Student officer elections process under way

T he 2017 Student Government election process began this week when those wishing to run filed for candidacy Jan. 17-18. There are three executive positions available — president, vice president and treasurer — as well as 50 senate seats.

The report was created “to give students some skin in the game,” said USC Student Body President Michael Parks.

Even though Clemson University and the University of South Carolina system together include almost 70,000 potential voters, there’s “no really tangible student voice” at the state capital, Parks said.

Giving that voice was Secretary of Government Relations Natalie Pita, who led the USC team working on the report.

“The legislators can’t pass bills that students like and they don’t know the opinions of students if we don’t tell them,” Pita said.

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- $10.2 million for the following revisions to existing programs and one-time appropriations: $1.0 million to relocate the USC Clinical School of Medicine from Columbia to the South Carolina Veterans Affairs Medical Center on Greer-Ferry Road, five miles from the heart of the USC campus. The University estimates that bringing the current medical campus to a “modern cultivable condition” would cost $75 million, with
senators made the honor roll, which is about half of state senators included on the honor roll accountable. One senator included on the honor roll is Tom Young Jr., USC's student body president from 1992 to 1993. As president, Young organized a statewide group of students to influence South Carolina policy positions. “It’s very important for students to engage in issue advocacy,” he said. “This is definitely a good thing.”

A major issue that Parks and Wilson want to advocate for is higher state funding. Especially since the decline in funding since the recession, students have faced rising tuition costs and debt. “We’re not just going to allow student loans and debt that can handicap the students of the state of South Carolina to go unchecked and unquestioned,” Parks said. With the release of the report card, Student Government aims to recognize legislators who support their interests, as well as holding those who didn’t make the honor roll accountable.

In the upcoming weeks, SG hopes to continue its efforts at the Statehouse with the release of an official policy platform. “We will see students change their views like never before,” Pita said. One policy to look for will be the proposal of a higher education bond bill—“no Parks’ No. 1 priority” for government relations. The bill would be the first in 15 years and authorize the sale of state bonds to fund higher education projects, hopefully keeping tuition increases to a minimum.

With Student Government elections approaching, Parks and Pita both said that future student governments should continue preparing the report after each upcoming legislative session. “I hope this职权 starts a better relationship between students and the Statehouse,” Pita said.
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Combating poverty requires ideological compromise

Andy Wilson

In our increasingly pinching age, it is becoming more and more uncommon to find people willing to recognize the virtues of the opposing party’s positions and admit the flaws of their own. One of the most strikingly divergent issues in the country is the persistent poverty in the United States, the world’s ninth wealthiest country.

The right’s ideological commitment to individualistic American Dream in which the only limit on your success is yourself, while the left emphasizes the vital role of the community in individual thriving “government” generally means “government” in both world views, when held to dogmatically, and up harming vulnerable people.

Because of their commitment to the idea of America being the land of opportunity and maintaining upward mobility, it’s easy for conservatives to attribute people’s poor life outcomes exclusively to their own unwise choices and a lack of personal responsibility.

In this way of thinking, since people’s bad choices are the sole cause of their poverty, the only reason they are still poor is that they are still making bad choices.

Liberals tend to see America as a maze of varied discrimination and oppression of various other groups by privileged whites and their self-serving economic and political structures. Thus, it is rare for liberals to blame people’s poverty on circumstances outside of their control. In this way of thinking, people are poor because they are oppressed and discriminated against.

I propose a thought experiment to demonstrate the pitfall of subscribing either to a monolithically individual-blaming or environment-blaming view on poverty.

Imagine coming across a person at the bottom of the economic strata, like a homeless guy in Five Points, and you are able to think of different ways the environment-blaming versus the individual-blaming view causes you to look at him.

In the past, distillation of the liberal environment-blaming view, the guy is in the place he is in because of adverse circumstances. Maybe he has been the victim of racism, discrimination for his sexual orientation or religion, a dispute education in failing inner-city schools, etc. Since he is a victim of society, society (i.e. government) should do all in his case to remove these obstacles and level the playing field.

Meanwhile, in the strictest iteration of the individual-blaming view held by conservatives, the only person to blame for the homeless guy’s situation is himself. If the American Dream is literally true, everyone can better themselves if they’re willing to put in the work. As you try to improve their situation.

