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Senate 'perks' bill to be proposed

Student senators propose bill which would add perks and privileges to their job.

REGINNA GREEN Staff Writer

If Sen. Bryan Menees has his way, members of the USC community will one day look at student senators in awe of their power and their perks.

In an effort to assign greater power and prestige to the office of student senator, Menees introduced a proposal of legislation that would give members of senate several perks, including \$100 cash cards, 20 percent off the purchase

of textbooks, and free parking spaces.

"My main goal is to make the senate more powerful," Menees said in closing last night.

Menees bases his legislation on the existence of what he terms the 'Reverse Theory,' so named because Menees is taking what he calls a reverse route to gain students' respect.

Menees plans to introduce legislation that benefits the senators first, thereby elevating the status of senators and assigning respect to a previously disrespected legislative body.

"The reason I'm calling it the Reverse

Theory is because it's hard to carry out bills and get students interested in what we're doing for them unless we have their respect, their attention, and their desire to help," Menees said.

His bill would do just that, Menees believes, by clearly establishing members of senate as students who have a reason to work for students and the university. Students will have a reason to respect them because senators get something for what they do, Menees said.

"All of a sudden, the student senate is going to be God compared to other students," he said.

The bill also calls for an increase of the senate's control over student funds. Menees expects the control to increase support and respect for the senate as well.

Menees expects the bill to pass in the senate, and he has received votes of support from several senators, including Sen. Marcus Gardner and Sen. Matthew Richardson.

Richardson, though, expressed concern over possible student reception, saying that perhaps the emphasis should be placed on increased control of funds, rather than on perks and privileges.

In order for a bill's policies to take effect, it must pass with a majority of the senate vote. It also requires the signature of Student Government President. Though the senate may override the president's veto, the Board of Trustees remains an obstacle for a bill.

In other business, junior political science major Patrick Daley was approved for senate membership to represent the College of Liberal Arts.

The senate also approved Tamacia Bing's appointment to the office of Executive Assistant to the President of

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CHANGE IN KICKOFF TIME

Just a little reminder that this week's football game is at 12:30 p.m.

This is a change from the originally scheduled kickoff time. There are 2,400 tickets available for anyone interested in attending the game.

This week's game will mark the culmination of Homecoming Week. During halftime, the Homecoming Commission will announce the winners of the Parade and Halftime Awards competitions.

Jefferson-Pilot will televise the game, and it is the SEC game of the week on WIS.

BALLET BEGINS TODAY

Quasimodo is not only appearing with Disney and Burger King this year. He's at the Koger Center for the Arts this weekend.

Victor Hugo's *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* will be performed as a ballet for four times over the weekend.

It opens tonight at 8 p.m. Two performances are set for Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m. Sunday's matinee is at 3 p.m. For details, call 799-7605.

Remembering the days

USC 1996 Homecoming celebration continues with awards given to outstanding alumni

SARAH GARBALDI Staff Writer

Leeza Gibbons, along with five other honored alumni, will receive individual awards from the USC Alumni Association tonight during a public dinner at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Columbia.

Gibbons, a 1978 College of Journalism and Mass Communications graduate, is receiving the 1996 Distinguished Alumnus Award after using her celebrity status to benefit her alma mater.

In 1995, Gibbons hosted USC's "Carolina Tonight," the nationally-broadcast television show for USC alumni. In June 1994, she was inducted into the S.C. Broadcasters' Hall of Fame.

"Gibbons is receiving the award because she has been very involved with USC since she graduated, and she is highly successful in her field," assistant director of the Alumni Association Lin Bradley said.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is awarded based on an alumni's success in his or her field.

Gibbons is not just in Columbia to accept her award. She will be the Grand Marshal in today's parade and will leave early Saturday.

"We expected her stay to be brief, but it wasn't hard to get her here. We called to inform her of the award and she graciously accepted an invitation to come to the school," Bradley said.

Awards will be given to five other alumni at tonight's dinner. Winners include Jeff A. Norris, 1996 Outstanding Young Alumni Award; Vermelle J. Johnson, 1996 Outstanding Black Alumni Award; and Ada B. Thomas, Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award.

Norris, who graduated in 1992, founded Affinity Technology Group in 1994 as a result of his experience seeking a loan to buy property.

After being frustrated by the time involved with the loan process, he invented the Automated Loan Machine (ALM), which enables consumers to apply for and receive a loan, either by printed cashier's check or direct deposit, in 10 minutes.

Norris' ALM and his company have been the subject of articles in the Wall Street Journal and Money and Forbes magazines.

Johnson, who earned a doctoral degree in philosophy from USC in 1976, has more than 25 years of experience and service in education.

Johnson is regarded highly by educators in the state for her leadership and innovative methods for enhancing public school instruction and administration.

Thomas, who taught at USC from 1957 to 1990, still advises students part-time in USC's College of Liberal Arts.

Her dedication to students over the years as an adviser, mentor and friend has led to the establishment of the Ada B. Thomas Outstanding Faculty Advisor award, which has been given annually since 1990 to faculty members who demonstrate exemplary advisement skills.

