

# The Gamecock

Serving USC since 1908

INDEX

NEWS	1
VIEWPOINTS	4
ETC.	6
SPORTS	8
COMICS	10
CLASSIFIEDS	11

Shannon scores, PAGE 8

WEATHER

TODAY	Rainy
High	58
Low	42
WEDNESDAY	Cloudy
High	57
Low	40

Volume 89, Number 68

University of South Carolina

Tuesday, January 30, 1996

## Committee begins WUSC investigation

CECE VON KOLNITZ News Editor

On the same day WUSC returned to the air, a Student Government Task Force, which was formed to study WUSC's problems, interviewed former DJs and executive board members.

Trey Lofton, former station manager, was questioned in the task force meeting Monday about his time at the radio station.

"They basically wanted me to outline my entire time at WUSC with emphasis on the events leading up to this," Lofton said. "They did ask about specific allegations that had been alleged."

Other people involved who are scheduled to be interviewed are Student Media Director Chris Carroll, Director of Student Life Jerry Brewer, WUSC faculty advisor Kent Sidel and Board of Student Publications student members and Associate Provost Don Greiner.

Greiner met with Brewer, Sidel and Director of Student Affairs Dennis Pruitt Friday to find out if university procedures had been followed in the dismissal of WUSC's executive board.

"My job was to find out if the university-wide procedures were applied, and they were," Greiner said.

Included on the list from Sunday's task force meeting are "outside people who know what's going on," including a reporter from WOLO, Penelope Dade of the FCC and Jay Bender, The State newspaper's attorney.

"We're committed to making this as even-handed a process as possible," said David Haller, chairman of the task force and Senate Finance Committee member.

The SG task force's goals are to determine if students rights were violated, if proper procedures were followed and if student activity fees have been used correctly.

"We're here to protect the rights of students. If we find that there has been a violation of student rights without cause equal to the action taken, then we're going to do the best we can to remedy the situation so that in the end everybody's needs are met," Haller said.

Haller said disciplinary action will be taken against the students involved if the task force finds that university regulations were violated.

During each interview, DJs and former executive board members had five minutes each to reveal all they knew concerning the WUSC controversy. After three minutes of answering questions from task force members, they had another five minutes for a rebuttal and closing statement.

