SG officers to tour campus, educate students

Fallaw, Harman to address students about SG funding, voice

Hannah Jeffrey

Ryan Harman and Chip Fallaw know USC students have good ideas. But what they don’t know is whether the students know how to bring their ideas to fruition.

That’s why Harman, student body treasurer, and Fallaw, speaker of the house of delegates, are hitting the brick paths of campus to hear what student organizations have to say.

Upon taking office, Harman said one of his biggest goals is to make the student body aware of what student organizations have to say.

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Harman and Fallaw are planning to send out an email to all of the organizations on campus, explaining the tour and when students might plan to stop.

After the initial email, they plan to launch an interactive calendar for the next two weeks, with meetings and seminars which members can register for a chance to have a seat at the table to discuss a potential relationship between their groups and SG.

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Officers, senators sworn in as term begins

As vice president, Iorio will serve as president of the senate. Iorio said he was ready for the jump from USC’s social branch, Student Government, to the more formal, Student Senate.

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Outgoing SG executive officers Chase Mizzell, Ryan Bailey and Haley Guyton stood behind the velvet ropes separating the senate floor from the gallery, and urged the new group begin strong.

“We’ve actually never presented a senate session not from behind the bar,” Bailey said. “Don’t be surprised.”

And with the groundwork set for the body’s next year, Iorio congratulated the senate for a final time and reminded them of what was to come.

“The work is only beginning,” Iorio said. “It’s time to get to work.”

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Three men pleaded guilty Tuesday in the 2012 shooting of a Clemson University student, according to The Associated Press. The three men -- 25-year-old Jaron Bradley Dalton, 20-year-old Jordan Charles Dalton and 20-year-old Bernard Kadeen Ramsey -- pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter, burglary and possession of a weapon during a violent crime. One other suspect, 19-year-old Lester DeVarius Mosley Jr., is awaiting trial. The three who pleaded guilty will be sentenced after Mosley's trial.

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A section of the high boardwalk damaged in an ice storm at Congaree National Park will not be reopened before summer, according to The State. Falling trees damaged three sections of the boardwalk during last month's storm. Funds had been approved to replace the entire boardwalk this year, so park leaders opted not to repair the damaged section of the boardwalk before it was fully replaced.

The replacement process will start in April and continue throughout the summer. Visitors will not be able to complete the 2.4-mile boardwalk loop during construction, but hikers will be able to travel a smaller loop on the Sims Trail. However, due to at least one fallen tree, the Sims Trail is not suitable for wheelchairs.

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Columbia pastor Deti Bowers announced his campaign for the U.S. Senate this week, according to The State.

Bowers addressed a group of more than 60 people Tuesday, including family, friends and one reporter, to make his bid official.

“The 60-year-old pastor is among seven Republicans who are challenging current U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-South Carolina.

“America is the envy of all nations,” Bowers said.

“They want your vaccinations. They want your education. They want your jurisprudence ... your matchless Constitution ... your precision freedoms.”

Among Graham's challengers are Spartanburg state Sen. Lee Bright, Easley businessman Richard Cash, Orangeburg attorney Bill Connor, Charleston public relations executive Nancy Mace, former Spartanburg police officer Dave Feliciano and Columbia attorney Benjamin Dunn.

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Are you a South Carolina Gamecocks fan but have trouble finding the styles and sizes of women’s apparel that you’d like to buy?

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where he was chief justice, to the legislative side of things.

“Without the senate, Student Government could not function in the capacity that it currently does,” Iorio said.

Richardson, Iorio and Harman all said they were looking forward to working with each other and the new senators.

Iorio noted that the inauguration was the first time all of the newly elected officers were in the same room at the same time, a moment he called “magical” and “literally electric.”

“We saw Chase and Ryan and Haley running down the lane (of senators), giving everyone high fives, and I can’t wait to spend this year working together and conclude with our running down and giving high fives,” he said.

Harman said he was ready to surpass everyone’s expectation of this term’s SG officers, which he said would happen as they work together over the course of the next year.

Each officer also touched on continuing the initiatives their predecessors began, including Walk Home Cocky, Gamecock Pantry and Carolina Convoy, all saying they were looking forward to continuing old legacy and beginning another.

Richardson ended her first speech as president with her campaign slogan — “let’s reach” — which prompted a standing ovation from the crowd.

After the speeches and oaths, Richardson said she had been anticipating a wave of emotions at some point in the day but wasn’t expecting it to happen during her inaugural address.

“It was so weird,” she said, laughing. “I was waiting for the hit, to realize that it was finally happening. And it came at the most awkward moment.”
The war on marijuana has been going on for years, with the focus on internal issues instead of building as big of an outward presence as it could have. The argument during that time was not a bad thing, all things considered. It led to a year of more peace and progress efforts.

The first visible sign of this new push comes in the form of the bill by South Carolina Sen. Ryan Harman and House of Delegates Speaker Philip Fallaw’s plan to meet individually with every student organization on campus that will have them for the school year.

Let organizations know about how they can register for the event and how they can have a voice in SG. We will meet with a plenty of student organizations.

While many student organizations face rising costs or struggle to fund not only their growth but have also had their funding allocations, and others don’t know how much funding they could get or how to get it.

Harman and Fallaw’s promise of approving said groups and only provide those groups with the information to the others, and also create a more funding program for the other student organization.

But is that further communication that will ultimately prove key. Meeting with organizations once won’t fulfill their needs, but it’s promising first step.

