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CSJC rules White ineligible

Vice presidential hopeful has appeal denied by student council

BY BRANDON LARRABEE
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The Carolina Student Judicial Council has ruled that Student Government vice presidential hopeful Nathan White cannot be

an official candidate.

The ruling, released Thursday, resolves a two-week dispute between White and the administration over whether White could run for office. Because White was not in "good standing" with his college, a requirement for vice president under the SG Constitution, administrators had said White couldn't run for the position. White countered that he was only required to be in good standing to hold the office, not to be a candidate.



White

White said at the CSJC hearing Wednesday he has a 2.5 GPA. The College of Liberal Arts requires graduate students to maintain a 3.0 to be in good standing. Writing for the majority, Chief Justice Aaron Hark said the constitution's authors meant to require candidates to be in good standing. "While the wording of the

Student Government Constitution has room for improvement, there is no doubt regarding the intent of the provisions in question," Hark wrote. "The intent of such a provision is that students who seek leadership positions in USC organizations, as well as those who hold those positions, should place academics ahead of their extra-curricular activities."

The council based its decision on Article V, Section 1, Subsection E of the constitution, which says any full-time student can run for

office "provided the other specific requirements for the particular office are satisfied."

Hark said the council had finished the ruling shortly after midnight, nearly three and a half hours after it began hearing arguments from White and SG Attorney General Brian Hunter.

"We deliberated at length about the whole thing," Hark said. He said it became clear a majority of the council thought they understood the constitution's intent.

"We're pretty sure we know what they're trying to do here; they're just not doing it very well," Hark said.

White had alleged that previous SG decisions were controlled or overturned by the university staff instead of students. He said Director of Student Judicial Affairs Scott Lewis had served only in an advisory position.

White said that he respected the council and their decision, but

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MEET THE CANDIDATES



Candidate: David Bornemann



David Bornemann stands with a cutout of former USC president J. Rion McKissick.

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SG senator

Bornemann stands tall in SG election

BY ADAM BEAM
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If you measure this year's Student Government presidential candidates against each other, you'll only find one candidate who truly stands above the others.

But who's counting?

At 6 feet 9 inches tall, David Bornemann didn't have any trouble playing basketball for Cambridge Academy in Greenwood, where he "basically cleaned up all the rebounds and put them back up," he said.

While his athletic career swayed between basketball, golf and soccer, Bornemann found time for other pursuits, including politics.

"The first office I ever had was eighth grade class treasurer," he said. "I kind of took off from there."

With his trademark bowtie — which he learned to tie over the summer with the help of a Web site — Bornemann plans to extend his political career into the executive branch of USC's SG.

Bornemann enters the presidential race with a GAME plan for USC — Government, Accountability, Minority Issues and Education.

With education, Bornemann supports keeping the College of Criminal Justice independent, encouraging online syllabuses and extending the drop/add date.

"I think they are all realistic things to be accomplished in one year," Bornemann said. "I think that these are things that can be accomplished and that can be built on in the years to come too."

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Capstone fire leaves students outside in cold

Accidental fire might close laundry room for semester

BY KEVIN FELLNER
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Students were forced to evacuate Capstone Residence Hall early Wednesday morning because of a fire that started in the basement.

Hundreds of pajama-clad students were forced to sit on sidewalks and grass outside Capstone just after 4 a.m. on Wednesday, while the Columbia Fire Department contained the fire.

According to USC Police Department reports, the CFD declared the fire an accident. The CFD reported a dryer, overfilled with lint, caught fire. The fire spread through most of the washing machines and dryers in the basement laundry room before it was extinguished.

Fire panels also showed the fire had spread near elevator shaft No. 1, according to responding officer Joseph Clarke's police report.

The building's fire alarms jolted most students out of bed. One of those students was first-year business student Kelly Lenihan.

Lenihan said most of the residents she saw while evacuating the building didn't know what was going on. She said many of them looked half-asleep and disoriented.

Once they were outside, many students thought the entire building was on fire when they saw smoke rising out of the roof, Lenihan said. The excess smoke was because of the building's empty elevator shafts acting as chimneys for the building, officials said.

Students waiting outside were later moved to the lobby of nearby Columbia Hall to get out of the cold morning air.

"At first, they were telling us that we might not get back into our rooms until about 7:30 or 8 [a.m.]," Lenihan said. "Some people were worried about getting to class on time."

Just after 6 a.m., the fire chief on the scene allowed students to re-enter the building. However, the basement will most likely remain closed for the remainder of the semester while damages are assessed, USC Housing officials said.

The CFD rated the damages at "moderate" for the laundry room area. No other part of the building was affected.

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USC to offer course in counterterrorism

BY LOGAN BARLOW
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In response to the Sept. 11 attacks, USC has added a new class to its curriculum on countering terrorism.

The course, "Counterterrorism: A Multidisciplinary Analysis," was created by physics professor Joseph Johnson, as well as retired Lt. Col. John Johnson and Dodge Frederick, formerly of the FBI.

The class syllabus states, "The purpose of this class is to further prepare the student as an 'informed citizen' and to provide a perspective and framework that will serve a more in-depth study of the issues raised."

Although the course is listed as PHYS 599, it does not require any prerequisites.

"Counterterrorism" will consist of faculty and guest-expert lectures.

On the course Web site, Johnson said his objective for the class is "to bring together experts from across the university and government to address a va-

riety of subjects pertinent to counterterrorism."

Before creating their lectures, the speakers were asked to consider two questions: "What do you see as the greatest threats from terrorism?" and "What actions are needed to counter these threats?"

Although there is no textbook, the course functions as a regular class. Students are required to take three exams based on the lectures, and graduate students have to write a research paper.

Andres Schloemann, a second-year business student, decided to enroll in the course after finding out about it through a friend.

"I'm very interested in international relations, and terrorism is part of international relations even though it's an ugly business," Schloemann said.

He said he found the lecture by Dan Drociuk of the state Department of Health and Environmental Control to be the most interesting. Drociuk, who

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2002 SALT LAKE CITY WINTER OLYMPICS



PHOTO BY DAVID P. GILKEY/KRT CAMPUS

Canadian figure skaters David Pelletier and his partner, Jamle Sale, hold up flowers in celebration after receiving the silver medal as Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze, of Russia, who won the gold, look on during the medal ceremony for the pairs free skate program. The controversial decision to give the Russians the gold has caused an inquiry into how figure skating is judged.

Carolina doctor picked for Olympics

BY LAURA MOSS
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Tom Terrell, a doctor at the USC School of Medicine, is treating patients from more than 250 countries for the next two weeks as a member of the 2002 Olympic medical team. He was selected by the U.S. Olympic Committee to work with two of the more high-profile events: figure skating and short-distance speed skating.

Terrell expects this Olympics to be one of the "most emotionally riveting games in years" and said he is glad to be part of it. "At

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TODAY'S WEATHER: Mostly sunny. High 64, Low 44.



TOMORROW'S WEATHER: Partly cloudy. High 64, Low 37.