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THE HOME STRETCH

After months of speeches, debates and ads, it all ends tomorrow.

Americans will head to the polls to pick the president for the next four years — Barack Obama or Mitt Romney. Students at the University of South Carolina spoke with some from USC who have been actively involved in the election campaign. They told us why they support their candidate, why others should as well — and what they’ve seen on the trail. Here’s what they said:

BARACK OBAMA

Colin Campbell
SCORING THE CAMPAIGN

Morgan Lowder knows South Carolina will vote for Mitt Romney. The Palmetto State hasn’t gone blue since George W. Bush won the presidency in 1996, and U.S. President Barack Obama hasn’t stopped here once in his entire re-election campaign.

So Lowder, president of USC’s 20-member chapter of Young Democrats, isn’t wasting his time here either. Instead, the third-year political science student and 11 other USC student Obama supporters are campaigning in North Carolina, where the race is more competitive.

“What we’re doing in South Carolina is trying to make that vote count,” Lowder said. “We think it’s going to go blue, but it needs South Carolina’s help.”

Lowder believes the difference between the two candidates is stark; he said the election will be crucial USC students and those across the nation.

“I think it’s going to be a decision on which we want this country to go,” he said. “He’ll say the president is the only option. He’s the only one who represents our interests. He’s the only one who wants to help us out.”

He pointed primarily to Obama’s Affordable Care Act, which allows students to be a part of their health insurance plans until age 26, as well as the president’s plans for Pell Grant funding and student loans.

But if both the president and his campaign appear to have largely given up hope on the Palmetto State, why should the average USC student vote for Obama?

“No one can say your vote doesn’t matter,” said USC College Democrats Vice President Dylan Knight. “If students don’t believe their vote counts there, they’re much mistaken.”

The fourth-year history student said while South Carolina won’t pick Obama in the election, each vote weighs much more significantly in local, state and Congressional decisions.

Lowder said voting itself is crucial for students — it’s an exercising of their rights as U.S. citizens.

“We still have to represent ourselves as students, and as young people, we’re a very important demographic,” he said.

And, Lowder said, if a change in 2008, Matt Orr hadn’t registered to vote.

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For one reason the community:

“The way Orr sees it, young voters were inspired by Obama’s message of change in 2008, but this time, they’re “more level-headed” and “realistic,” thinking about how the election — and a sluggish economic recovery — will affect them personally, he said.

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But four years after Barack Obama was propelled to victory by a message of hope and the broad support of young people, Orr, a fourth-year political science student, has gotten deep into politics.

He’s the S.C. Republican party’s deputy political director for research, and while he’s gearing up for the election Tuesday, he’s focused in all the presidential race and on local and state contests instead.

Still, he’s done some work for Mitt Romney’s presidential campaign, making phone calls to voters in hotly contested swing states.

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Congress 2012: A district-by-district breakdown

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Bobbie Rose (D)

Education

Supports unions and apprenticeship programs for new union workers; supports expanding the market for jobs in sustainable and renewable energy in South Carolina

Veterans

Supports reforming the disability claim system for veterans, which would reduce wait times for settling claims

Women/LGBT Issues

Supports the Fair Pay Act, which would ensure equal pay for equal work regardless of gender, supports abortion rights, the availability of birth control and emergency contraception, as well as same-sex marriage and the repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act

Jeff Duncan (R)

Education

Voted for school choice programs in Washington, D.C., advocated for similar programs in South Carolina

Immigration

Opposes amnesty for undocumented immigrants in the United States and supports stronger enforcement of immigration laws, including increased manpower, surveillance technology

Deb Morrow (D)

Entitlement Programs

Supports prevailing Social Security Medicare and Medicaid, believes that those programs should not be cut in times of austerity

Voter ID

Believes voting fraud is "virtually non-existent" and disenfranchises minorities that vote for Democrats

Tom Rice (R)

Jobs

Supports lowering taxes and eliminating regulations in order to better position him to the seventh district

Health Care

Described the Affordable Care Act as a "trillion-dollar tax, job-killer [which] will be devastating to our health care industry" and supports Rep. Tim Price, R-Ga., alternative plan

Women's Issues

Endorsed by the National Right to Life Committee and described himself as "pro-life."