In the work, the guy’s lack of success must due to him not being willing to put in the work. As you can imagine, you are probably less likely to help him if you believe that his poverty is entirely his own fault.

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If the blank and shamelessly generalising headline didn’t give it away, I have a bone to pick with Star Wars for not allowing the punchline of this editorial to be delivered on the level of the tone it’s written in. What had been such an exciting and groundbreaking story about trying to communicate with an unknown and different species of life forms ended in a bland and forgettable collection of mugging for the camera and betraying the audience’s emotional investment by the end of the film. What a shame they couldn’t maintain the same level of excitement and wonder that we found in the earlier films in the series.

Last fall I saw “Arrival,” the sci-fi movie starring Amy Adams and Jeremy Renner about mysterious aliens who landed on Earth and the struggles that humans face as they try to communicate with them. I had heard nothing but positive reception for the film’s ability to start a meaningful discussion, so I decided to go in with low expectations. I was not really knowing anything other than it was about aliens, but when the credits rolled we both looked at each other with shocked surprise that we both looked so well.

I was so impressed with the way we had brought together such a diverse cast of characters that we had considered our personal investments in the characters and their messages. I was also amazed by the incredible visual spectacle to warrant the admission price.
A Series of Unfortunate Events

Review

Matthew McConaughey tells through a black hole and knocks on his daughter’s bookcase. The big problem with these movies, in my opinion, is that it feels as if the writers think that they have to end in some grand, climactic and unexpected twist or their movie won’t be worthwhile, even if that twist completely goes against what has otherwise been a grounded story. The endings for both “Arrival” and “Interstellar” feel like they are twists just for the sake of having a twist, so just to end in a climactic way, when I would have greatly appreciated a more logical end, even if it meant sacrificing some of the tension and suspense. The examples don’t end there. 2012’s “The Dark Knight Rises” had a solid ending with the strong emotional impact of Batman’s death until they decided to show him alive at the last moment with no explanation. Nolan’s trilogy could have ended with Batman being the hero who sacrifices himself for Gotham, the city that he risked his life for even though they never respected him, and it would have been a fitting end. But instead, we get the cheap and unearned ending where he survives because... Why? Because we weren’t expecting it? That doesn’t seem like a good reason to me.

This is a problem prevalent in many Sci-fi movies, including many that have incredible stories until the very end. Now of course I realize that many movies are a huge disappointment, and that the likelihood of seeing much of a change is low – especially with the popularity of the sci-fi genre as it currently stands. But I am tired of having to convince myself over and over that it’s about the journey. In my own perfect world, sci-fi filmmakers would strive to make logical rather than radical changes, and that whatever would be the most shocking, but until that future comes, I will continue to enjoy stories that deal with their pretentious and nonsensical endings. Maybe from now on I’ll just start leaving the theater once the main character starts time-traveling or having some weird out-of-body experience and then I’ll be content.

Compared to the 2004 movie adaptation, the TV series seems to be doing much better. The movie told a lot of the series in a disorganized manner, jumping from plot to plot. The Netflix series takes two 45-minute episodes to cover one book; season one only goes as far as the fourth book. The narration by Warburton on the Netflix series is also much more in-character than Jude Law’s in the 2004 film. Warburton brings the passion into narration intended by the books, entering in the middle of episodes and sentences speaking almost verbatim what Snicket wrote in the books.

Netflix stayed fairly true to the books with their new adaptation of the series. The only discrepancies are minor, with a few getting more character development than his minor role in the books, or Snicket’s show being involved with the plot right away. A larger difference is the new adult plot created in the TV series, in which the father of the Baudelaire children are being taken hostage because they were spies. Monte to come with the next season. Though these changes are not too drastic, die-hard fans might be upset with the new additions.

Renewed for a season two and planning for a season three, the much-anticipated series has already gotten hundreds of tweets, reviews, and comments, along with a 93 percent rating on Rotten Tomatoes. Netflix’s spin on “A Series of Unfortunate Events” does much more justice to Lemony Snicket’s books than the film did. The show is funnier and wittier, using language as an integral part of the aesthetic of the show, but it’s also loyal to the darkness of the plot. Even though many older readers are lost in the middle, Netflix series because of the actors and humor, this only takes away slightly from the series.

As an art of the books, I would give the show an overall rating of an A-. It’s definitely worth a watch from those who loved the books or the movie.
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"Gotta be able to get off to better starts said Florida’s coach Mike White. "We into more foul trouble, and now all of a moment we had just, but we kept in check, scoring just one point in 18 minutes. struggled with foul trouble most of the game."

