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### JOURNALISM DEANSHIP

## Candidate says change necessary

BY CHARLES PRASHAW  
THE GAMECOCK

The last of three finalists for the dean's position at the College of Journalism and Mass Communications visited USC Thursday and Friday, saying a change for the college is needed but not giving specifics.

Ronald Loewen, former vice president of WIS-TV, met with students, faculty and administrators during his two-day campus visit.

During the Friday morning session with students, Loewen alluded to college infighting stemming from disagreements on the school's future direction.

"That's got to end before we can get anything done," he said.

One issue students brought up was the proposed moving of the journalism school to Petigru. Loewen said the move could benefit the school if it's under effective leadership when the move happens.

Loewen acknowledged his lack of academic administrative experience. Most of his previous jobs have been in the private sector, working for broadcast companies and television stations, and his education wasn't in journalism. He received a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's in education from Emporia State University, as well as a law degree from the University of Kansas.

"I am a manager, and that is what this school really needs now," Loewen said.

Fielding questions from students on money and fund-raising, Loewen expressed concerns about the way the state legislature appropriates funds to USC.

"The state isn't giving us enough money," he said. "Sure, we just cuss the wind and say it isn't fair. But what we should really do is look at outside means of raising more money."

Loewen refused to elaborate on changes he would make as dean. However, he did say that one thing he's done as a manager is consider cutting programs that aren't working.

"You build on strengths and you cut your losses," he said.

Loewen talked about his job experience, which includes managing positions at the *Wichita Sun*, KAKE-TV in Kansas and KPLC-TV in Louisiana. Currently, he is vice president of Cosmos Broadcasting, and he recently left the president's position at Liberty Life Insurance Group.

Although all of the dean finalists have visited campus, USC officials aren't yet giving a timetable on when they'll make a final decision. Next for the search committee will be to make a suggestion on who should get the position. Provost Jerry Odom will then make the final decision.

The other two candidates who visited campus in October were William Norton, the dean of the journalism school at the University of Nebraska, and Edward Pease, a professor and department head at the journalism department at Utah State University.

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## CAMPAIGN 2000: THE FINAL DAYS



# Presidential candidates court undecided voters

BY VALERIE MATCHETTE  
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In the last-minute crunch before the presidential election, Republican candidate George W. Bush and Democratic candidate Al Gore are vying for the crucial undecided voters who have the power to swing the decision either way.

Among the groups being fervently courted by the candidates for their vote are college students. Democrats and Republicans alike have recognized the importance of the youth vote in this election and designed their platforms accordingly.

Gore plans to "spend \$8 billion over 10 years to recruit 1 million new teachers and \$8 billion for teacher raises in poor districts," Center of Education Information president Emily Feistritzer told *Time* magazine last week. For college tuition, Gore's plans for financial aid would help "families above the median income," *Time* political correspondent Tamala Edwards said.

However, Bush's plans for college students "would extend more financial aid to the poor," Edwards said.

Gore is emphasizing providing more modern technology to college students.

"If they want to go to school,

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A look at parts of each candidate's platform and where they'll spend their time Monday.

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want more technology, more choices for the future, vote Democratic, vote Al Gore," said Danielle Clermont, South Carolina Democratic Party press secretary.

"They're our prime candidates," she said of college students. "This election

is about college students and education. They're the ones who are going to be most affected."

Colleen Mangone, field coordinator for Bush's Victory 2000 campaign in South Carolina, said Bush's education improvements are meant to appeal



Al Gore (left) and George W. Bush are on the home stretch of their presidential campaigns. Bush maintains a slight lead over Gore in the popular vote, but the electoral vote is up for grabs.

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## History, polls not on Gore's side in S.C., USC experts say

### Past presidential elections in S.C.

<b>1988</b>		
George Bush (R)	68%	
Michael Dukakis (D)	32%	
<b>1992</b>		
George Bush (R)	48%	
Bill Clinton (D)	40%	
Ross Perot (Ind.)	12%	
<b>1996</b>		
Bob Dole (R)	50%	
Bill Clinton (D)	44%	
Ross Perot (Ind.)	6%	

BY BRANDON LARRABEE  
THE GAMECOCK

Texas Gov. George W. Bush was in trouble.

Arizona Sen. John McCain had just crushed Bush by 18 points in the New Hampshire primary, and some were openly talking about the possibility that McCain could take the Republican presidential nomination from Bush. Most said that, if Bush were to lose South Carolina, the race would be over.

But South Carolina proved to be

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## Low student voter turnout expected again this year

BY CHARLES PRASHAW  
THE GAMECOCK

In the 1972 presidential election between Richard Nixon and George McGovern, 49 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds voted. Two decades later, in the presidential race between Bill Clinton and Bob Dole, only 32 percent of members of the same age group voted.

Voter turnout is expected to be around the same, in this age group, for the election between Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore on Tues-

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### Where can you vote on Tuesday?

■ Voters who live on or near campus must cast ballots between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Capital Senior Center at Pickens and Blossom streets

■ For students who aren't registered already, it is too late. The deadline to register was Oct. 7, a month before the election.

### LOTTERY REFERENDUM

## Governor visits GMP to tout plan

BY GINA CARUSO  
THE GAMECOCK

Gov. Jim Hodges and Georgia Gov. Roy Barnes spoke Friday at USC's Grand MarketPlace, focusing the lottery issue on college students while Barnes discussed the lottery's positive effects in Georgia.

According to Hodges, not only would a lottery lead to better schools, but it would also work to minimize student debt. Hodges emphasized that a state lottery would be well-run and generate money for education by rewarding students for their hard work.

Barnes reflected on how Georgia's lottery has allowed many students to go to college who otherwise wouldn't have been able to afford it.

Additionally, many are going back to school because of newly acquired scholarships, Barnes said. He added that the lottery has kept many Georgia residents in state universities and colleges.

"We need to invest in education," Barnes said. "Currency is no longer measured in dollars and cents, but rather dollars and information."

Barnes said states need to concentrate on making sure children have the skills and ability to feed today's jobs.

Hodges addressed members of Student Government, asking for their feedback concerning an increase in need-based scholarships.

Student Body President Jotaka Eaddy advocated a state lottery, saying some students didn't have enough money to stay in school.

"The lottery will benefit college students, K-12, teachers and parents," she said. Eaddy also saw the lottery as a

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## Backers, foes clash over lottery

■ Supporters have said it would make USC a 'world-class' university

BY BRANDON LARRABEE  
THE GAMECOCK

As South Carolina hurtles toward a vote on a state-sponsored lottery, the proposal's supporters and opponents argue over the impact of a possible lottery on education — including the impact on colleges.

Supporters say the lottery would provide millions for scholarships and technology for education in grades K-12. Opponents say the lottery is an unstable source of income and will create a class of addicts that would cut down on any positive impacts the game might have.

"It'll actually probably impact USC more than anyone or any institution," said Kevin Geddings, who has led the pro-lottery effort and is a member of the South Carolina Education Lottery Coalition's steering committee.

Geddings said the scholarships would entice more of the state's top students to go to South Carolina institutions, like USC, boosting the university's reputation.

"It's going to make it [USC] into a world-class institution," Geddings said. "It's going to make college tuition-free

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**Chuck Eidson leads USC to an exhibition win on Saturday**

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"The cord breaketh at last by the weakest pull."**

— Sir Francis Bacon

### DATEBOOK

#### MONDAY

NOVEMBER **6**  
• Fraternity Council, 4 p.m. RH 322  
• Sorority Council, 5 p.m. RH 322

#### TUESDAY

NOVEMBER **7**  
• Election Day (no class)  
• Garnet & Black publication date