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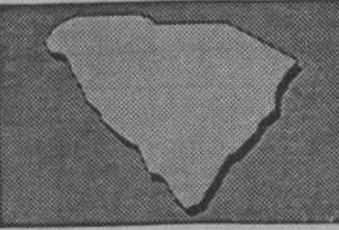
WORLD

■ A Jesuit theologian's report, discovered after 48 years in a private archive, accuses the hierarchy of France's Roman Catholic Church of fully supporting the pro-Nazi government of Vichy France. The report, written in 1944 by respected theologian Henri du Lubac, describes the behavior of many Roman Catholic bishops under the Nazis as "a scandal." "The church in France appeared in the eyes of everyone to profit odiously from an odious situation," Lubac wrote in the report, which was published for the first time in this month's issue of the religious journal *Revue de Deux Monde*.



NATION

■ Three out of four Americans believe there was an official conspiracy to keep the public from knowing the truth about John F. Kennedy's assassination, according to poll results reported on the CBS News show "48 Hours." In the CBS-New York Times poll results released Wednesday, the number of people who believe there was a cover-up increased from 61 percent in a similar poll in 1988.



STATE

■ South Carolina Electric & Gas' nuclear plant near Jenkinsville has been called one of the four safest in the country by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The V.C. Summer Nuclear Station was evaluated on operational safety, self-assessment, problem resolution and plant management organization and oversight.



USC

■ The National Association of Secondary School Principals has named Dean Owens, who received a master's degree from USC, South Carolina Assistant Principal of the Year. Owens has been assistant principal at Dent Middle School in Richland District Two since 1971 and previously earned the Tom Ackerman Distinguished Assistant Principal Award from the S.C. Association of Elementary School Principals.

S.G. presidents petition Legislature

Universities need more state money

By GORDON MANTLER
News Editor

USC Student President Manish Shrivastava and student presidents of other universities joined forces Tuesday to demand more higher education funding from the S.C. Legislature.

The presidents held a news conference at the State House to voice their concerns.

"The current level of funding for higher education in the state of South Carolina is a travesty," Shrivastava said. "Compared to our neighboring states of Georgia and

North Carolina, our state of higher education is much lower and could be a lot better."

Clemson Student President Greg Horton agreed. "It appears that our state lacks a sincere commitment to higher education," Horton said. "We feel that this issue is important, not only to the students and their parents, but to all who want a bright future for South Carolina."

"South Carolina's investment into higher education is about one third less than the southern regional average," he added. "The average annual cost for a South Carolina resident going to a public college or university in the state is the second highest in the South."

Clemson's budget was cut by \$10 million this year alone, he said.

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Marri McBride, student president at Winthrop College, and Krista Ellis, student president at

the College of Charleston, also addressed the problem of high tuition.

"Without more funding from the state, we'll have a hard time keeping high quality students in the state, and this in turn will affect our economy," McBride said.

The presidents brought boxes of letters from students, parents and alumni asking the State Legislature to address the problem.

The presidents presented the letters to Senate Finance Committee Chairman John Drummond and House Ways and Means Committee Chairman William Boan.

"What we're doing this year will set a precedent for years to come," Shrivastava said. "We're going to motivate and organize students and enable them to follow us. And I

think we're just going to tell the politicians we're tired of the garbage we've been getting."

"Education is just imperative to the growth and future of our state," Ellis said. "It's embarrassing that we have the second highest tuition in the South."

Richland County Democrat Tim Rogers said the problem is not understood. "I don't think there's a general understanding of the severity of the problem among the general public," Rogers said.

"The level of funding for higher education is now down to a historic low," he added.

One possible way to raise revenue for increased higher education funding is establishing a sales tax on purchases made with catalogs, Rogers said.

Faculty Senate raises admission standards

By CHRISTOPHER M. DAVIS
Staff Writer

The Faculty Senate voted Wednesday to raise the predicted grade point ratio for incoming freshman from 2.0 to 2.15.