Rep. Jim Clyburn (D)

Education

Helped write the 2010 Education Reconciliation Act, which increases the size of Pell Grants to $5,550; increases funding for community and technical colleges; invests $75 million in Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in South Carolina; and lowers student loan payments

Health Care

Helped pass Obamacare and supports "health care for all Americans"

Jobs

Supports bringing a "clean energy economy" to South Carolina with jobs in nuclear and sustainable energy, cutting the payroll tax and expanding tourism in order to bring more money into the economy, the state's largest

Rep. Joe Wilson (R)

Education

Supports increasing funding for Pell grants, Stratford Loans and the GI bill

Health Care

Believes health care is a basic human right and that the current health care system is in need of reform

Rep. Tim Scott (R)

Jobs

Believes that creating jobs is not the role of the "federal government" and supports fewer regulations and fewer taxes on businesses

Veterans

Supports job creation programs and voted for the Veterans Opportunity to Work Act; believes that "we must make certain our veterans' health benefits keep moving forward"

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Rep. Trey Gowdy (R)

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Economy

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Voter ID

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Joyce Knott (D)

Jobs

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Rep. Mick Mulvaney (R)

Jobs

Supports cutting salaries for federal workers and lowering discretionary spending

Education

Believes the Department of Education should focus on sending money to the states more efficiently, setting national standards for achievement

Health Care

Is against Obamacare and believes less government intervention and common-sense reforms are needed to reform the health care system

Gloria Bramall Timuquana (D)

Women's Issues

Believes the decision "when to have a family is best left to the family"

Rep. Jeff Duncan (R)

Education

Supports increasing the wages of teachers and providing more funding for schools

Veterans

Has a jobs plan that would cut taxes 3 percent across the board and cut discretionary spending 10 percent until the federal budget is balanced

Women's Issues

Committed to "the protection of women's rights to privacy and self-determination"

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Rep. Rick Nolan (D)

Jobs

Believes that investing in infrastructure will bring jobs to the seventh district and supports investing in education to "provide better opportunities and more positive job positions for tomorrow"

Health Care

Supports the Affordable Care Act

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Proposed SC constitutional amendment, penny sales tax up for vote

Tuesday poses decisions beyond candidates

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Constitutional Amendment 1

What it says:
“Beginning with the general election of 2018, must Section 8 of Article IV of the Constitution of this State be amended to provide that the Lieutenant Governor must be elected jointly with the Governor from among the members thereof a President to preside over the Senate and to perform other duties as provided by law; to delete Sections 9 and 10 of Article IV of the Constitution of this State containing inconsistent provisions providing that the Lieutenant Governor a President to preside over the Senate, and while presiding in the Senate, has no vote, unless the Senate is equally divided; the Lieutenant Governor would still campaign and be elected independently, and the lieutenant governor would still provide the Senate.

Richland County Sales Tax

What it says: “I approve a special sales and use tax in the amount of one percent (1%) to be imposed in Richland County, South Carolina (the “County”). for not more than twenty-two (22) years, or until a total of $1,070,000,000 in sales tax revenue has been collected, whichever occurs first. The sales tax revenue will be used to pay the costs of administrative expenses and the following projects: Project 1: Improvements to highways, roads (paved and unpaved), streets, sidewalks, bike paths, intersections and bridges including related drainage system improvements.

What it means:
Voting yes: In Richland County, the sales tax would increase by 1 cent per dollar to 8 cents per dollar for most purchases or 2 cents per dollar on groceries over the next 22 years. The tax would raise $1.07 billion to carry out infrastructure projects, including roads, bridges, bike paths and greenways, and to fund the Midlands’ bus system.
Voting no: The sales tax would remain 7 cents per dollar for most purchases or 1 cent per dollar for groceries.

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The Economy: Obama has consistently stood behind the LGBT community and women — demographics that encompass thousands of students at USC and across the country. The US president has staked his support on policies that protect and benefit the LGBT community. These policies include the Affordable Care Act, which guarantees civil rights for all Americans, and the Affordable Care Act, which guarantees health care for all Americans.

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Compton rapper Kendrick Lamar chronicles his teenage years on his Dr. Dre-produced debut album, "good kid, m.A.A.d city." The disc features collaborations with Dre and Drake.

Music Crawl rocks on with large lineup

Music Crawl has always been about celebrating the great music scene that we have here in Columbia," said Free Times music editor Patrick Williams.

"Two days. Thirty-six bands. Enough said."

"It’s such a treat to only have to pay $8 to see all these different bands perform all over the Vista," said Kimberly lead singer Cayla Fralic.

"It makes it easy to slip in and out of the clubs without missing the bands you want to see."

"When you do rap albums, you got to train your energy," said Tupac Shakur.

