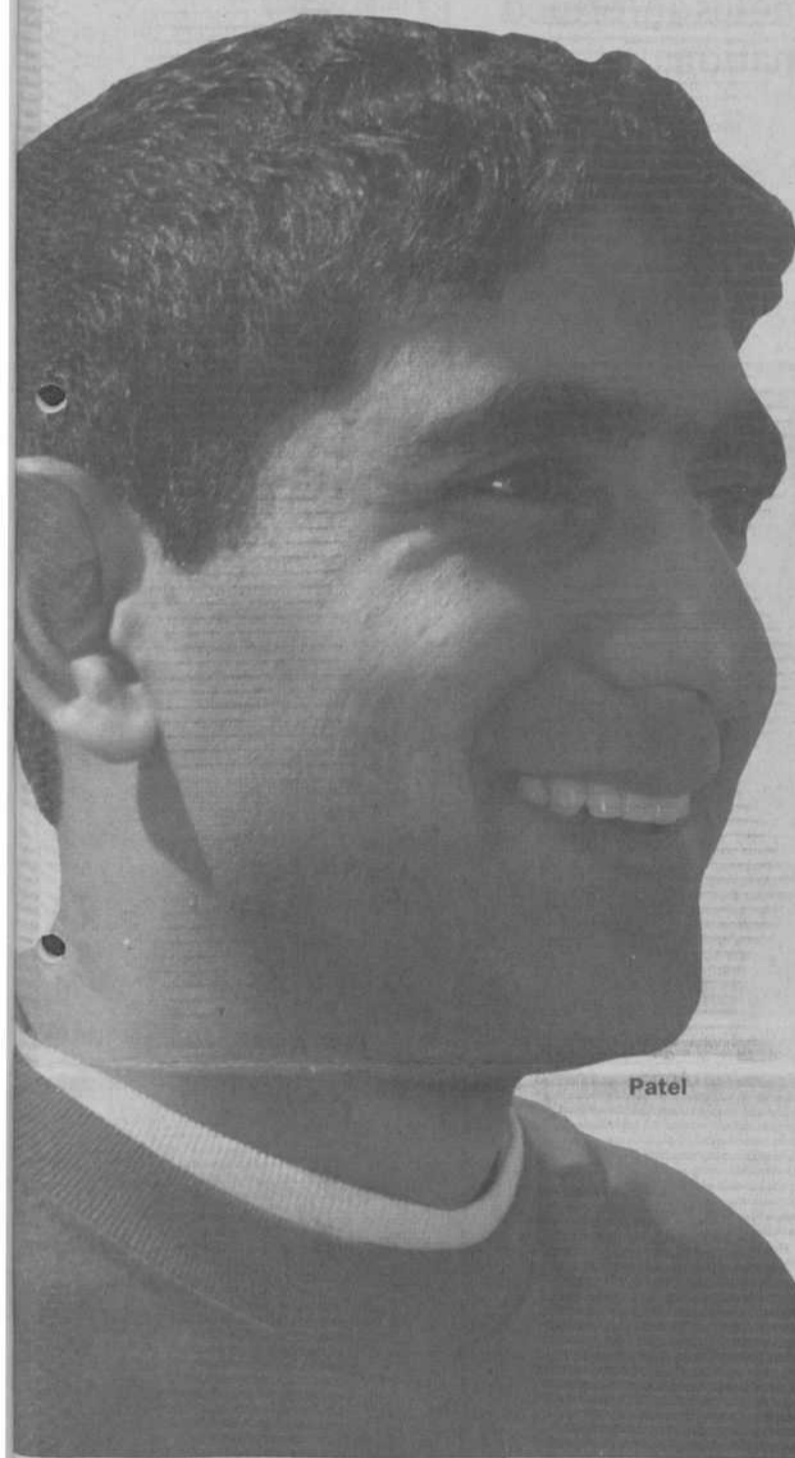


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SG FACEOFF

HISTORY GIVES FEW CLUES AS TO WHO WILL WIN SG RUNOFF



Patel

The past has split verdict on runoff's outcome

BY BRANDON LARRABEE
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At first glance, David Bornemann's first-election lead in the race for Student Government president might seem to deter opponent Ankit Patel.

USC's SG history shows that front-runners often go on to win runoff elections. In the 11 runoffs held for president since 1987, the leaders in the first round of balloting have won eight times.