The increase, which received nearly unanimous support in a voice vote, takes effect in the fall of 1993 and could reduce that year's freshman class by more than 350 students.

The projected grade point ratio is an average of a student's high school class rank, verbal Scholastic Aptitude Test score and quantitative SAT score.

The ratio predicts a student's college GPR. "The Admissions Committee believes that the prediction formula is a fair and effective tool, and that increasing the score needed for admission is the appropriate way to produce an undergraduate contingent at the university that is academically stronger and better qualified," Mary Ellen O'Leary said.

O'Leary, who is chairwoman of the Admission Committee, presented a proposal for the increase to the Faculty Senate.

President John Palms supports the increase. "I think our experience is that this will help us in our recruiting, and that we have enough students that are qualified in this state to meet these requirements," Palms said. "I believe it will help us improve the university's status."

Dr. John L. Saffo, who voted in favor of the increase, expressed concern that the increased standards will cause more students to make it into upper divisions in their majors.

That might cause academic departments to raise

their standards to offset the influx because the departments don't have enough faculty to teach more upper division courses, Saffo said.

"Those are problems the university wants to have, and that is outstanding students and good programs," Palms said. "We'll ask for more resources, and I think we'll be able to get them."

One faculty member, who voted against the proposal but did not want her name used, said she supports raising academic standards.

"But I don't want to close the door on anyone who might be able to succeed here," she said.

USC admits about 2,500 freshman each fall. If a student meets the required GPR prediction and presents a list of required high school courses with an average of C or better, the student normally is accepted.

Data on the past five freshman classes suggests the increased standards could result in 354 fewer students qualifying for admission.

O'Leary said the increased standards should be a real benefit to students by heightening their awareness of what it will take to successfully complete an academic program at USC.

The senate sent back to the Admissions Committee a proposal for an amended Provisional Year program.

The proposal included the 2.15 requirement, but excluded other considerations for borderline students, such as involvement in arts.

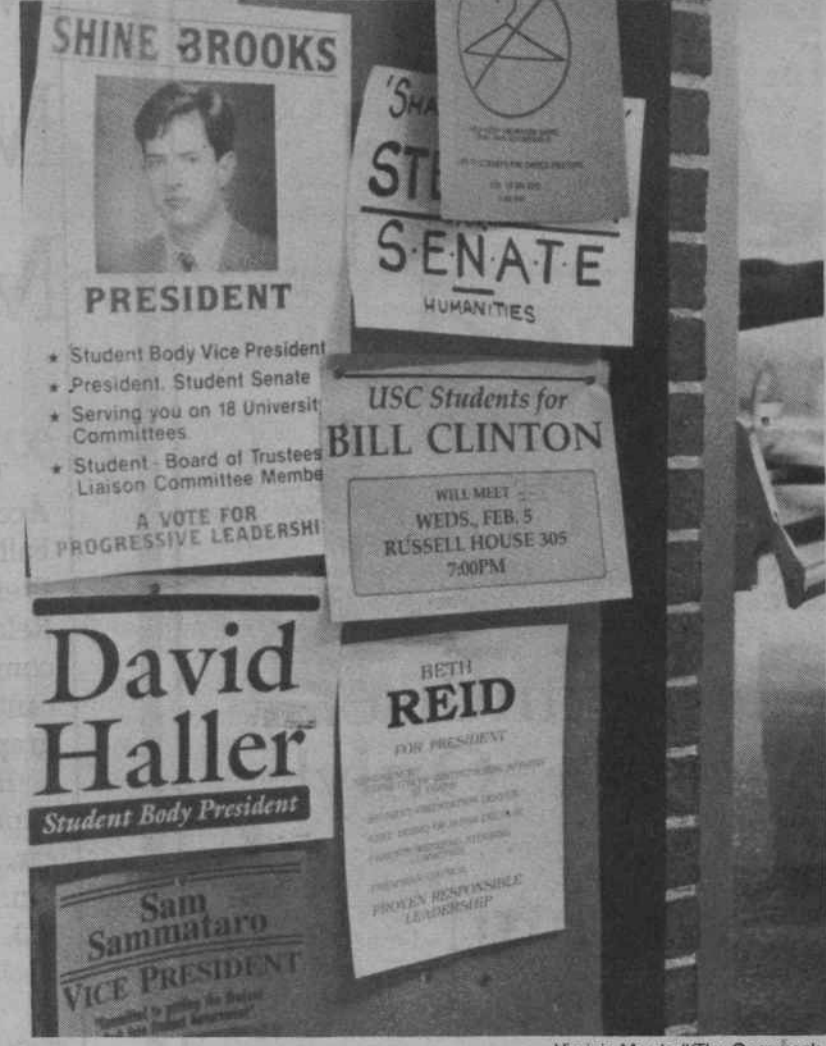
The Provisional Year program is a rigorous one-year of study for students not fully accepted by USC.

