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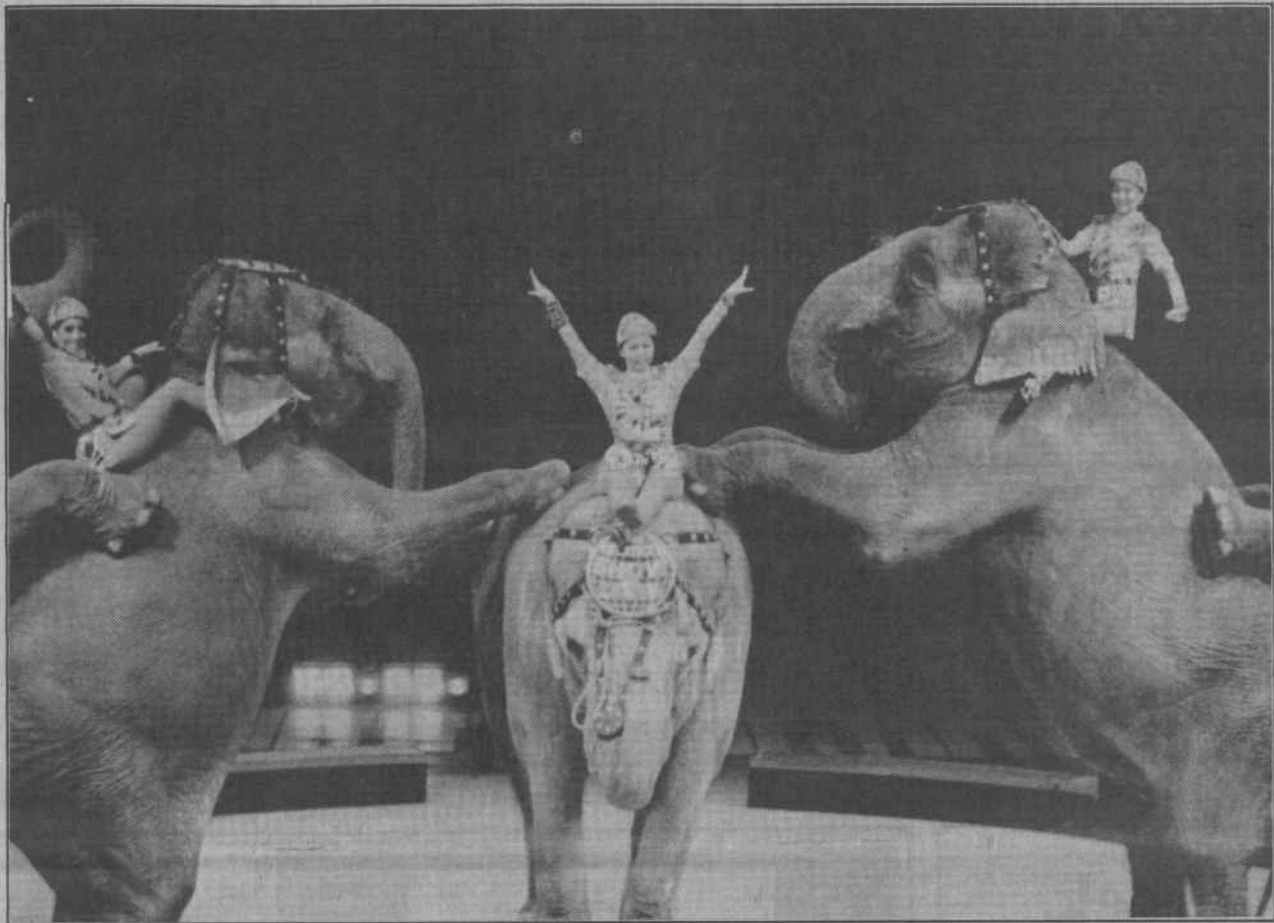
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Clowning Around



NIKKI THORPE The Gamecock

The Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus made its annual trip to Columbia Friday-Sunday at the Carolina Coliseum. The circus, which caters to the young, the old and the young-at-heart stars elephants, horses, trapeze artists, lions, tigers, tightrope walkers, clowns and many more performers of all ages.



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Senate committee debates budgets, distributes funds

JENNIFER STANLEY News Editor

The Senate Finance Committee debated organizations' budgets and allocated \$1.25 million student activity fees during a committee meeting Saturday.

