

Criminal Justice senators to keep seats

BY JOHN PENNINGTON
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Student Government Attorney General Brook Bristow has decided to allow the student senators from the now-defunct College of Criminal Justice to retain their seats in the Student Senate for the rest of their current term.

The term will serve as sort of a "last ride for the criminal justice department in the Student Government," said Bristow, because their positions will not be filled once vacated.

In his ruling, Bristow says this issue is "further highlighting a need for a new constitution and more detailed constitutional codes." He has said he intends to create a special committee to rework the constitution and codes, but hard feelings among the former students of the criminal justice department might be unavoidable.

Sen. Tom King insists both he and Tyler Odom, the other criminal justice senator, are "both very pleased to be students here." He also said, however, he felt as though he was "kept in the dark" by the Board of Trustees before they made the "unfortunate decision" to make the College of Criminal Justice part of the College of Liberal Arts.

A Look at the Actual Ruling

1. Sen. Tom King and Sen. Tyler Odom will be able to keep their Senate seats.
2. Should either King or Odom drop out of Student Senate during his term, the Powers and Responsibilities Committee will not fill the empty seat.
3. The seats will be active as long as King and Odom fill them.
4. King and Odom will retain all responsibilities and powers granted to them by their position.
5. The seats will not be up for election in February, and all criminal justice students who want to run for a Senate seat must run in the College of Liberal Arts.

Source: SG Attorney General

Bristow agrees they were kept in the dark, and says President Sorensen has been open to suggestions since taking his position, though the Board of Trustees "isn't

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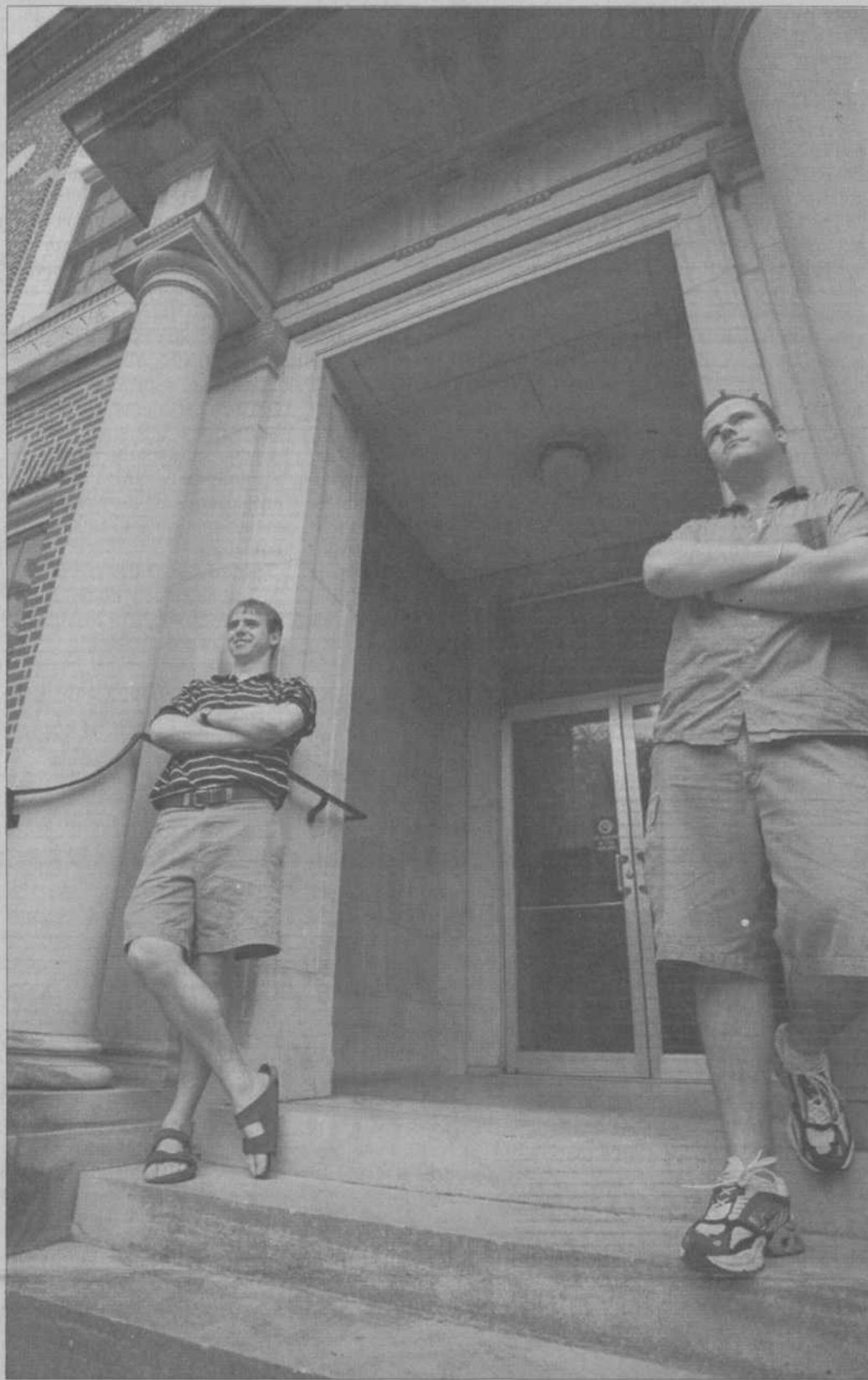