But a closer look shows the numbers don't favor Bornemann as much as they appear. All three wins by the candidates who came in second in the initial voting were in races where the margin of victory the first time was less than 14 percent. Bornemann currently leads by 11 points.

In fact, front-runners with those lower margins have split those races evenly with the underdogs, winning only three of them.

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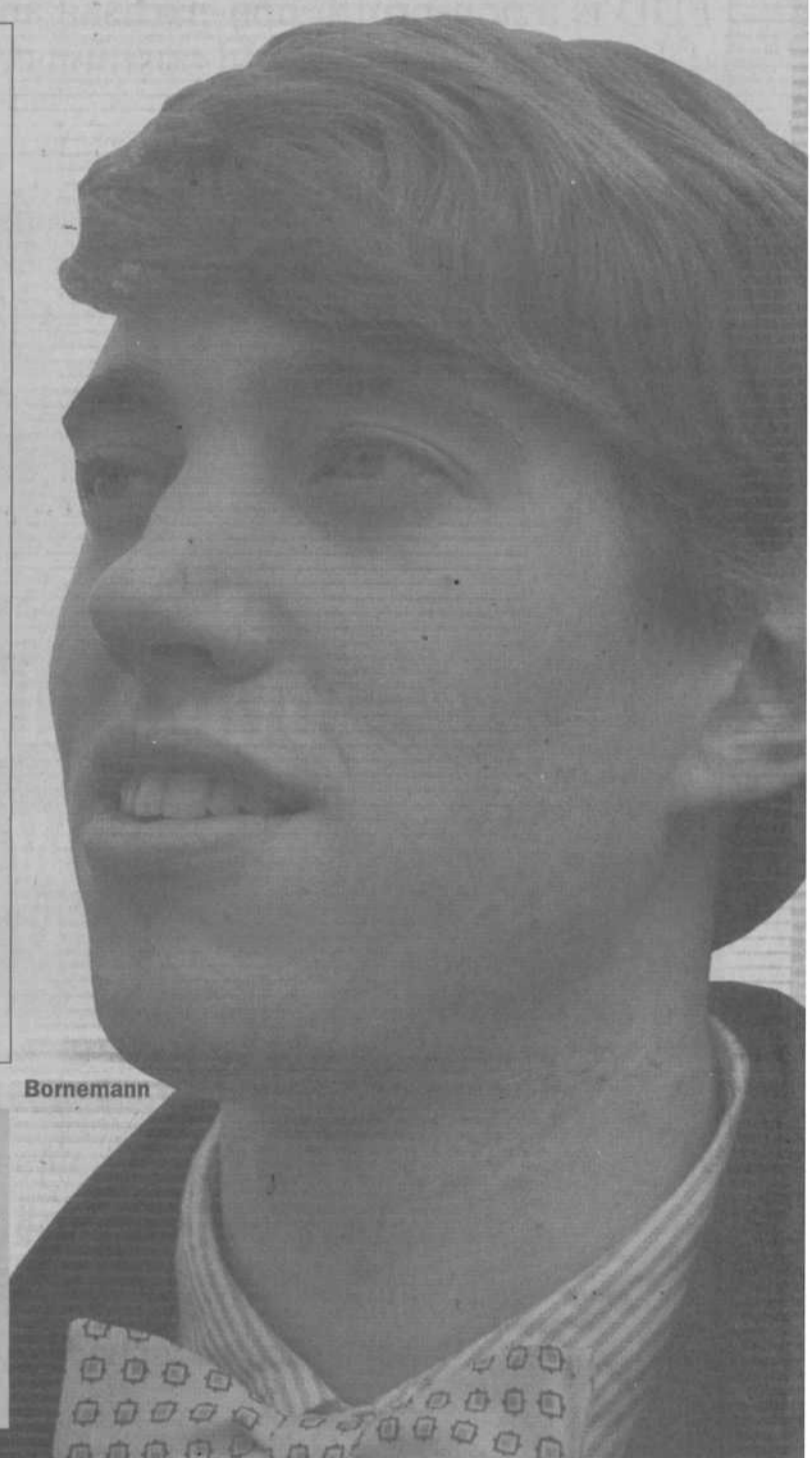
Ankit Patel

- ♦Wishes to constitutionally mandate the following Cabinet positions: directors of Community Services Programs, Minority Affairs, Greek Affairs, Women's Issues and Environmental Affairs.
- ♦Wants to reduce SG spending.
- ♦Supports hiring and retention of more qualified minorities.
- ♦Wants to challenge USC to match new green spaces with new parking spaces.
- ♦Wants USC to make good on past promises for a recycling-and-conservation program.

