BSC student, 2003 graduate earn Rotary Scholarships

A Birmingham-Southern senior and a recent graduate have been selected by the national Rotary Foundation to receive its prestigious 2003-04 Rotary Scholarship for overseas cultural study.

Anna Donaldson of Jasper and Sara Doughton of Homewood each were awarded a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship for one year of post-graduate international study.

The Rotary Scholarships are sponsored by local Rotary Clubs based on written proposals students present to a scholarship committee. Donaldson and Doughton were to receive their overseas assignments in December. Upon their return to the United States, each will speak at Rotary Club gatherings to share their overseas experiences.

Donaldson graduated cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in English this past May and will pursue a master’s degree in communications as part of her Rotary experience. She currently is working as a communications intern at ABC News in Boston. Doughton is an English major.

Over the past decade, 27 Birmingham-Southern students have become Rotary Scholars.

College’s Panhellenic Council wins highest award for excellence

The governing body of Birmingham-Southern’s seven national sororities has been named the nation’s best by the National Panhellenic Council.

BSC’s Panhellenic Council was presented with that group’s Panhellenic Conference Overall Excellence Award during October ceremonies in Palm Springs, Calif. The National Panhellenic Council is the national coordinating body for college and university panhellenic organizations.

The college’s Panhellenic Council was selected for the award from among all other colleges and universities in the U.S. having six to 10 national sororities on campus.

The award recognizes college panhellenics for achievements and programs that best develop fraternity loyalties and friendships, confidence in one another, and mutual respect and helpfulness, as well as philanthropic involvement, educational programming, recruitment procedures, and the ability to foster positive panhellenic relationships with the campus community.

The BSC Panhellenic Council sponsors several educational and social activities for campus members each year including Fall Rush, the Halloween on the Hilltop carnival, and a Faculty Appreciation Luncheon, among others.