

Vote today

Online SG voting begins today

BY ALEXIS STRATTON
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Voting begins today for Student Government elections and so does the crunch time for candidates.

This year's campaign strategies seem much different from years past. Although executive candidates have Web sites and can be seen courting votes outside the Russell House, the campaigning efforts lack the ferocity that marked last year's competitive races.

"It seems like overall the candidates are more conservative in terms of not hounding people," said Rachel Keisler, SG election



commissioner.

She said candidates are still enthusiastic but show it in a more subdued manner.

"Maybe in the past they were hounded by candidates" and didn't want to do that themselves, said Keisler, a fourth-year marketing and management student.

Despite the change in the election's timbre, Keisler said the pro-

cess has been going well. Although a few candidates incurred infractions over campaign violations, such as problems with postings and including a USC link on a campaign Web site, no candidates have accumulated enough to be ineligible.

"I think it's going pretty smoothly with its usual bumps and jolts that it gets," she said.

"Everyone's been pretty cooperative."

Keisler encourages all students to vote at <http://vip.sc.edu> today or Tuesday.

Third-year marketing student Mike Mohrwinkel said he will only vote if it "pops into (his)



search the candidates on the SG Web site, at www.sg.sc.edu. Then, if they need more information, they can call the candidates or visit their Web sites.

"I just think everyone should definitely vote this year and definitely take a peek and see what the candidates are about," she said.

The link for the elections is in the "personal" menu of VIP. Voting closes at 5 p.m. Tuesday and results will be announced at 7 p.m. on the third floor of the Russell House.

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Some colleges not represented in Senate

BY BETH EWOLDSEN
THE GAMECOCK

For Student Government senate elections, few races feature more candidates than seats available, most having either an equal or fewer candidates running.

Only in the Liberal Arts and Science and Math colleges do the elections boast more candidates than seats. There are no candidates running for senate seats in the medical school or the colleges of Social Work, Education, Nursing, Pharmacy and Music.

Students interested in running can still register in colleges with an insufficient number of candidates by contacting SG Elections

Commissioner Rachel Keisler at 777-2654.

The SG senate is responsible for passing or failing resolutions and bills meant to address issues relevant to USC students. Senators bring up concerns relevant to their college, and when a college is not represented, little gets done directed specifically to that institution.

In the past few years, SG has faced similar problems. This past year, according to SG vice president and third-year political science student Zachery Scott: "We were able to fill the seats for the medical school and the colleges of Social Work and Public Health. It was hard work, but we're proud to have done it."

When there is an inadequate amount of candidates, the senate must find some way to fill the seats.

As third-year political science student Cameron Burnette, one of the Liberal Arts senators, said, "If the college isn't represented, it can't expect to have its say on the issues."

The senate is divided into committees, making the Powers and Responsibility Committee responsible for filling the empty seats.

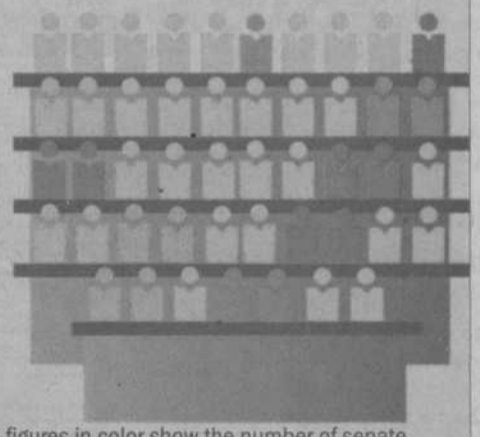
Burnette served on this committee and explained the last year's procedure regarding empty seats.

"The committee contacts the deans of the colleges, then takes applications from students. Then, the committee interviewed the qualified applicants. After that, the appli-

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The figures in color show the number of senate seats that will be vacant after the elections.

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Students participated in the annual Dance Marathon Friday night. Entertainment included a performance by Maywater.

Students dance all night for local charity

BY JOCELYN MEYER
THE GAMECOCK

More than 200 dancers and volunteers were on their feet for 24 hours to raise more than \$83,000 for the Palmetto Health Children's Hospital this weekend at the Strom Thurmond Wellness & Fitness Center.

USC Dance Marathon raised a record amount of money for the organization, \$83,929.29.

"Thirty-five morale captains and 25 executive committee members have been working on Dance Marathon since last March, and it turned out to be successful," said

Katie Page, a fourth-year public relations student and member of the Delta Zeta sorority.

Throughout the night, bands played, families and doctors gave speeches and a DJ played songs.

Because the marathon was held at the Strom, organizers took advantage of the indoor pool.

"So at 5 a.m., everyone headed to the pool where we had relays and synchronized swimming," Page said.

"The dancers were so enthusiastic, and it made the 24 hours go by so fast."

KRISTY NIX
THIRD-YEAR ALPHA DELTA PI

Tri Delta received the Miracle Cup for raising the most money and for its participation.

Greg Foster, a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, received the Will Busbee Award for raising the most money for an individual.

This year every sorority on campus was represented at the marathon, along with other groups across campus. In addition, the Residence Hall Association had several participants — more

than in past years, Page said.

Each group was divided into dancers and led by morale captains who helped keep the spirit and energy alive all night. Awards were given to the most spirited dancers in each group.

"So many people participated this year; it was great," said Kristy Nix, a fourth-year accounting student and third-year Alpha Delta Pi member.

"The dancers were so enthusiastic, and it made the 24 hours go by so fast."

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Schaffer seeks voice in crowd

BY GABRIELLE SINCLAIR
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Student Government candidates aren't receiving an equal share of publicity, says third-year English student and SG presidential candidate Adam Schaffer.

Schaffer, who is running as a "real USC student" candidate, said his SG-outsider status has left him "blacklisted."

"I'm trying to be a voice for this school, and I can't even be heard," he said.

Schaffer argues that media coverage in The Gamecock has been biased toward candidates already in office. He said he should have been told about the Meet and Greet at a USC NAACP chapter and Savvy meeting held Thursday.

Every executive candidate but Schaffer was represented by either the candidate or a spokesperson.

"I didn't even know about it until I read about it in The Gamecock," he said. "It said 'all the candidates,' and I wasn't included."

But the meeting wasn't a debate, said fourth-year Spanish student and Savvy president Tiffany Stewart.

Rather, she said, it was a chance for candidates who had already expressed interest to

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Gamecock TV coverage lacking on local stations

BY JACOB DAVIS
THE GAMECOCK

The surprise success of Carolina's men's basketball team has left some students wondering why most of the games aren't broadcast on TV.

Ranked in the top 25 nationally for the fifth straight week and boasting a 20-5 record (7-4 in conference), South Carolina is rising

to national prominence. Other than an early loss to Temple and a slip against Mississippi, USC's other losses have all been nail-biters, coming at the hands of perennial SEC and NCAA powerhouses like Florida and Kentucky and heralded teams like Mississippi State. But, despite Carolina's exciting play and the

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High	62	High	XX
Low	47	Low	XX
Winds 4 mph, Showers late.		60 percent chance of rain.	

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