Of the \$1.25 million, the Senate Finance Committee is responsible for allocating money to the undergraduate and graduate organizations.

Undergraduate and graduate organizations receive \$87,903 of the fees. Graduate organizations will get \$18,975, and \$68,928 will go to undergraduate organizations.

Currently, 270 undergraduate and graduate organizations exist at USC and are eligible to receive money from student activity fees.

However, only about 60 organizations submitted budget requests for the 1997-98 fiscal year.

These organizations requested a total of \$230,343.50. This means that \$142,440.50 will have to be cut from the budgets.

Student Government Treasurer Peter Siachos said the requests from each organization "in no way reflect the final amount of money we will allocate."

Among those requesting the most amounts of money were the USC Dance Company, \$13,550; NAACP, \$18,075; Model United Nations, \$11,280; Mortar Board Senior Honor Society, \$22,000; and the Association of African American Students, \$23,455.

Another large request came from the Carolina Debate team.

The team requested \$8,192.50, even though their total budget is more than \$38,000.

According to a letter from the debate team's adviser, David Berube, to the Senate Finance Committee, the amount requested will fund the part of the debate program that trains students with no debate experience.

"If the program is not funded at that level, the part of the program that caters to inexperienced debaters will be cut appropriately," Berube said. "Hence, you are funding that part of the debate program which any student can participate."

Another organization that wrote a letter to the Senate Finance Committee to help deter a smaller allocation than they requested is Carolina Cares.

Last year, The Gamecock highlighted Carolina Cares and the low allocation for the annual University Tree Lighting and Diversity Celebration, which is sponsored by Carolina Cares.

This year, Carolina Cares President Mandy Benjamin requested a total of \$3,266, most of which will fund the tree-lighting ceremony.

According to Benjamin, the tree lighting will require extra money this year because the 1996 tree was vandalized and destroyed.

"All of our decorations, lights and garland were destroyed. I will need all of the money I can get to start over fresh in 1997," Benjamin said in the letter to the Senate Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee will post the allocations today along with the procedure to appeal, Finance Committee chairwoman Kimberly T. Baxter said.

Appeals will be heard after the Senate meeting Feb. 19.

Treasurer candidate continues campaign

CEDRIC SCOTT Staff Writer

The Gamecock continues its coverage of Student Government Election 97.

The verdict is in. The Student Government Elections Commission met Friday afternoon to decide on the future of SG Treasurer candidate Terrance Levine's campaign.

Upon further review, the commission will allow Levine to continue his candidacy.

According to SG Elections Commissioner Manisha Shroff, this chain of events could be attributed to a "lack of communication."

The commission was reviewing Levine's candidacy because of two missed meetings.

All candidates were required to meet with the commission before starting their campaign.

"[Levine] was apologetic about the situation and acknowledged that he violated some of the rules," Shroff said. "He was also very enthusiastic about running."

Levine will be issued one infraction

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Manisha Shroff
SG Elections Commissioner

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rules and to be on top of everything." Levine's campaign is not the only campaign with an infraction.

by the Elections Commission.

Candidates will be allowed five infractions before disqualification.

In a phone interview last week, Levine said this sends a message to candidates that they should be "aware of all the

Candidates who have also garnered infractions include student body presidential candidate Jamel Franklin and vice presidential candidate Gene Willis.

Franklin's penalty was due to an unregistered poster in the Carolina Coliseum.

Willis got his infraction because of distributing non-approved campaign stickers.

Nevertheless, time continues to run out on Levine and the remainder of the SG candidates for this year's election.

There are only three days left before Election Day 1997.

Fellowships Dinner planned for scholarship applicants

BRANDI M. MARTIN Staff Writer

The second annual University Fellowships Dinner is planned for Tuesday.

The dinner allows students who are interested in fellowships to meet faculty members, scholarship committee members and past recipients to discuss the process of becoming an applicant.

The program allows interested students and faculty to become potential scholarship applicants for upcoming competition.

Anyone who is interested in attending the event and has not received an invitation should contact the Fellowship Office. Students who are interested are encouraged to participate.

Jennifer Morrison, a 1996 Fullbright Scholar and 1995 graduate, will share her experience with the fellowship program.

USC President John Palms also will speak and stress the importance of national merit and competition.

