

Spence His Senate seat already a hot topic

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is considering the race. No Democrats have announced, but Harpootlian said at least two people have approached

him about running. "It's untoward to talk about it this quickly," he said.

Democrat Jane Frederick, a Beaufort architect who ran against Spence in 1998 and 2000, said Monday she would not run. She said she wanted to spend more time at her architectural firm and with her two children.

House Majority Leader Rick

Quinn, R-Columbia, is one of several state lawmakers supporting Wilson, who Quinn called a natural transition from Spence.

Quinn said he is fond of David Spence but does not support his candidacy. "There's a learning ground you have to reach in order to run for that office."

David Spence has never held an elected office.

Committee Close evaluations ahead for all USC programs, colleges

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The evaluation process is complicated, according to Carolyn West, a committee member and USC's regional campuses director.

"A large university cannot be evaluated in the same way most businesses can," West said. "Our resources can't go simply to those programs that bring in the most money. We have to look at our long-term goals and overall strengths."

West opposes equal-rate cuts. "If we did that, we would all lose because everyone would be mediocre," she said. "We want to make our budget work in the most effective way possible."

SDIC's recommendations could permanently change the structure of the university, even if budget cuts are only temporary.

"I've never gotten the sense that we're trying to fix short-term budget problems," Cargile said. "We're focused on the long-term interests of the university."

Committee members assure students that their opinions about USC's future will be considered.

"Part of our job is to make sure that no students lose out in the process," Luna said. "We'd love to see them get as involved as possible."

Members urge students to

write the committee about their concerns.

"We want to know what the students love about this university and what changes they would like to see," Cargile said. "They see this school from a different perspective than we possibly could, and their input will be valuable."

The committee will hold public forums students may attend on Sept. 11 (location not yet selected), Sept. 18 at Belk Auditorium and Sept. 25 at the Law School auditorium. "We hope students will take the time to attend the forums," West said.

The deans' list

CRITERIA THE SDIC WILL USE TO EVALUATE USC PROGRAMS, COLLEGES

1. History, development and expectations of the program.
2. External demand for the program.
3. Internal demand for the program.
4. Quality of program inputs and processes.
5. Quality of program outcomes.
6. Size, scope and productivity of the program.
7. Revenue and other resources the program generates.
8. Expenses of the program.
9. Impact, justification and overall essentiality of the program.
10. Opportunity analysis of the program.

Helping the cause

GET INVOLVED BY TELLING DECISION MAKERS WHAT YOU THINK

♦ Write to the Strategic Decisions and Initiatives Committee (remember, intra-campus mail is free).

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Osborne Administration Building, Room 102
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Columbia, SC 29208

♦ Attend the public forums hosted by the SDI Committee.

Sept. 11 - Location to be announced
Sept. 18 - Belk Auditorium, B.A. building
Sept. 25 - Law School Auditorium

♦ Talk to your professors and other faculty and staff members.

♦ Keep reading *The Gamecock* for further information about the forums.

NATION BRIEFS

Maine Couple Joins Powerball Winners

A Maine couple who won one-quarter of the \$294.8 million Powerball jackpot came forward Tuesday, calling the last few days "a wonderful pandemonium."

Patricia Wales, 60, and her husband, Erwin, 70, held a news conference in Saco, Maine, a day after two other winners were identified in Kentucky and Minnesota. The holder of the final winning ticket, which was sold in Delaware, has not been identified.

Chicago Cop Held Hostage Is Released

CHICAGO (AP) - A police officer trying to serve a warrant was shot and held hostage Tuesday for two hours before being released, authorities said.

The officer was taken to a hospital and listed in serious condition, police spokesman Pat Camden said. The suspect, wanted in connection with two bank robberies, was also wounded. Camden didn't know the extent of his injuries.

The standoff ended after the suspect was allowed to speak by telephone to a television reporter.

IT HAPPENED

News you might have missed

BOMB PLOT INDICTMENT: A federal grand jury has indicted a London-based Algerian, linking him to Osama bin Laden's terrorism network, and accusing him of being a mastermind behind a plot to bomb the Los Angeles airport.

CHARGED OFFICER RESIGNS: New York police officer Joseph Gray, charged with killing three members of a family while allegedly driving drunk, resigned from the police department Tuesday.

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