

The road to the Russell House

Presidential candidates

Schaffer working to put a student face on campus issues



Adam Schaffer, presidential candidate for SG, hangs a poster in Gambrell Hall in support of his campaign.

BY JACKIE FAYE BURTON
THE GAMECOCK

Adam Schaffer wants you to know he is not a politician.

He's an SG presidential candidate campaigning as an outsider, hoping to make USC the "crunk-est place on the globe."

Schaffer, a third-year English student, has numerous plans if elected. His platform is based on being a student at USC. He said he wants to increase more student involvement so all students can experience their time at USC to the fullest.

"I want to change the face of the government from a political face to more of a student face," he said.

Born in New York, Schaffer grew up in Hilton Head, S.C. He attended Hilton Head High School and Camden Military Academy where he graduated. During his high school days, Schaffer was the

founder and president of the Surf Club and the captain of the junior varsity soccer team.

While obtaining an education at USC, Schaffer has become a member of Hillel, which provides guidance and organization for religious, cultural, educational, social welfare and interfaith activities for Jewish students.

Schaffer believes happiness is the key to life and wants to change USC to make all students have a better quality of life while attending USC.

"I'm running as a student representing the freedom we deserve. I stand strongly for the concept of enjoying your life to the fullest," he said.

He wants the university to have more free shows, events and promotions. He also wants to improve transportation and parking. He

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Zach Scott speaks to RHA about his campaign. Scott hopes his SG experience will win voters.

Scott builds on SG experience, hopes to continue service

BY CARRIE GOODIN
THE GAMECOCK

Zachery Scott, a third-year political science student and SG presidential candidate, has years of experience to put toward his campaign.

Scott, a Charleston native, graduated from West Ashley High School, where he served as student body president.

Scott has spent two years in the SG senate and one year as SG vice president. He was also in the Residence Hall Association senate for a year before becoming vice president of RHA, and is a Red Bull representative for USC. He lobbies for Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-S.C., but he said his interest lie with nonprofits.

Scott said that his experience has given him an understanding

of Student Government.

"People know me, and I've gained their trust," he said. "They know that I'm not going to let an issue go."

If elected, Scott said he would like to continue the readership program and see the cost supplemented by the administration and faculty members.

He said he'd also like to bring health insurance to graduate assistants.

"They're the oil that makes the university machine work and are often underrepresented," Scott said.

One of Scott's main focuses will be to push the South Carolina State Association of Student Governments, an organization to lobby state legisla-

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Williams seeking change in Student Government system



SG Presidential candidate Justin Williams talks with Justin Young and Takela Funderburk.

BY ASHLEE RICKARD
THE GAMECOCK

Don't let Justin Williams fool you. This self-proclaimed "big kid" who loves to tell jokes (ask him the one about the gospel singers) is a serious guy—especially when it comes to leadership. "I'm a natural leader in any situation," he said. "That's who I am."

Williams, a third-year public relations student, graduated from Wagoner High School where he served as class president during his sophomore and junior years and student body president his senior year.

At USC, he's the president of the Association of African American Students, a member of the SG retention committee, chairman of Dance Marathon and an active member of the

NAACP. Williams is also a page for state Senators Brad Hutto, D-Orangeburg, and Nikki Setzler, D-West Columbia.

Now he's looking to add Student Government President to his list of accomplishments.

While Williams believes SG is active, he says that "there are a few people making a lot of decisions."

"It's been said students don't care about SG, but SG doesn't care about the students," he said. "The students need to be taken care of."

He plans to take care of the students by addressing issues such as safety, parking and tuition increases.

Last semester, Williams' car was broken into. He said he plans to make the campus safer by vamping up surveillance, fund-

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VP.Candidates

NAME: Mark McLawhorn

AGE: 19

HOMETOWN:

Columbia

MAJOR: Political

Science

PLATFORM:

Some key issues for McLawhorn's campaign are

safety, student organizations and class fees. He said the USC police station, located on Senate Street, is too far from students, and there should be "mini-stations" located at central and southern parts of campus. He also wants to extend the drop/add date for classes and opposes the 16-hour tuition bracket USC enacted last fall.

NAME: Brian Wayne

AGE: 21

MAJOR: Finance

HOMETOWN: Greenville

PLATFORM: Wayne said he

wants to enforce the senate rules. He said senators are

not fulfilling their obligations to the student organizations they represent. He said if

senators don't go to their student organizations, they don't need to be senators. He also wants to keep the Thomas Cooper Library open 24 hours, have a non-SG student attend Board of Trustees meetings and have a trophy for the Clemson-Carolina game. Wayne is also the only vice presidential candidate who has served in the student senate.

NAME: Yvonne Miller

AGE: 21

HOMETOWN: Spartanburg

MAJOR: Electronic

journalism

PLATFORM: Miller's platform

is based on the three S's: Safety, shuttle system and SOLVE. She wants SG to

implement more polices that have a great impact on safety and the shuttle system. Through SOLVE, Student Organization Leaders Value Excellence, officers new to SG and those with more experience would have the opportunity to interact and share ideas. Miller also wants to renovate the Thompson Student Health Center, update the University 101 curriculum and network student leaders on campus. She also supports the readership program.

Treasurer.Candidates

NAME: Cameron Burnette

AGE: 27

HOMETOWN:

Cleveland, Tenn.

MAJOR: Political

Science

PLATFORM:

Burnette wants to make sure students are aware of how

SG is spending their money and how USC is distributing their money. He said the treasurer position is more service-oriented than political. He said his seven years in the Navy have prepared him to lead and manage money. While serving on the USS Jimmy Carter, Burnette took a \$32-canteen budget and turned it into a \$42,000 business.

NAME: Kenyatta Frazier

AGE: 21

HOMETOWN:

Aiken

MAJOR: Biology

PLATFORM: Frazier

wants to make the

SG treasurer, instead of a

senator, the

chairperson of the finance committee. He said this would ensure every senator would have an opportunity to vote. He also wants to work with student organizations to simplify the budget proposal process.

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