The dinner begins at around 5:45 p.m. with a reception. Interim Provost Don Greiner will welcome those in attendance.

The scholarship committees and faculty advisers will briefly describe scholarships such as Rotary International Scholarships, Fullbright Grants, Summer Research Opportunities and many others.

Novella Beskid from the Fellowship Office will close the evening. She will

also provide information on specific scholarship interests to attendants.

Those in attendance will receive a packet as well as additional information on the major scholarship competitions. If there are any more questions about scholarships, grants or fellowships, Beskid and faculty members will be present to assist.

About 150 students and 30 faculty members are expected to participate in the Fellowships Dinner. For more information, call Beskid at the Fellowship Office at 777-0958.

1997-1998 Budget Requests	
American Marketing Asso.	\$1710.00
Gamma	\$1600.00
African American Student Nurses Network	\$480.00
Golden Key National Honor Society	\$5090.00
Chi Delta Chi Veteran Honor Society	\$1485.00
Carolina Student Asso. for Education of Young Children	\$860.00
American Society of Mechanical Engineering	\$4040.00
Omicron Delta Kappa	\$2550.00
German	\$660.00
USC Dance Company	\$18,550.00
Student National Pharmaceutical Asso.	\$4065.00
Geology Club	\$1102.00
Carolina for Kids	\$840.00
Concert Choir	\$5810.00
Habitat for Humanity- Student Club	\$1540.00
Open Door	\$1746.00
Puppet Regime	\$1414.00
Student Advertising Federation	\$850.00
Statistics Club	\$560.00
Society of Automotive Engineers	\$5122.00
Pi Tau Sigma	\$1100.00
Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honor Society	\$800.00
SHARE	\$3504.00
Beta Alpha Psi	\$400.00
Campus Judicial Board	\$2500.00
Into the Streets	\$3250.00
Anthropology Student Asso.	\$500.00
National Asso. for the Advancement of Colored People	\$18,075.00
Alpha Phi Omega National Service Frat.	\$3445.00
South Carolina Student Legislature	\$4400.00
Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers	\$2500.00
National Student Exchange	\$1050.00
Sports Admin. Club	\$1415.00
Model United Nations Club	\$11,280.00
Campus Coalition for Literacy	\$769.00
Ranger Club	\$8,150.00
Carolina Debate Club	\$8,192.50
Mock Trial Club	\$8,045.00
Epsilon Sigma Alpha	\$570.00
Carolina Alive	\$7500.00
Mortar Board Senior Honor Society	\$22,000.00
Freshman Council	\$1,715.00
Public Relations Student Society of America	\$2,900.00
Criminal Justice Asso.	\$4,370.00
Japanese Cultural Club	\$8,655.00
Sigma Iota Rho	\$90.00
Phi Alpha Delta Pre Law	\$500.00
Student Nursing Asso.	\$5,095.00
National Society of Collegiate Scholars	\$100.00
Round Table Gaming Society	\$2,195.00
Marine Science Undergraduate Society	\$3,770.00
Collegiate Music Educators National Conference	\$335.00
Gay and Lesbian Student Asso.	\$3385.00
Carolina Cares	\$3266.00
Asso. of African American Studies	\$23,455.00
Women's Student Asso.	\$1768.00
University Ambassadors	\$3700.00
Academic Team	\$700.00
Oxfam Carolina	\$700.00

GAMECOCK INSIDE



Jump, Little Children have recently released a five-song EP of live material called **Buzz**. The five-man Charleston band released the album about a month ago, and they are going to have a Columbia release party this weekend at Rockafella's. The live album includes songs not available at the band's debut, **The Licorice Tea Demos**. See ETC. for more.

COLUMBIA JUMPS PAGE 4

The No. 9 Gamecocks ripped away Cincinnati's five-game winning streak Saturday, upsetting the No. 8 team 97-83. The "Triple Threat" lived up to their reputations: **Larry Davis** poured in 32 points, **Melvin Watson** sank 17 and **BJ McKie** brought in 25. The trio scored 74 of USC's 97 points. Check out **SPORTS** on page 7 for the play-by-play, minute-by-minute, point-by-point account.

THEY'RE GAME PAGE 7

What is the government estimated value of untaxed US dollars?

JUST FOR FUN

ANSWER: \$84,000,000,000

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