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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS: Two races decided as one heads to runoff

# Corey Ford handily wins SG presidency

### SENATE CANDIDATES (Gray indicates winners)

SCIENCE & MATH	VOTES
Lara Bratcher	122
Reshma Changappa	90
Becky Floyd	128
Tom Griffin	93
Chris Odom	144
Kiti Kajana	79
Shirin Modaresi	88

HRSM	VOTES
Aya Cody	54
Maridith Ramsey	68
Kevin Judd	7

JOURNALISM	VOTES
Brook Bristow	114
Sarah McLaulin	118
Elise Tyndall	111
Brian Gibson	95

LIBERAL ARTS	VOTES
Carson Bacon	145
Sarah Bayko	187
Faiyaz Dossaji	213
Jim MacBride	155
Sara Mareno	187
Joey Oppermann	152
Chrissy Stauffer	188
Ginny Wright	193
Terrance Beeks	132
Natalie Chambers	122
Jeff J. Crews	131
Ben Edwards	109
Lee Allyson Gailliard	87
Kelly Hamilton	110
Whitney Hunt	121
June Nyanchoka	78
Ben Riddle	109

BUSINESS	VOTES
John Beard	202
David Bornemann	200
Shereef El-Ibiary	185
Tiffany Elser	216
Karen Nashatker	195
Katrina Oglesby	176
Tranaka Oglesby	180
Jonathan Wallace	189