This could signal the formation of a new, closer relationship between SG and the numerous student organizations using USC, and that’s encouraging. Working closer with the student body has been a long promise of SG candidates.

This hope will only be kept if people understand that this is direction.

It’s not only the kind of thing we like to see, it’s also a step forward for next year starts off on the right foot.

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Student rides cross-country for charity

Johnson biking from coast to coast for Bike & Build

Molly Wyatt

Some people will spend summer break relaxing at the beach or sitting on their parents’ couches. Marsha Johnson will be biking across the country to raise money for affordable housing across America.

“We have been freely given so much and need to freely give it back. I can’t wait toinstall that in college students and encourage them to get involved in as many ways as possible,” Johnson said.

Currently serving as the graduate assistant for Bike & Build, Johnson joined the program as a community service program, Johnson is no stranger to community activism. She graduated from Appalachian State University in 2011, Johnson participated in the Americorps VISTA program for a year at Vassar College.

“Everyone should have a safe, structurally sound and affordable homes with running water and sufficient living space.”

“I was inspired by my professor during my junior year. He is amazing and I wanted to engage in a life of service,” Johnson said.

Johnson’s passion for volunteer work and social justice aligns with the mission of Bike & Build. “I can’t imagine the money that is raised, 60 percent is used to support affordable housing programs, like Habitat for Humanity,” Johnson said.

“There is a general misperception of social justice and charities,” Johnson said. “Affordable housing has a social justice issue, and with the help of Bike & Build, I want to increase awareness, we can add this issue to the discussion.”

Affordable housing programs aim to provide safe, structurally sound and affordable homes with running water and sufficient living space.

“There is no country in the U.S. where a person could afford a median wage job and afford a house,” Johnson said. “It is shocking to hear that houses from affordable housing programs are out of reach for many families. Johnson stresses the importance of the fact that they are earned and paid for just like any other home.

“Now it is time for you to have money to save a down payment, attend financial planning courses and put in the long hours of ‘tweak time’ on both their house and the house in the community. Furthermore, homeowners are given interest loans and trained on how to make their houses more sustainable.”

“We aren’t making houses just to move away. We are empowering people across the community to live.”

“My passion is affordable housing, and my main focus is to help students be able to  understand about and commit to a service that will help make their lives better around them.”
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South Carolina tennis

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Men's tennis faces Alabama, Clemson

Senior Megan Kent is one of several on the South Carolina sand volleyball team who are making the transition from the indoor game to the beach style of play. For the first time ever, the Gamecocks are taking their talents to the beach.

The South Carolina sand volleyball team will open its first home tournament Friday night against Oregon and will continue Saturday against UAB and LSU. The tournament concludes Sunday with a match against Louisiana-Monroe.

Since this is the team’s inaugural season, Friday’s match will be its first home outing in history.

“It’s going to be an amazing experience, and I’m hoping for a loud crowd,” senior Megan Kent said. “I’m hoping everyone comes out and gets loud and excited.”

The Gamecocks have started the season 2-4, and Kent said they have been getting better at each match progressed.

“The first weekend was the biggest eye-opener for the team,” she said. “For the girls to see how hard it is to transition from practicing all the time to applying what they’ve been doing to an opponent is the biggest transition for them to be able to identify what works and what doesn’t, what other teams are doing and how we can learn from it to improve.”

Kent said they have been getting better as a team and against Oregon and will continue Saturday taking their talents to the beach.

“They have not been able to repeat the outcome this year, because they still have plenty of tennis to be played, a lot of teams to play, a lot of tournaments to be good.”

Schafer said the team can repeat the outcome this year, because they still have plenty of energy and they are playing well.

“We can feel that good things are coming our way,” Schafer said. “We’re all staying positive.”

The full story is available online.

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Ten ne see, and we will be competing with the very best.

The Gamecocks are coming into this weekend as it will have a target on its back. It has already received an SEC Coach of the Year nod for the women’s volleyball team.

South Carolina is able to come away victorious in both, then the team will gain some much-needed momentum. The No. 4 Crimson Tide and No. 30 LSU will provide a similar test last season, as they were also in a losing streak before facing the two Alabama schools. Those two wins propelled South Carolina to a four-game winning streak and helped the team win six of its final eight games.

Staley, Mitchell named Gamecocks seek 1st SEC win

Members of the South Carolina women’s basketball team have earned a number of postseason awards so far for their historic 2013-14 season, but two Gamecocks have the opportunity to add to their resumes on the national stage before all is said and done.

After South Carolina earned a No. 1 seed in this year’s NCAA tournament, coach Dawn Staley has been named one of four finalists for the Naismith Women’s College Coach of the Year award. Staley has already received an SEC Coach of the Year nod from both The Associated Press and the league’s coaches.

Joining her on the list of finalists is Connecticut’s Geno Auriemma, Notre Dame’s Muffet McGraw and North Carolina’s Sylvia Hatchell.

Sophomore guard Tiffany Mitchell is the other Gamecock who will compete for a national award. Mitchell has been named one of the AP’s only unanimous All-SEC first team selection, and she also won SEC Player of the Year recognition.

The Gamecocks are one of three finalists for the Staley award, along with Baylor’s Odyssey Sims and Breanna Stewart of Connecticut.

Both awards will be announced in April, as the Gamecocks make a push for the Women’s Final Four in Nashville, Tenn.