc. These loan programs are funded by North Carolina banks and other investors.

Stafford Loans are for dependent for independent students and are based on financial need. Supplemental Loans are for independent self-supporting students and are not based on financial need. PLUS loans are to parents of dependent students and are not based on financial need.

For more information, write College Foundation Inc., 2100 Yonkers Road, P.O. Box 12100, Raleigh, NC 27605-2100 or call 919/821-4771.

Scholarships Available

Student Assistance is now accepting applications for scholarships, fellowships, grants, and loans for the 1990-91 school year.

According to the president of Student Assistance, Mark Caffey, millions of dollars available to students for financial aid go unclaimed each year.

Caffey believes Student Assistance will help many students. "Education should not be prohibited because of cost", he added.

If you are a high school student or college student and would like to fill out an application, please send a self-addressed-stamped envelope to: Student Assistance, P.O. Box 57037, Webster, Texas 77598.

Parents Waiting Room New Feature At Coliseum

The Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum will offer a refuge for parents and chaperones in the "Parents' Waiting Room" while teenagers rock-out in the main arena. The Parents' Waiting Room is a free service provided by the Coliseum.

Those who are waiting for concert-goers will find complimentary snacks provided by Planters Lifesavers Inc. and will enjoy free beverages courtesy of Coca-Cola Bottlers of Winston-Salem. Relaxation will come easily in comfortable furniture provided by Crown Home Centers. Big-screen TV, current magazines, and friendly conversations will be available. Bring a book, watch TV or commiserate with others.

Parents and chaperones are invited to come to the Parents' Waiting Room, in the Administrative Wing of the Coliseum off University Parkway. The patio entrance is easily accessible from the Coliseum West parking lot.

Eckerd Receives Olympic Gold

Eckerd Drug Company donated \$12,935.82 to North Carolina Special Olympics, making Eckerd a gold sponsor of the 1990 Summer Games. North Carolina Special Olympics Executive Director Dave Lenox accepted the donation saying the donation will help offset the expenses from the 1990 Summer Games, which will be held June 8-10, 1990 at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C. Over 2,000 athletes across North Carolina will compete in Summer Games.