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## Race for governor heats up

*Hodges, Sanford focus on key issues as election nears*

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With Election Day less than three weeks away, Republican Mark Sanford is trying to unseat Democratic incumbent Jim Hodges to be the next governor of South Carolina.

Both gubernatorial candidates are lobbying for votes by focusing on key issues such as education, taxes and government restructuring.

One of the main issues that the candidates disagree about is where to spend lottery revenue.

"My bias would be to allocate these funds to K through 12, and even pre-K, because if a child is not reading by grade level in the fourth grade, they will not be reading by grade level in the eighth grade," Sanford said on his Web site, www.sanfordforgovernor.com. "Education experts across the country would concur and tell you that, to make a difference in education, you need to spend the money early."

But Samantha Sapnick, a member of Hodges' staff, said, "Governor Hodges believes that higher education is the key for better economic status, a better way of life, and better health coverage."

Hodges' Web site, www.hod-

ges2002.com, says "100,000 students will be attending college and technical schools this fall" because of his promise of lottery-funded scholarships.

The education issue is prevalent in the race for governor, and both candidates deem it one of their top priorities.

According to Hodges' Web site, his "Next Steps to Better Schools" education plan "focuses on enhancing the quality of preschool, increasing teacher quality and accountability, improving the learning environment for our students, engaging South Carolina's parents and communities in this statewide improvement effort, and expanding access to higher education in our state."

Sanford, on his Web site, said, "Our campaign proposes building on South Carolina's educational advancements and complementing it with a program for a disciplined environment of multiple education avenues to nurture academic achievement and student readiness for all South Carolina children."

Hodges said the number of new jobs created in South Carolina has reached an all-time high of 35,123 over the past two years. But Sanford said, "Rather than just doling out large tax breaks, I would strive to create a steady diet of competitive business in South Carolina."

Sanford said on his Web site that helping business "would help everyone," from out-of-state businesses looking to

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### Gubernatorial candidates take a stand on South Carolina's issues



Hodges

#### Education

Supports spending lottery funds on scholarships for students attending South Carolina schools. Thinks vouchers will hurt public education.

#### Jobs

Hodges says he has already begun improving the jobs and economy in the state. Under his administration, the state experienced its top year for job creation and capital investment.

#### Taxes

Hodges says he already supports tax breaks because he implemented them for seniors and working families. He has also increased the Homestead Tax exemption so that nearly half of seniors are exempt from property taxes.



Sanford

#### Education

Thinks lottery funds should go to K-12. Wants to give parents the right to choose which school their child attends through the use of vouchers.

#### Jobs

Wants to develop new jobs by creating competitive business advantages. Wants to reduce or eliminate the "wealth gap" that exists between South Carolinians and the average American.

#### Taxes

Wants to eliminate income taxes within 18 years. Wants to broaden the sales tax to include gasoline. This pool of money would be drawn on as a line of credit in the event of economic downturn.

Source: Candidates' Web sites

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## Chalk slogans violate policy

BY COREY GARRIOTT  
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Though the political slogans chalked onto the Pickens Street bridge have washed away in the rain, Student Activities Director Carmela Carr said chalking the sidewalks is illegal under university policy.

Carr pointed to university policy section 3.11, on postings and publicity, which says: "Publicity material(s) shall be posted only on bulletin boards or other approved areas designated in this policy. Under no circumstances shall any publicity material be placed, written or painted upon any surface (interior or exterior) including,

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## Fall break ends too soon



PHOTO BY CANDI HAUGLUM/THE GAMECOCK

As students made their way back to school from fall break, there was heavy traffic on major highways around Columbia. Students are preparing to hunker down after a long weekend and get back to work for the rest of the semester.

## Inmate calls USC students

BY ALLYSON BIRD  
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Megan Moxie woke up to the sound of her phone ringing on a Sunday morning last month, but the voice on the other end wasn't who she was expecting.

"The phone kept ringing, and I'd answer it. It would be a collect call from someone named John. The operator would ask if I would like to accept the charges and then say that he was an inmate at Richland County Detention Center and that my call could be recorded for use in court — then I'd hang up," said Moxie, a first-year business student.

But "John" kept calling until Moxie, disturbed, finally took her phone off the hook after he had called about 10 times.

"He would use the same name twice and then change it," Moxie said. "Next he was Peter, and I think he said his name was Paul after that."

When he began running out of biblical names, though, the inmate got angry.

"After a few times, he'd say, 'Pick up the damn phone,'" Moxie said.

It was then that she went to her dorm's front desk worker, who instructed her to call the police. The USC Police Department then gave Moxie a number to call to block inmates from calling, "but of course that number only works 9 to 5 weekdays," she said. She never accepted the inmate's calls.

Clarissa Knotts, a third-year nursing student, did.

At 8 p.m. Sept. 16, "John" called Knotts. Thinking that a friend named John had run into trouble, Clarissa accepted the charges.

"He said, 'No one gave me your number, but I just wanted someone to talk to.' He kept saying it over and over again — that he'd been there 19 months," Knotts said. When the inmate asked her what color her shorts were, she hung up.

Capt. Redmond, an officer at RCDC, said that, upon request, the facility will block inmates from calling any phone number. "But that includes your friends if they get in trouble in Five Points," he said.

Redmond stressed that the method by which inmates contact

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## Mass e-mailing virus Bugbear emerges in university's system

*USC Computer Services works to fix the problem*

BY HOLLY BOUNDS  
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A new e-mail virus has become present on USC's campus and Computer Services is doing all it can to alleviate the problem.

W32.Bugbear, commonly known as Bugbear, is a mass e-mailing worm. It became known on Sept. 30, and just days later USC Computer Services was notified, according to Sean Crymble, interim head of anti-virus support.

Symantec Security Response has upgraded this threat from a Category 3 to a Category 4 as of Oct. 2. Crymble says there

are only a few known infections of the virus on campus, and they are working on clearing those.

The Bugbear virus infects computers running on the Windows operating system and an unpatched version of Internet Explorer 5.5, according to an advisory posted by the security company Symantec.

An error in MIME (the multi-purpose Internet mail extensions) lets a malicious program attached to an e-mail message infect a computer, when the text of the message appears in Outlook.

According to Norton Anti-virus, once running, Bugbear searches a PC for e-mail addresses and uses its own e-mail engine to send off infected messages to each address listed.



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Read about the Bugbear virus at <http://securityresponse.symantec.com/avcenter/venc/data/w32.bugbear@mm.html>.

Also, it uses random e-mail addresses in the "from" field of the header to camouflage where the infected message is coming from.

Lastly, Bugbear sends off an encrypted file with information about the computer it infected to a predefined e-mail address and opens a backdoor for network attackers to use to sneak into the system.

Kerry Welsh, a second-year nursing student, recently received an e-mail from someone she didn't know. She said the title was unusual and she had

heard rumor of the "Bugbear" virus, so she decided not to open it.

Welsh found out later that many of her friends received the same e-mail, which was linked with the Bugbear virus.

A similar situation came from Julia DesChamps, a second-year marketing student at Clemson University.

"I received an e-mail from someone I didn't know, and so did my friend that attends USC," said DesChamps. "It had an odd sub-

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