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Criminal justice Sens. Tyler Odom, left, and Tom King will be able to keep their seats on the Student Senate, despite the school's submersion in the College of Liberal Arts.

More people taking LSAT

BY ALEXIS STRATTON
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With the U.S. economy as weak as it is, it came as no surprise to Albert Chen, executive director of Kaplan Test Prep's graduate programs, that LSAT registrations have increased dramatically from previous years.

Kaplan estimates that this year's October registration for the law school entrance exam could be the largest in history.

"It began in early 2001," said Chen. "We saw double-digit growth [then] and an explosion this year." Chen credits a poor economy and job market for the spike.

"Whenever an economic downturn occurs, first the GMAT [standardized business test] registration increases. Soon after, we see a spike in the LSAT. ... The economic downturn makes work hard to find, and since business school requires work experience,

"The economic downturn makes work hard to find and since business school requires work experience, many students apply to law school instead!"

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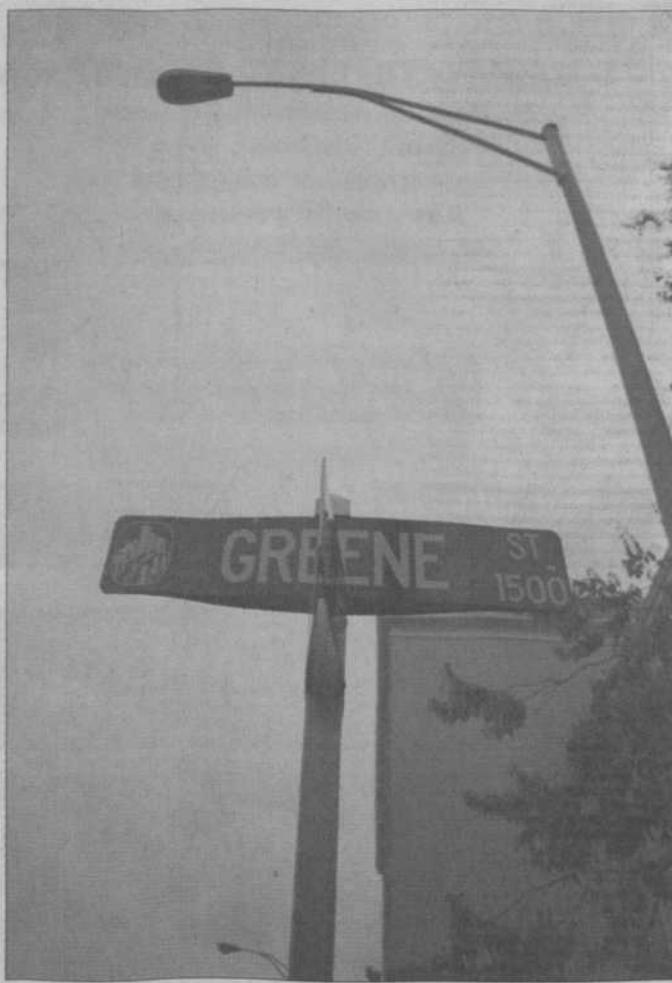