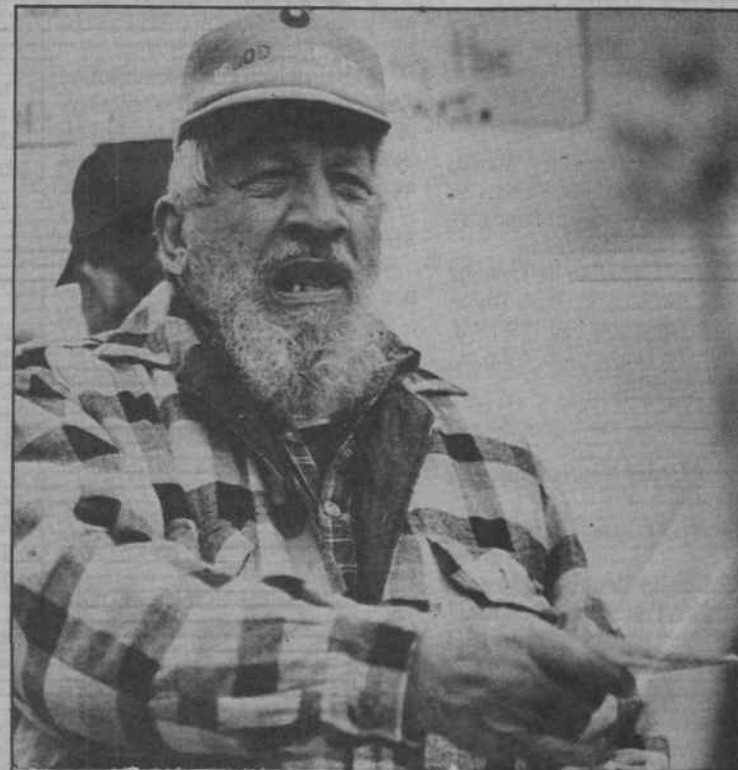
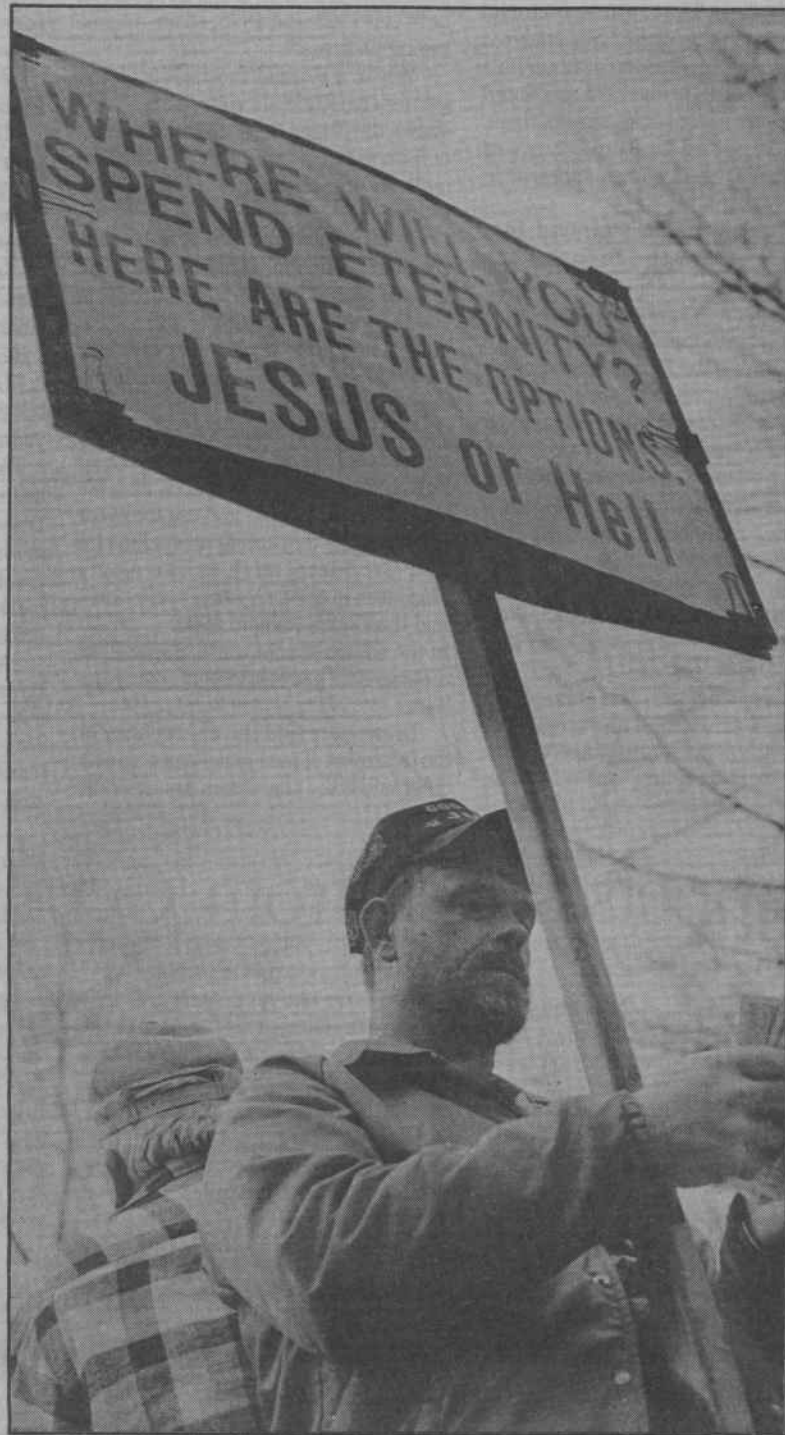
Before the interviews the task force members unanimously voted to take the meeting into executive session.

"I believe a motion to go into executive session is appropriate now because number one, we are discussing matters of personal allegations and possible disciplinary actions against students and university employees," Haller said. "Additionally, information protected by the Family Educational Privacy Rights Act of 1974 and thirdly, allegations of criminal conduct."

The Student Government Finance Committee decided last Wednesday to freeze the station's funds. Despite the freeze, WUSC was back on air 8 a.m. Monday. According to USC spokeswoman Debra Allen, USC President John Palms did not override SG's decision to freeze the funds.

Lofton said he couldn't understand how the station could be back on the air without funding. Because the station's transmitter is located at Columbia Hall, telephone lines have to be used in order for the signal to travel from the Russell House to the transmitter. According to Lofton, those telephone lines have to be paid using student activity fee money.

WUSC page 3



ROBERT WALTON The Gamecock

## Spreading their message

Armed with signs, pamphlets and the firm belief that people must understand the consequences of their choices, Bob Eckhardt and David Hallman spend their days distributing literature to anyone who will accept it. Eckhardt and Hallman have been "street christians" for 20 and 10 years respectively.

"We just want people to know there is more to life than going to USC to get an education, to get a better job," said Eckhardt. "We try and make people aware of why they are living."

## Spill closes Russell House Ballroom

■ Firefighters and police investigate a second arson attempt over the weekend.

ERIN GALLOWAY Staff Writer

The Russell House was temporarily closed over the weekend after the second arson attempt there within three months.

A Russell House custodial worker called the Columbia Fire Department and the USC Police Department after

detecting the odor of gas, according to USC spokeswoman Debra Allen. She said it is believed an unknown person or persons poured a flammable liquid in the east wing of the Russell House. The ballroom was locked at the time of the incident.

Allen said the extent of the damage has not yet been determined, but the liquid was easily cleaned up and did not cause extensive damage. The east wing was reopened Saturday morning.