"I’ll try to stay as consistent as possible and keep growing at a manageable pace."
Celebrities lend star power to presidential campaigns

As Election Day quickly approaches, many voters may still be undecided about which candidate deserves a check next to their name on the ballot. Still confused as to who you should choose? Look to your favorite celebrities’ political affiliations to help guide your vote.

While you may not have degrees in political science or direct input when it comes to passing bills, celebrities have played a role in presidential elections in recent years. From Rock the Vote, an organization that has reached out to young people since its foundation in 1991 by combining pop culture and politics, to P. Diddy’s unforgettable 2004 “Vote or Die” campaign, which was splashed all over culture and politics, to Taylor Swift, the actor brings a sillier approach to the table. Musicians across genres, from Pearl Jam to will.i.am and Fergie from Black Eyed Peas, have pledged their support to the president as well. Obama’s YouTube channel features more than 2,000 videos, including a cheeky endorsement from “Girls” creator Lena Dunham (titled “Your First Time”), it features the star talking about voting for the first time with a bit of sexual innuendo mixed with serious statements about women’s rights) and the first time with a bit of sexual innuendo mixed with serious statements about women’s rights) and a celebrity-heavy gay rights video featuring Jane Lynch, “Modern Family’s” Jesse Tyler Ferguson, tennant great Billie Jean King and many more. In one of the most recent campaign videos, comedian Will Ferrell says he will “do anything to get you to vote.” Donning a poorly made suit as he dances and shoots pool, the actor brings a sillier approach to the popular political figure. While former Gov. Mitt Romney’s team of star supporters may not strike a chord with younger voters, he still has a number of celebrities on his side. The Republican candidate’s backers include Donald Trump, Kris Kristofferson, Sarah Palin, Laurene Powell Jobs, former presidential aide to Mitt Romney to and The Marshall Tucker Band joined the candidate at his final pre-election rally in Ohio last week. Auditor General Marcia Fudge publicly showed her support for Romney with an unorthodox speech at the RNC, Lindsey Lohan, Matt Lauer, Kelly Grammer, Chuck Norris, Travis Akins, Scott Bso and fellow Mormon Dwayne Odoms round off the list of Republican supporters.

But you don’t need a hit record, a high-grossing movie or a multi-million dollar mansion to hit the polls this election season. No matter who you vote for on Tuesday, know that you’re displaying star quality by exercising your political freedom.

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work the stage. Variety was the main draw to the Music Crawl Saturday night. Kelly Thiebaud as Thiebaud and Faah especially featured a variety of music from punk-pop band Modern cause I want to try The Reggie Sullivan Band to top-hop artist Rae daCruz.

“The town is changing and becoming a little more progressive and I’m proud to be part of that change,” Rae Fat ran. “I feel like I’m becoming a part of a new day and the atmosphere when you’re playing music.”

While most venues continued to see an increasing audience, the Flying Saucer began to see less and less people compared to the increase in attendance at the newest venue, The Mellow Mushroom. The Mellow took the stage a little after midnight. But even though the vibe of the day was still present once pop-rock bands kemp taylor and Atlas Road Crew performed.

“There’s always excitement and a great atmosphere when you’re performing here in the Vista,” Fratkin said.

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While you may not have degrees in political science or direct input when it comes to passing bills, celebrities have played a role in presidential elections in recent years. From Rock the Vote, an organization that has reached out to young people since its foundation in 1991 by combining pop culture and politics, to P. Diddy’s unforgettable 2004 “Vote or Die” campaign, which was splashed all over culture and politics, to Taylor Swift, the actor brings a sillier approach to the table. Musicians across genres, from Pearl Jam to will.i.am and Fergie from Black Eyed Peas, have pledged their support to the president as well. Obama’s YouTube channel features more than 2,000 videos, including a cheeky endorsement from “Girls” creator Lena Dunham (titled “Your First Time”), it features the star talking about voting for the first time with a bit of sexual innuendo mixed with serious statements about women’s rights) and the first time with a bit of sexual innuendo mixed with serious statements about women’s rights) and a celebrity-heavy gay rights video featuring Jane Lynch, “Modern Family’s” Jesse Tyler Ferguson, tennant great Billie Jean King and many more. In one of the most recent campaign videos, comedian Will Ferrell says he will “do anything to get you to vote.” Donning a poorly made suit as he dances and shoots pool, the actor brings a sillier approach to the popular political figure. While former Gov. Mitt Romney’s team of star supporters may not strike a chord with younger voters, he still has a number of celebrities on his side. The Republican candidate’s backers include Donald Trump, Kris Kristofferson, Sarah Palin, Laurene Powell Jobs, former presidential aide to Mitt Romney to and The Marshall Tucker Band joined the candidate at his final pre-election rally in Ohio last week. Auditor General Marcia Fudge publicly showed her support for Romney with an unorthodox speech at the RNC, Lindsey Lohan, Matt Lauer, Kelly Grammer, Chuck Norris, Travis Akins, Scott Bso and fellow Mormon Dwayne Odoms round off the list of Republican supporters.