Dr. Mike McGee, USC Athletic Director, and O. Woody Hammett, Baptist campus minister from 1962 to 1995, both will be presented with honorary life memberships to the Alumni Association.



NIKKI THORPE The Gamecock



KARA STOVALL The Gamecock

Above: Freshman Talyse Krolexicz flies through the air as she tries out the bungee jumping activity at the Homecoming Carnival on Greene Street Wednesday.

Left: Senior Robby Beard, left, and Junior Wes Ellison, right, build a float for today's Homecoming Parade.

Wright works at achieving his platform

MARK PIRAS Staff Writer

Patrick Wright listed many goals in his quest to become the next student government president during last year's election campaign.

Dining services is nearly always an issue during the election process, and Wright wanted to implement more student involvement in dining decisions.

Wright has met with Liz Boatke and Carl Chandler of Marriott Dining Services to discuss lowering restrictions on the hours for meal-plan dining, and also to discuss offering more variety for meals.

Students were invited to those meetings, according to the president, and are always welcome to come by the Student Government office in Russell House to offer their suggestions.

Wright is currently working on his goal of a Student Government newsletter and forum. Last semester a forum met on housing, and there was a forum on safety during "Welcome Week." The long-term goal of the forums is to let people know how they can get more involved with Student Government.

The Student Government newsletter, titled "The Voice", has already had one edition printed, which was sent over the summer to the State Senate. The first campus edition should be available to students next month.

Over the summer, a technology fee was instituted, helping to update equipment in labs and begin hard-wiring the dorms into the Ethernet, fulfilling Wright's promise to improve classroom technology.

The president also hoped to bring more diversity into Greek village issues.

"Only the large groups with money get to build houses," Wright said, and his goal is to make it so the smaller groups have an equal opportunity to build.

Wright also pledged to work for student participation in parking issues.

He is currently trying to get more students involved in the effort, so as to "have more voice" when the committee meets. Currently, there is no chairperson for the parking committee, so there have been no meetings as of yet.

Wright's promise for more police patrols was welcomed by students concerned for their safety last year.

Wright said there are currently increased patrols on Blossom Street, and plans to increase patrols by the Business Administration building parking lot. A lot of students and teachers walk in that area, and it is extremely dark at night.

The final campaign goals were increased lighting and call boxes.

The Blossom Street garage has been painted

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Become candidate for Goldwater scholarship

BRANDI MARTIN Staff Writer

Every student that attends school faces tuition and other financial burdens. A common way to help make money less of a problem is by receiving scholarships and financial aid.

In April 1997, the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program will be awarded to college juniors and seniors for the 1997-98 academic year. The Goldwater Scholarship program was designed to provide opportunities for outstanding U.S. students with excellent academic records, and who are interested in careers in mathematics, the natural sciences and engineering.

In 1986, the United States Congress granted authorization to the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program to honor Senator Barry M. Goldwater by establishing the program in his name. The honor

is to pay tribute to the leadership, courage and vision of Sen. Goldwater, and to foster and encourage excellence in science and mathematics.

Students eligible to apply must be a current full-time sophomore or junior, and must be pursuing a baccalaureate degree. Also, they must be a U.S. citizen, resident alien, or U.S. national pursuing a career in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering, have a B average or equivalent, and stand in the upper one-fourth of their class.

The Scholarship foundation plans to award over 250 Goldwater Scholarships. Each recipient may receive a maximum of \$7,000, to be applied to tuition, fees, books and room and board. The award is not transferable to the succeeding academic year. Junior-level scholarship recipients are eligible for a maximum of two years

USC honors Fitzgerald throughout month

SHERRI BAKSHI Staff Writer

Throughout the month of September, USC students, faculty and staff are being taken back to the roaring '20s through the works of F. Scott Fitzgerald.

This September marks his centennial birthday, and in honor of his birthday, the university was given a collection of his works and materials by Dr. Matthew J. Bruccoli and his wife Arlyn. The collection is being displayed at the Thomas Cooper Library.

Fitzgerald's musical "Fie! Fie! Fi-Fi!" opened at the Longstreet Theatre on Wednesday, and will be played there until September 28. The performance is being done by Theatre USC. The musical has not been performed since Fitzgerald first introduced it in 1914-1915.

Other events occurring in honor of his 100th birthday included a documentary on his life and works on September 26, discussions and readings on his works, and an exhibition on life in the 1920s, which will be on display until December 13.

F. Scott Fitzgerald is widely known for his short stories and novels, such as "This Side of Paradise," "The Beautiful and the Damned," and the unforgettable "The Great Gatsby." The significance of his novels is that they give readers a perception of what life in the 1920s was like. "He was a great social novelist," Professor Judy Baughman said. Fitzgerald

wrote from experience and observation.

In celebration of his birthday, the English department required all freshmen to read at least two short stories by him. The English students' assigned reading was "The Great Gatsby."



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Matthew Bruccoli, left, and George Terry, vice provost discuss Fitzgerald's works. USC acquired Bruccoli's Fitzgerald collection, worth \$2 million.