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It Takes Some Courage, But Saving Money Is Worth The Leap.

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Aries
Team efforts and projects thrive this month with the sun in Aquarius. Attend to shared finances today and tomorrow. Collaborate for a promising new partnership.

Taurus
A professional rise in status is available this month with the sun in Aquarius. Take advantage of new opportunities. Collaborate in partnership, especially today and tomorrow.

Gemini
Balance busy work with rest and exercise today and tomorrow. Travel beckons this month in Aquarius. Satisfy your curiosity and enjoy the atmosphere.

Cancer
Focus on family finances this month in Aquarius. Devote long-term goals.

Leo
Home and family engage you today and tomorrow. Partnership grows your efforts this month with the sun in Aquarius. Collaborate, compromise and negotiate. Reconcile on each other.

Virgo
Creativity sparks today and tomorrow. Balance work with physical health over the next month with the sun in Aquarius. Raise your performance level with practice.

Libra
You’re lucky in love, games and passions this month with the sun in Aquarius. Practice Share the love.

Scorpio
Nurture creativity. Focus on home and family this month with the sun in Aquarius. You’re especially strong today and tomorrow. Handle some heavy lifting.

Sagittarius
Your communications thrive, and words come easily over the next month with the sun in Aquarius. Private work produces results today and tomorrow.

Capricorn
Cash flows move more easily this month with the sun in Aquarius. Balance expenses with income. Enjoy a social phase over the next two days.

Aquarius
You have the advantage this month with the sun in your sign. Compete for rising career status today and tomorrow. Go for your personal best.

Pisces
Travel and studies coalesce over the next two days. Complete projects in peaceful productivity this month with the sun in Aquarius. Favor solitude and introspection. Recharge.

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Dillman builds infectious culture
Strength coach ignites weight room

**Actions trigger feelings, feelings trigger actions**

"When you're around someone who has very positive energy and loves what they do, it's infectious." 

"I have players all the time ask, 'Coach, how you doing?' and I say, "I'm doing awesome," Dillman said. "Can't help but grin, and he calls me out. You just smiled," Dillman said. "It makes you feel good because the word 'awesome' makes people feel good. No matter how bad of a day I'm having, I know someone is supposed to be awesome." 

Dillman, who was part of a staff that won national championships at Alabama in 2016 and LSU in 2004, held his current position under Coach Will Muschamp while at Florida. 

"A lot of people are doing a lot of the same stuff in the weight room. The differences show more often are the teachers and the coaches," Dillman said. "That's where Muschamp differs — as a teacher. That makes all the difference for him. He compares himself to a professor that must work with his students until the lesson is absorbed. He refers to his coaches as teachers, not as teachers. He doesn't look like my accounting professor, that's for sure." 

"We're still teachers," Dillman said. "You've got to connect with your audience. If you don't connect with your audience and they don't get the information through them, they're going to go somewhere else to get it." 

But it hasn't zoned with Muschamp's methods, or his mistakes. According to Dillman, around 60 players showed up to work out on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. With nothing being presented to do so. It's infectious. "So now you're starting to see the buy-in, starting to see the investment they're making and willing to sacrifice, to give up, to be successful," Dillman said. I left his office completely sold on everything he was preaching. His energy is spiritual. The parking tickets stuffed in my pocket didn't seem so tight. It's infectious. 

Column: Coates is linchpin of success

Alaina Coates is exceptional, her high-low game with Mitchell is much more than just scoring. Dillman boasts one of the most complete reserves in college basketball. 

Villanova, Kansas and UCLA, were ranked one, two and three respectively Monday morning by the Associated Press. They were rewarded for their hot starts to the season, with each team carrying at least one win over a top-10 opponent and record that contained only one loss. At face value, it seems hard to contest the AP's rankings. Despite a forgettable loss at now 11th-ranked Butler, Villanova has seemed to pick up right where they left off after last season's NCAA title run. They have dominated the Associated Press basketball rankings. Despite

Column: Gonzaga worthy of top rank

The college basketball rankings are wrong. Not just a little, not only slightly but appallingly outrageous. From atop the college basketball world sit the wrong teams, while the deserving No. 1 team erroneously is not even situated within the top three in the country.