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Current streetlights will be replaced with 150-watt bulbs.

City Council votes to improve lighting on Greene Street

BY WENDY JEFFCOAT
THE GAMECOCK

The Columbia City Council voted unanimously last Wednesday to add new lighting to Greene Street and the surrounding areas.

According to Shirley Mills, director of government and community relations at USC, the purpose of the University Neighborhood Lighting Project is to increase safety and security within the area.

The driving forces behind the proposal include the National Advocacy Center, the USC Neighborhood Association, USC, City Council and the Five Points Merchants Association.

"This project is a perfect example of what can be accomplished when the city, the neighborhood and the university work together toward a com-

"I think it's a good idea to improve the lighting. I would feel a lot safer."

LAZANDRA TIDWELL
THIRD-YEAR BIOLOGY STUDENT

mon goal," Mills said.

The existing streetlights will be replaced with 150-watt Arlington lights on a 14-foot Charleston fluted pole, similar to the lights on Gervais Street. The project requires 270 lights throughout the neighborhood, and wiring for the system will be underground.

The start and completion dates haven't been announced.

Ernest Ellis, director of law enforcement and safety at USC, said that, in the more than 20 years he has been with the uni-

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Bush urged to seek approval for attack

Lawmakers say president needs Congress' OK to go after Iraq

BY KEN GUGGENHEIM
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Legal questions aside, lawmakers say President Bush needs to seek Congress' approval before sending American troops to attack Iraq because it's the right thing to do. Vice President Dick Cheney warned of grave consequences from not acting quickly against Saddam Hussein.

"I don't play this game so much on what's legal and what's not legal," Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., said of a U.S. attack on Iraq. "If the president is going to commit this nation to war, he'd better have the support of the Congress and the American people with him."

White House counsel Al Gonzales told Bush this month

that he doesn't need explicit authority from Congress to wage war with Iraq, presidential spokesman Ari Fleischer told reporters Monday in Crawford, Texas, where Bush is vacationing.

Despite that opinion, Bush has not ruled out seeking lawmakers' approval if he decides to attack Iraq, Fleischer said.

"The president will consult with the Congress because Congress has an important role to play," he said.

Amid the growing international debate over Iraq, U.S. and British aircraft that have been patrolling the skies over southern and northern zones of Iraq for

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University researchers publish report findings

BY CHRISTIE PERKINSON
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Two recently released USC studies report new findings on preventing colds and the impact of culture on the state's economy.

The Norman J. Arnold School of Public Health and the Moore School of Business released studies within days of each other.

Charles Matthews, a professor the public health school, found that adults who participate in moderate physical activity might

lower their chances of catching a cold. He led a group of researchers from the University of Massachusetts in a comparison of the rate of physical activity to the occurrences of upper-respiratory-tract infection from 641 men and women aged 20 to 70.

Although previous research shows that excessive levels of physical activity trigger infection, the study says the research was insufficient in showing the effects of low levels of activity on health.

Records from the Massachusetts-based Seasonal



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Variation of Blood Cholesterol study showed that fall and winter triggered colds for about 40 percent of the subjects, while summer saw 10 percent of reported colds. The participants who engaged in moderate activity decreased their chances of infection by 23 percent annually.

Fourth-year finance student

Katie Koerner said: "Going to the gym and even walking across campus to class gives me more energy throughout the day. Also, I feel so much better than the days that I sleep in."

An article outlining the findings of the study is found in the

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