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Supporters surround Miller after runoff results were announced.

Miller wins VP runoff

BY NATALIE GROUT
THE GAMECOCK

Yvonne Miller was elected Student Government's new vice president with 65 percent of the vote after an online runoff election Thursday and Friday.

Vice-Elections Commissioner and third-year nursing student Stacy Rainey announced the winner on the third floor of the Russell House Friday afternoon.

Nine hundred ninety-nine students voted in the runoff. Miller took the majority of the votes with 649 and McLawhorn obtained the remaining 350.

Before revealing the results, Rainey cited Miller for two minor infractions. The violations involved an e-mail Miller had sent via list serve to about 20 resident advisers. However, the infractions were inconsequential in light of

Miller's victory.

"I'm really happy," Miller said. "It is the outcome I wanted. I'm excited about the upcoming year and getting to put all of my plans into action."

Second-year English student and member of Miller's campaign staff Casey Jo Hitt reaffirmed her campaign slogan, "Confident Connections."

"We really tried to emphasize that voting for Yvonne was making a vote of confidence," Hitt said.

Runner-up Mark McLawhorn accepted the news of his loss graciously. He said he has no plans to run again.

"I still feel great. God just has other plans for me," he said. "I'm going to stay humble. I tried my best and have no regrets."

Emily Chambers, a second-year exercise science student, said she liked McLawhorn's campaign

platform best.

"I really supported the idea of the 16-hour tuition bracket being changed," she said. "Being a science major, I have a lot of four-credit courses, and most semesters I end up with at least 17 hours."

SG president Katie Dreiling commented on both of the vice presidential candidates' campaigns.

"Yvonne Miller had wonderful charisma; she's great with people and easy to work with," she said. "Mark McLawhorn was positive, outspoken and organized in his approach."

Students are encouraged to attend the inauguration of new SG leaders at 4 p.m. on March 17 at Rutledge Chapel.

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Election results



65%

MILLER



35%

MCLAWHORN

SOURCE: SG ELECTIONS COMMISSION

USC to launch new database

GeriatricWeb aims to facilitate efficient, credible medical research

BY JON TURNER
THE GAMECOCK

A USC researcher has teamed up with USC's medical library to use a \$77,000 grant to launch one of the first subject-specific databases in the history of medicine.

Dr. Ihab Hajjar, a clinical assistant professor at the USC School of Medicine, worked to establish GeriatricWeb, what some researchers say is a quicker and easier way to find information in the geriatric field.

Hajjar said he was inspired by the difficulty of finding credible and accurate information quickly.

"One of the frustrations of physicians is trying to get information that is accessible and sorting out thousands and thousands of sources of not very accurate or

credible information," he said.

Ruth Riley, director of library services for the School of Medicine, said the only thing that is similar to GeriatricWeb in the country is the Medical Matrix, which requires a subscription fee.

"The significance is that it provides a place for physicians, a one-stop shopping place for clinicians to find geriatric information and know that it's been peer reviewed," she said. "Instead of having to sift through Google and hundreds of Web sites, they'll be able to go to one Web site and get, quickly, authoritative information."

A team of six people, Hajjar said, developed the project.

"The reviewers belong to the editorial review board, which consists of specialists, very known specialists across the country in the field of geriatrics," he said.

The library does the research and sends the Web sites to Hajjar. So far, 1,100 sites have been discovered, and 420 have been post-

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Aristide flees into exile; U.S. dispatches Marines

BY PAISLEY DODDS AND IAN JAMES
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI — President Jean-Bertrand Aristide resigned and fled into exile Sunday, pressured by a bloody rebellion and the United States. Gunfire crackled as the capital fell into chaos, and U.S. Marines were sent to the country.

The contingent totaled fewer than 100 Marines and more were to arrive Monday, the vanguard of

a multinational force that the U.N. Security Council approved late Sunday night. France said it would send troops on Monday.

"The government believes it is essential that Haiti have a hopeful future. This is the beginning of a new chapter," President Bush said at the White House. "I would urge the people of Haiti to reject violence, to give this break from the past a chance to work. And the United States is prepared to help."

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Off to the races



PHOTO BY MORGAN FORD/THE GAMECOCK

More than 260 runners participated in the sixth annual Fidler 5k on Saturday morning, raising more than \$4,000. The race, organized by Delta Tau Delta, is held in memory of Paul Fidler, a USC professor who died in the summer of 2003 of chronic lymphocytic leukemia.

Shows, lectures to honor women's history

BY KALYN PALMER
THE GAMECOCK

March is Women's History Month, and the university's Women's Studies department, along with more than 20 other colleges and departments, is intent on making a big impact on campus.

The festivities begin today with a performance by comedian Margaret Cho at the Koger Center at 8 p.m.

Throughout the month there will be shows, charity drives, lectures and workshops, all focusing on current women's issues.

Monday also starts the USC Spring Cleaning Clothing Drive in front of the Russell House. Students will be collecting slightly worn, washed clothing that will be given to several different charities, including Sistercare Inc. and Hannah's House, and will

continue through Thursday.

Body Image Awareness week begins March 30 and aims to help students address issues ranging from eating disorders to basic health and nutrition. There will also be a blood drive held at the Strom Thurmond Wellness & Fitness Center on March 30 and 31.

In the fall 2003 semester at USC, women outnumbered men by a 57 percent majority. This shows a drastic increase in women's enrollment from 50 years ago, when women were strongly discouraged from seeking higher education.

The national theme for Women's History Month 2004 is "Women Inspiring Hope and Possibility." The National Women's History Project has vowed on its Web site to "make history" accurate by continuing to recognize and celebrate wom-

en's authentic contributions through its current and future projects." A 1992 national survey found that only about 2 to 3 percent of history texts' total content is devoted to women.

History books from the elementary, middle and high school levels have familiarized many students with a world dominated by men. The great political figures, war heroes and inventors in history books have all been men. The few notable women with whom many people are familiar include Amelia Earhart, Betsy Ross and Sandra Day O'Connor. Women's History Month events seek to increase public knowledge of relatively unknown women in history, such as Jeanette Rankin, the first woman in Congress in 1917; Victoria Chafin Woodhull, the first woman presidential candidate in 1872;

or Mary Clarke, the first woman major general in the U.S. Army.

Many students on campus agree that it is important to celebrate the accomplishments of women. "Women's History Month is important because we have come a long way from where we used to be in the past and that should definitely be acknowledged," said Ashley Bramlett, a first-year biology student.

According to women's rights advocates, women have accomplished much in the past several decades. But first-year liberal arts student Jackie Humphries said there is more to be achieved in the way of total equality.

"Overall, women have gained equality, yet I can still see where we could be more equal," she said.

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Partly cloudy, winds at 10 mph		Partly cloudy, winds at 21 mph	

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