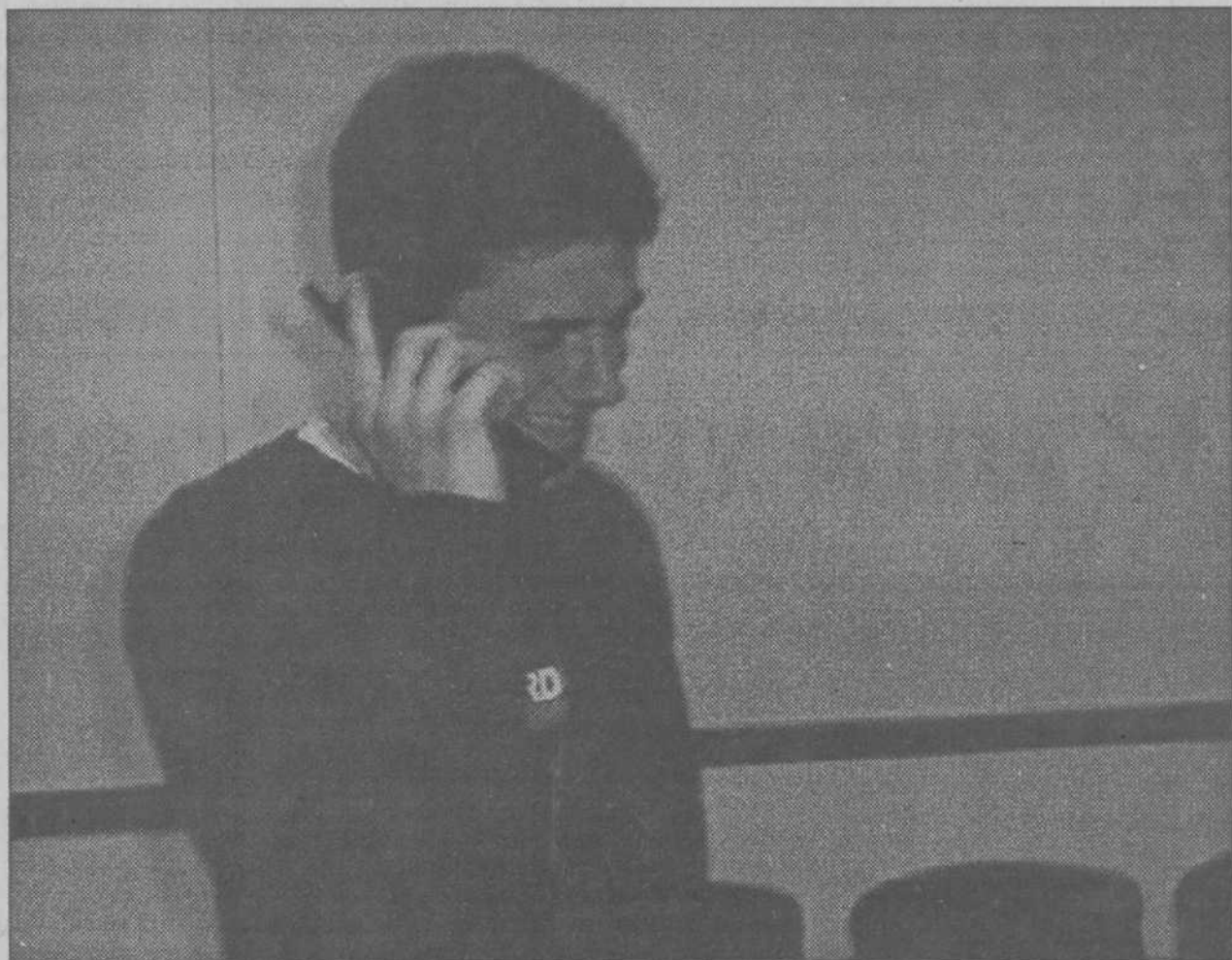
EDUCATION	VOTES
Skip Strainer	11

CRIMINAL JUSTICE	VOTES
Tyler Odom	41
Allison Whitworth	41

MEDICINE	VOTES
Steven L. Cruea	14

PHARMACY	VOTES
Sara Long	40
Naomi Oluabunwa	51

MUSIC	VOTES
Wade Dean	39



SG President-Elect Corey Ford makes calls to share the results of the Student Government elections. Ford won the SG presidency with 59 percent of the vote.

Ford gets almost 60 percent of vote; turnout lower than in previous years

BY BRANDON LARRABEE  
THE GAMECOCK

Student Government Vice President Corey Ford won a stunning victory Thursday, winning the SG presidency with more than double the number of votes of his nearest opponent.

Ford won 59.1 percent of the vote, or 1,005 ballots, followed by Donald Brock's 24.2 percent, or 411 votes. Angela Wilson took 16.5 percent, or 281 votes.

Football player Ryan Brewer, who led the Gamecocks to victory over Ohio State in the Outback Bowl, picked up two write-in votes. Eddie Hill, who wrote a letter bashing Greek organizations in *The Gamecock*, received one write-in vote.

With only 1,700 students voting, this year's turnout falls short of that in the past two elections. More than 2,500 students voted in this past year's election, the first year voting was held online. In 1999, the last year paper elections were held, turnout was 1,800.

"Great," Ford said when asked how he felt about the results. "It's an exhilarating feeling. It really is."

While Ford said he was disappointed in the turnout, he said the amount of people supporting him sent a message.

"It seems like we have a mandate coming in for the new term," Ford said.

He said Wilson and Brock ran their campaigns well. "They didn't have any experience, but they still had good campaigns," he said.



FORD: 59%



BROCK: 24%



WILSON: 17%

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# Bala, White to runoff for VP; Harden wins treasurer

BY CRISTY INFINGER  
THE GAMECOCK



BALA: 44%



WHITE: 22%

SG vice-presidential candidates Sen. Brian Hunter and SG Institutional Affairs Director Adam Bourne went home Thursday night disappointed with their losses, while Freshman Council Adviser Nithya Bala and Sen. Nathan White went home to plan for next week's runoff election.

Bala received 44.4 percent of the vote, or 783 of the ballots cast. White came in a distant second with 22.3 percent, or 393 votes. Hunter received 20.3 percent, or 358 votes, while Bourne took 12.8 percent, or 226 votes.

Two of USC's athletic stars, basketball player Jamel Bradley and baseball player Kip Bouknight, each received one write-in vote.

Sen. Hydrick Harden won an easy victory as SG treasurer — he was the only

candidate on the ballot. Harden won 1,480 votes to the two write-in votes for Rolando Howell, a USC basketball player accused of cashing fraudulent money orders.

The vice-presidential runoff will take place next Wednesday and Thursday at vip.sc.edu.

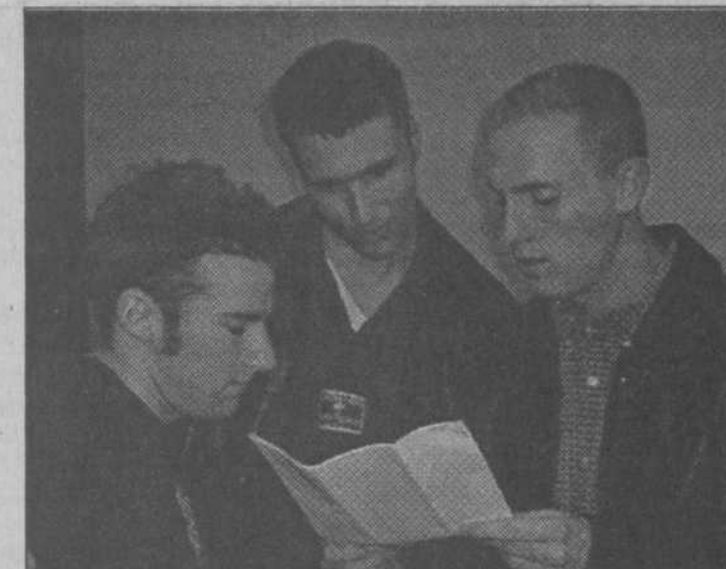
White said Bala's 390-vote lead is undaunting to his campaign.

