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Prince Edward gives this year's Scottish Games a regal presence.

Bagpipes. Kilts. A march of the clans. A vintage car show.

And a member of the British royal family to boot.

It turned out to be a landmark Memorial Day weekend for Greenville and a brilliant May 29 at Furman, when the university played host for the fifth time to the area's annual Scottish Games. This year, Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, third son of Queen Elizabeth and seventh in line to the British throne, was on hand for the festivities.

The 46-year-old prince's four-day visit to the Upstate marked the first time a senior royal had attended a Scottish Games outside of Scotland. The queen's youngest child was treated to a weekend of Southern hospitality (including a campfire featuring s'mores), an American celebration of all things Scottish, and an audience with Miss America and a host of Miss South Carolina contestants to whom he presented Duke of Edinburgh Awards, which encourage and promote such values as fitness and community service.

Despite the heat and humidity at the Games, the prince coped splendidly. Looking dashing in a suit and wide-brimmed hat, he moved through the crowd cheerfully, chatted amiably with visitors and participants in the Games' various events, and genuinely appeared to enjoy himself.

The Games sponsored an international "pipe tune" contest for individuals interested in creating a musical competition in the prince's honor. He described it as "a lovely thought" and, in a press conference before his departure, thanked Greenville for its hospitality.

"From what I saw, you've got a beautiful city here," he said. "I have to say that the people have been absolutely wonderful. I've been overwhelmed by the welcome I've received."

For the Scottish Games, it all amounted to a first-rate show. Perhaps the prince, or another of the Windsors, will decide to visit again someday. |F|

Photos by Jeremy Fleming.