But you don’t need a hit record, a high-grossing movie or a multi-million dollar mansion to hit the polls this election season. No matter who you vote for on Tuesday, know that you’re displaying star quality by exercising your political freedom.

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work the stage. Variety was the main draw to the Music Crawl Saturday night. Kelly Thiebaud as Thiebaud and Faah especially featured a variety of music from punk-pop band Modern cause I want to try The Reggie Sullivan Band to top-hop artist Rae daCruz.

“The town is changing and becoming a little more progressive and I’m proud to be part of that change,” Rae Fat ran. “I feel like I’m becoming a part of a new day and the atmosphere when you’re playing music.”

While most venues continued to see an increasing audience, the Flying Saucer began to see less and less people compared to the increase in attendance at the newest venue, The Mellow Mushroom. The Mellow took the stage a little after midnight. But even though the vibe of the day was still present once pop-rock bands kemp taylor and Atlas Road Crew performed.

“There’s always excitement and a great atmosphere when you’re performing here in the Vista,” Fratkin said.
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Get ready for the first round of the NCAA Tournament at Southern Miss during the first weekend in March. If a Huntingdon native has his way, he'll be playing in his last game as a junior college player and for Martin, “it was as easy as pie,” said point guard Eric Smith, who's a junior college player from Mullins, S.C.

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Handle financial matters today and tomorrow.
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South Carolina coach Frank Martin doesn’t put the burden of leadership on any of his players. Transfer fifth-year senior guard LaShay Page put it on himself.

At the end of a poor practice when Martin had the team do sprints, Page helped one tired player get through the line so the practice could be over. Even as a newcomer, he hasn’t hesitated to critique a teammate during practice.

“It’s just instinct,” Page said. “When you’re a leader and you’ve been a leader before in the past, it’s just instinct when you see a guy that needs help, and it’s just instinct for me to go over and talk to that guy and encourage that guy.”

The Dillon native has had a winding road to return to his home state, with stops at a junior college and Southern Mississippi before the death of his mother in February. Though Page has just one year of eligibility left, the Gamecocks, reconstructed under the new reign of Martin, have never needed him more.

Page said he feels “comfortable” starting from scratch as one of two seniors in a largely unfamiliar locker room.

Women’s basketball dominates lone preseason exhibition match

Newcomers contribute scoring, rebounding in 88-31 victory

Paulina Berkovich

With 2:42 to play in the second half, a shot by South Carolina guard Tiffany Mitchell got stuck between the rim and the backboard. It was one of the only things that could slow the Gamecock offense down on Sunday afternoon, as they rolled over the Anderson Trojans for an 88-31 victory in their lone exhibition game of the season.

The suspense was gone before the first timeout, as USC scored nine unanswered points to start the game and used man defense to keep Anderson off the board for over four minutes.

The Gamecocks, led by sophomore forward Aleighsa Welch and freshman guard Asia Dozier, never looked back from their strong start. Welch and Dozier led the team in scoring with 14 points each, but three other players also had double-digit points in the game.

“For us to come out and have such a great team effort, get scoring from everybody in every way, shape or form was just a really good start for our team,” Welch said.

Post play was the key to South Carolina’s success on offense, as the Gamecocks scored 50 points in the paint. Coach Dawn Staley said that while the team is effective and predictable on the inside, the number of young players on the roster makes the perimeter game inconsistent.

The Gamecocks have just three seniors on their roster, and one of them, guard Sancheon White, is only in her second year at USC. But the performance of the team’s four freshmen on Sunday was an encouraging sign, Staley said.

Mitchell was the only freshman that appeared in the starting lineup, and she led all players with 25 minutes on the floor. She finished with 10 points, three rebounds and two steals. Staley said Mitchell earned the start because of her speed and her defensive contributions.

“She’s pretty athletic ... we like that quickness on the perimeter,” Staley said. “She can score the ball. She can get to the basket and create her own shots. We just have to try to get her to play within her speed.”

Mitchell’s classmates found ways to contribute off the bench. Dozier had six rebounds to go with her 14 points. Freshman guard Khadijah Sessions led the team with six steals but also contributed 11 points and five assists on offense.

Staley