An arson investigator was brought in, and the police are continuing to investigate both this incident and the attempted arson in November. The police are looking at all possibilities, including any connection between this arson attempt and the previous one, Allen said.

Phi Beta Sigma fraternity had reserved the ballroom for a dance Friday night and the fraternity will now have to reschedule the event.

## Commission changes complaint process

ADAM SNYDER Asst. News Editor

Because of a last year's election, which outgoing President Amy Bigham described as "sticky," the elections commission has devised a system for complaints to deal with campaigning infractions. Now there is a complaint form.

"It is all very straight forward and makes to process more standardized," said Julye Johns, elections commissioner. The forms will make the process more objective, she said.

The process entails citing an infraction, reporting it via a complaint form within two business days to the commission and appearing before the commission to give your case. The accused candidate will also plead his case before the commission makes a decision.

"Five or more violations, and you will be asked to leave the campaign," Johns said. She said each candidate will get one free poster violation, equivalent to a warning, and then the commission will be more strict.

"We are going to enforce these (rules)," she said.

E-mail and Internet campaigning will be difficult to enforce because the commission has no specific rules concerning those media. If a complaint is filed the commission will have to discuss and rule on those complaints individually. Intra-campus postal mail is off-limits to the candidates, but stamped mail is permitted.

The commission has been meeting since April of last year to fine tune election procedures. Campaigning officially began Monday night immediately following an information meeting. Campaigning will culminate Feb. 15 when the general election will be held.

A debate, co-sponsored with the Young Democrats, will be held on Feb. 14.

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT CANDIDATES

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>Liberal Arts</b>	Michael Hawkins
Dan D'Alberto	Tommy Andrews	Todd Lemmonds
Cain Denny	Carena Brantley	Bryan Menees
Jon Robinson	Abby Brown	Felix Meyer III
PJ Snavely	Pat Daly	Heath Roberts
Patrick Wright	Vernon Davenport	Tracy Smith
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Kim Dickerson	<b>Engineering</b>
Kris Wustrow	Derrick Felder	Kenneth Baxter
Jamel Franklin	Durley Florez	Gita Chakrabarti
Allen Tibshrary	TC Ford	Tom Hess
<b>TREASURER</b>	Donald Gore	H. Jason Hinton
David Frankel	Erika Gutierrez	<b>Journalism</b>
Peter Siachos	Zerell Hall	Graham King
<b>Science and Math</b>	Ashley Jones	Susanne Newman
David Baysden	Cathy Lightsey	Tim Perrin
Curtis Brown	Michele Marinkovic	Meg Ryan
Ra'Nell Cheney	Chris McCormick	Melissa Smith
Nick Crosby	Brian Mounts	<b>Criminal Justice</b>
Tanvi Dhare	Jeff Nicholson	Nicole Anderson
Jonathan Dickson	Suzanne Pavlisko	Linda Grey
Teddy Elgarico	Rhett Power	Mike Moore
Craig Harrison	Darcie Shively	<b>Law</b>
Scott Hultstrand	Tammy Skeete	David Haller
Sue Moyer	Kevin Swinton	<b>Medical School</b>
John Poss	Gesla Marie Wilson	Lanny Littlejohn, Jr
Lisa Weaver	<b>Business Admin.</b>	<b>Health</b>
<b>Applied Prof. Science</b>	Kim Baxter	Richie Estes
JD Martin	M. Scott Brown	Marcous Gardner
Gene Willis	Heath Coleman	

## Budgeting the budgets

ALLISON WILLIAMS Special Projects Editor  
JENNIFER STANLEY Asst. News Editor

The Senate Finance Committee began the process of dividing up about \$85,000 worth of student activity fees during hearings Saturday and Sunday.

Out of the 71 organizations submitting budgets — a requirement to receive funds from Student Government — about 40 attended the hearings. According to committee chairman John Martin, appearing in front of the committee was voluntary, although the committee encouraged organizations requesting large amounts of money to attend the hearings.

According to Woody Carothers, SG adviser, about \$1.15 million is generated from student activity fees, and the Senate is responsible for allocating about \$750,000 of that amount. This \$750,000 is divided into nine categories, each getting a set percentage: SG, media, sports clubs, Carolina Productions, Student Support Services, Law School organizations, Medical School Organizations, undergraduate organizations and graduate organizations.

SG receives 9.52 percent (\$68,526), media 14.8 percent (\$106,999), sports clubs 3.99 percent (\$28,753), Carolina Productions 22 percent (\$159,053), Student Support Services 33.6 percent (\$242,244), Law School Organizations 2.92 percent (\$21,059), Medical School Organizations 1.15 percent (\$8,245), undergraduate organizations 9.19 percent (\$66,169) and graduate organizations 2.63 percent (\$18,952).

The Senate Finance Committee is responsible for allocating the amount set aside for undergraduate and graduate organizations — \$85,000.

Of the total \$240,000 requested by the 71 organizations, some of the largest requests are: \$6,295 - Students Allied for a Greener Earth, \$8,300 - Model United Nations, \$10,500 - Carolina Alive,