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confrontations, which swelled to block most of the street and inhibit some traffic from passing.

"The police came most of the time I was there," Fox said. "Because people were in the street."

Dargan said that the police were there as a precautionary measure and to warn people to stay out of the streets. The police cleared the rally attendees at about 6:45 p.m. from the entrance to WIS to ensure the safety of the arriving media and other personnel.

"It was a high energy rally," Dargan said. "And I think both groups have enough respect for each other to not let things get out of hand."

Fox agreed.

"The College Republicans and Democrats are pretty civil to each other," Fox said. "I think (the Democrats) had a good presence."

Both groups have a number of events planned before the election. The Young Democrats will be setting up a table Thursday on Greene Street to get

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students to sign up for absentee ballots, Young Democrats President Katie Day.

Dargan said the College Republicans would be having a "Flush the Johns" event on Oct. 27 outside of the Russell House on Greene Street where the group offers the chance for students to flush a toilet to see how many people want to flush John Kerry and John Edwards.

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Candidates spar over alliances

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for soldiers and better intelligence worldwide. He added that he felt President Bush was heading in the right direction and not John Kerry, "who Mrs. Tenenbaum supports."

Tenenbaum countered, saying, "If you are running against John Kerry, you signed up for the wrong job, Jim, this a U.S. Senate race."

Tenenbaum supported her claim by saying that when DeMint didn't vote for health insurance for guardsmen and reservist soldiers.

"This is just another example of my opponent making things up," DeMint said.

Tenenbaum said voting records of candidates is a matter of public record and anyone could check. DeMint interrupted her, but Tenenbaum retracted and said that while DeMint did not vote for the soldier health insurance the first time, he did vote for it the second time it was proposed.

After discussion of the war in Iraq, both said they supported the Patriot Act.

The Republican congressman said he would not support a ban on assault weapons, and Tenenbaum, the state superintendent of education, said she would.

Abortion also proved to be divisive. DeMint stayed along party lines and said that he believed "we should be a nation who votes life," but that "we need to agree as a nation ... we can't legislate that now."

Tenenbaum disagreed. "I don't think it is right or wrong to have absolute laws that puts your point of view and requires



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Republican Senate candidate Jim DeMint awaits the start of Monday night's debate with Democrat Inez Tenenbaum at the WIS-TV studios on Gervais Street.

others to follow it," she said.

A viewer's e-mail asked the candidates why their campaigns were so negative and Tenenbaum responded that she had intended to run a positive campaign, but that the "friends of Jim DeMint" launched an attack, and she had to "fight back."

DeMint responded, "My campaign has been a campaign of ideas ... unfortunately my opponent has gone through a very dishonest campaign."

The debate ended with a series of short answer questions in which the candidates DeMint said the flu vaccine shortage had been caused by junk

lawsuits and Tenenbaum said the crisis was caused by lack of planning and DeMint supported displaying the Ten Commandments in public places while Tenenbaum objected.

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we've never discriminated. Everyone is welcome here, and it doesn't affect how we reach out to the campus," said Ben Bryan, intern for Baptist Collegiate Ministries and graduate sociology student.

While some campus religious organizations don't have a problem putting the revisions in their constitutions, some said they don't want to promote lifestyles contrary beliefs.

Emily Mouyeos, chapter president of

USC's Campus Crusade for Christ, said her organization discussed the revisions, but that it does not discriminate. The group said discriminating for sexual preference would not be different than turning people away with other problems such as drug addiction.

"We don't want to promote those things, but we don't want to discriminate or turn people away," third-year public relations student Mouyeos said.

Other organizations see the revisions as officially stating there would be no discrimination.

"We have gone by the revisions before

the constitution," said fourth-year nursing student Darci Gamble, president of Reformed University Fellowship. "It was a given we would comply with it because we don't discriminate anyone for joining for any reason."

The original deadline for organizations to revise their constitutions was Sept. 30, but it has been extended to Oct. 27.

Failure to submit the constitution in complete compliance will result in the loss of all privileges and benefits the organizations receives for being registered on campus. This includes participating in campus events, reserving campus facilities,

receiving activity fee funding, using USC mail distribution, using USC e-mail accounts and using "The University of South Carolina" as part of the organization's name.

While an organization that doesn't comply will not be allowed to use USC as a part of its name, it can still say they are located at USC.

Greek organizations, excluding honor societies, do not have to follow the revision because of Title IX laws.

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