David Bornemann

Platform centers on The GAME Plan:

- ♦Government Relationships: Working more closely with those in power to provide a safer campus and lower tuition.
- ♦Accountability: Keeping Cabinet productive.
- ♦Minority Issues: Adding sexual orientation to the anti-discrimination clause.
- ♦Education: Keeping an independent College of Criminal Justice and adopting of an academic forgiveness policy.



Bornemann



What's happening

- ♦ Who: All full-time students
- ♦ What: Runoff elections for Student Government president, treasurer
- ♦ Where: <http://vip.sc.edu>
- ♦ When: 9 a.m. today to 5 p.m. Thursday



Terrance Beeks (left) and Becky Floyd (right) are in a runoff this week for Student Government treasurer.

PATEL, BORNEMANN PHOTOS BY CANDI HAUGLUM

Bornemann has been ticketed for underage drinking violations

Bornemann was cited, arrested for violations

BY GINNY THORNTON
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A criminal background check of both Student Government presidential candidates shows that David Bornemann has received two tickets for alcohol possession as a minor.

In an interview on Tuesday, Bornemann said he received one

ticket at the Carolina Cup in Camden this past spring. A certified copy of his ticket is dated May 31, 2001.

Bornemann, who will turn 21 on July 29, 2002, said he had not been drinking when he received the ticket at the horse race.

He said he shouldn't have been charged.

"I was just standing there carrying on a conversation, and there's a beer at my feet. It was a faulty charge," he said.

The case is still pending a possible jury trial, according to the Kershaw County Magistrate Court.

"My lawyer thinks it's best to request a jury trial and let it filter out. If it comes up for trial, he basically guaranteed me it would be taken care of," Bornemann said.

Bornemann said he received a second ticket at a party at University Commons in Cayce this past August.

Bornemann said he had drunk two beers before police ticketed him at the apartment complex.

He said he estimated about 80 other people were ticketed that night.

"My two tickets have been well

"I drink socially from time to time. I think there are few college-aged students who don't."

DAVID BORNEMANN
SG PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

below the legally drunk level," he said.

According to Bornemann, the incidents aren't related to his ability to serve as president.

"I'll admit it, I drink socially

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SG debate canceled after candidates say they weren't notified

Two contenders pull out because of conflicts

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Two student organizations canceled a debate Tuesday morning just hours before it was scheduled to begin.

The NAACP and the South Carolina Student Legislature had requested SG office candidates

participate in a debate at 12:30 p.m. on Greene Street.

NAACP President Jerome Bryant said both student organizations made a decision last Friday to sponsor a debate and that SCSL President Adam Shaw contacted candidates during the weekend.

Treasurer candidate Terrance Beeks, who is also a member of the SCSL, said the organizations planned the debates to give the re-

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Termite troubles

Infestation suspected at apartments

BY LOGAN BARLOW
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Pinckney/Legare on the Horseshoe might be infested by termites.

Residents in the building's apartments first spotted the flying insects a week ago. The Housing

Department was called in to inspect the problem, but they have yet to determine if it is a full-blown termite infestation.

Pickney/Legare includes the Army ROTC department, the Horseshoe Area Office, the Horseshoe's laundry and common rooms, and residential apartments.

The common room and laundry room have warnings posted to students to be careful about what they might set on the ground.

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PHOTO BY MARTHA WRIGHT

Residents of Pinckney/Legare alerted the Housing Department to possible termite infestation.

Bala, Brown endorse Patel; Harden supporting Floyd

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Student Government presidential candidate Ankit Patel has picked up two endorsements heading into the runoff election that begins today, while SG Treasurer Hydrick Harden has made his support for would-be successor Becky Floyd known.

SG Vice President Nithya Bala made her backing of Patel clear last week, wearing a campaign T-shirt around campus Thursday.

Bala said Patel's founding of the First Mentors service organization and his service as parliamentarian, along with his platform, make Patel the best candidate for president. She said that, as parliamentarian, Patel was able to learn about SG without playing an "insider role."

"I think that he's been able to observe ... what the shortcomings of the organization overall might have been," Bala said.

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TODAY'S WEATHER: Sunny. High 45, Low 22.



TOMORROW'S WEATHER: Sunny. High 52, Low 30.