

Meningitis

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political science student, chose not to receive the vaccination "because it cost too much."

A meningitis infection can result in brain damage, loss of limbs, kidney failure, hearing loss or death.

If the disease is detected early enough, then it is possible to treat it with antibiotics. However, since the symptoms of bacterial meningitis so closely resemble those of the flu, it can be hard to catch. The disease also progresses very rapidly, and it can cause death within a few hours.

"From what I know, [the risk] is not that big, or they'd make

more of a deal out of it. So why worry about it, if it's not really prevalent?" Perry said.

However, some students are concerned about the possibility of an epidemic at USC. Second-year English student Adam Habib said, "If there is a real concern from an epidemiological perspective, then there definitely needs to be some sort of statement from the administration to that effect."

The vaccine protects against the meningitis bacteria groups that account for 70 percent of all cases among college students.

"The vaccine is not 100 percent; it only protects you against certain types of meningitis, but it's the best protection that we have to offer right now," King said.

The effects of the vaccine last three to five years. However,

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ADAM HABIB
SECOND-YEAR ENGLISH STUDENT

while the vaccine might prevent a person carrying the bacteria from contracting meningitis, it does not ensure that the carrier will not spread the bacteria to other people.

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NAACP

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NAACP will make the report cards an annual process for presidential candidates.

"We can't do what we need to do unless the SG is doing what they need to do," Bryant said. "This is the first step for us to get active in SG."

Bryant said he was pleased with the candidates' willingness to participate in the report card program.

Such a positive response from candidates will most likely prompt the NAACP to organize a similar questionnaire for next year's election, Bryant said.

"We hope this can be something the students can look forward to every year," he said.

Elections Commissioner Adam Bourne reviewed and ap-

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Discrimination in USC staff	3	1	2	4
Community service	5	7	3	3
Faculty that represent students	4	2	4	1
Noticeable student government	7	4	7	7
Interaction with student body	1	5	6	2

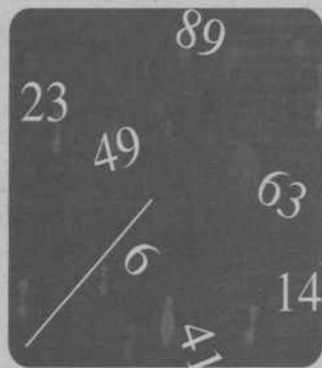
Note: Candidate Jim McFadden didn't submit responses for this report.

proved the report cards before they were released to candidates.

Copies of the report cards can be obtained outside the Russell

House on Wednesday and Thursday.

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