"I feel good about going to a runoff. We still have another week, and there is no telling what can happen," White said.

White's campaign focused on his ability to push SG senate into action and to help senators become more familiar with students from their colleges.

Bala said her campaign was prepared for another round.

Her agenda focused on televising Senate meetings, making teacher evaluations available to all students, creating more



Vice-presidential candidate Nathan White (center) and Treasurer-elect Hydrick Harden (right) look at election results with Sen. Brook Bristow.

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# SG senate passes budget

BY BRANDON LARRABEE  
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Two budget bills allocating less money than usual for student organizations passed student senate Wednesday.

"I think it was fair, and I think it brought all the groups in line," Senate Finance Committee Chairman and Treasurer-elect Hydrick Harden said Thursday. He said a deficit in the student organization's budget had forced the committee to show restraint.

Student Support Services, which include organizations such as the Office of Community Service Programs and the Office of Multicultural Affairs, received \$717,228 under one of the budget bills. The budget also allocates \$184,950 for Student Media, \$165,675 for Carolina Productions and \$62,752 for graduate

clubs and organizations. SG allocates money to those organizations — and itself — under a formula laid out in the SG codes.

Another budget bill, drafted by the Senate Finance Committee, gave more than \$62,000 to student organizations.

The largest amount for a single organization went to the Honors and Awards Commission, which received \$3,000. Student support services picked up another \$2,000 used for running a free copier in the SG office, and \$1,817 was allocated for new clubs. Other organizations receiving four-digit amounts were the Association for African-American Students with \$1,230, Dance Marathon with \$1,200 and SAGE with \$1,000.

When special projects funding was added,

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# Dance Marathon set to begin tonight

BY MARK HINER  
THE GAMECOCK

The third annual USC Dance Marathon will take place Friday in the Russell House Ballroom. The event will bring 350-400 students together to raise money for the Children's Hospital of Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital. The students will dance for 28 hours straight, beginning at 6 p.m. and ending Saturday at 10 p.m.

Each of the dancers raised \$150 to participate in the event. All funds raised will stay in Columbia to help children with a wide range of ailments.

"It's an opportunity for college students to give back," said Carl Johnson, coordinator of Greek Life and organizer of the marathon.

Event Chairman Edward Bender, a fourth-year student in the College of Liberal Arts, hopes to see at least \$30,000 raised by the marathon. This past

year, the event raised about \$36,000.

Fourth-year College of Science and Mathematics student Liz Galinis has danced in the marathon since its start at USC in 1999. She's looking forward to dancing again.

"The first time, I didn't think I'd make it through," she said. "It's probably the most exhausting thing ever, but it's also very exhilarating. It's so much fun."

The task of keeping students energized falls to the Morale Committee, which offers refreshments and encouragement to the dancers.

"The Morale Committee is the most important part," Bender said. "They keep the dancers focused."

At the marathon's close, the dancers have the opportunity to meet the children they're helping and speak to them and their families.

"That's the best part," said Galinis. "When all of the kids come in, you realize why you are there. It's nice because [with other charities] you don't

always see where your money is going."

The band Soul Mites will start the marathon with live music, followed by numerous other bands.

USC's Dance Marathon is part of a national event taking place at colleges and universities across the nation, and it's the largest student-run philanthropic event in the country.

The first marathon was held at Pennsylvania State University 28 years ago, and it has grown into a nationally recognized event raising millions of dollars for children's hospitals each year. The marathon became associated with the Children's Miracle Network in 1994. CMN, an international, non-profit organization dedicated to raising money for children's hospitals, brought the event to universities around the country, including USC, in 1999.

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### COMING UP



Take an inside look at this year's SG elections.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Those who are faithless know the pleasures of love; it is the faithful who know love's tragedies."

— Oscar Wilde

### ONLINE POLL



Should Eddie Fogler keep his job as head coach of USC's basketball team?

Vote at [www.dailygamecock.com](http://www.dailygamecock.com). Results will be published Friday.