In other action, the senate endorsed a Student Government date rape prevention measure.



Former USC student Mary Francis Cathcart still finds time to visit her old alma mater, roller blading Monday in the empty reflection pool next to Gambrell Hall.

Campus candidates discuss agendas, goals



By GORDON MANTLER
News Editor

Student Government candidates have been hanging up campaign posters, addressing student organizations and running on pure adrenaline the past four days.

Many issues and innovative ideas have been brought up during the campaign by the eight candidates vying for president, vice president and treasurer. They discussed their ideas with The Gamecock.

Presidential candidates Shine Brooks, David Haller, Beth Reid and Tom Young explained their vision for Student Government's future.

"My premise is that students can have more control over rising tuition costs than they think," said Brooks, who is current vice president. "The letter writing campaign was great, but we can supplement that."

Brooks is also concentrating on teaching and is proposing a change in criteria for tenureship.

Haller, assistant chief of staff, said, "We need to restore the communication gap between the students and the administration. And we need to restore a sense of dignity to the university."

Haller proposes to form a group of 60 students to be called ambassadors who would represent USC and help those in need across the state.

"They would also be in charge of a student recruitment plan, trying to keep the best students in South Carolina in the state," he said.

Reid, director of institutional affairs in Student Government, discussed a number of issues, including a need-based grant from South Carolina and re-establishing an advisory position in Women's Student Services.

Reid also suggested expanding Alpha Phi Omega's escort service for late-night transportation.

"South Carolina does not grant money for in-state students for state schools," she said. "We need a group to lobby for that grant. We need to get people more involved."

Young, student chief of staff, said, "I'm going to emphasize the student in Student Government. Student Government should provide services to students and should address everyday concerns."

A student representative on the Columbia City Council, a restructured student traffic court, a multicultural affairs committee and monthly "town meetings" are a few of Young's plans for the future.

Town meetings would involve students and their leaders meeting to discuss issues, Young said.

A write-in candidate for president, Andrew Jackson Young IV,

will be concentrating on the visitation policy, school funding, tuition and recycling during his campaign.

"I think the school should be more informed in the AIDS controversy also," he said.

Because he missed last week's filing deadline, Young's name will not appear on the ballot and he will not be allowed to participate in debates.

Vice presidential candidates Kelli Lister and Sam Sammataro, both student senators, voiced their ideas and concerns about the future of the senate.

Lister is emphasizing parking, campus safety and new ideas to revamp the Thomson Student Health Center.

"I'm going to address these issues through a two-prong approach: through the coordination of the senate and the appropriate university committees," she said.

"The university needs to return to a service-oriented institution, not a business," she said. "We need to be student-responsive."

Sammataro said, "I want an open-door policy in Student Government, where there is a lot more cooperation with students and student organizations."

He also wants to put up more emergency callboxes in the parking garages and peripheral areas of

Campaign posters with pictures and promising slogans have already begun to cover the bulletin boards around campus.