New officers assess future

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A new housing contract and a change in University food service are main goals of next year's top two Student Government Association (SGA) officers.

In separate interviews Tuesday, President-elect Steve Hill and future Vice-President Trey Lott expressed dissatisfaction with University Dining Services, which runs all campus restaurants, and with the current housing contract.

Hill and Lott will be inaugurated Tuesday. Lott will serve as president of the new Student Senate which convenes Wednesday.

Hill said students evicted from dormitories for offenses committed off-campus should be given a partial refund of their pre-paid housing fee, the amount depending on how late in the semester the student leaves.

Lott said the standard housing contract provides for the removal of "undesirable tenants," including persons arrested on drug charges.

Lott said, "In my opinion someone shouldn't be kicked out of his housing 'til he's been proven guilty. That's the American way: innocent until proven guilty."

Hill suggested control over food services on campus be turned over to the University Union. Lott had a different idea. "I think competition would improve the quality of the food service."

Hill proposed letting companies like Shoney's or McDonald's operate on the second floor of Russell House.

Other Hill priorities include closing Green Street. He said the issue is not dead even though Columbia City Council has voted it down. One possibility, he said, is to circulate a city-wide petition.

Another of Hill's suggestions, which would need approval by the state legislature, is to make the SGA president a voting member of the Board of Trustees.

Hill said he also favored University Governance, a plan to run the school through a senate composed equally of students, faculty, and administration.

Of the possibility of enacting the 25 percent increase in the campaign platform, Hill said, "I think all of them will take a lot of work. In some instances we won't be able to get them passed but could get a compromise which still would be good for the students."

Hill said he favored University Governance and gave it a 50-50 chance of being approved in the next two years.

The newly-elected vice-president said he wanted teacher evaluation forms used again.

Lott said better teachers should be used in 104 courses because introductory courses give a student his first taste of a new subject. "When you go into a

That time of year again...

Green Street to stay open

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Columbia City Council's unanimous vote last week to keep Green Street open left University officials disappointed, but they do not consider the matter closed.

Council's decision came after an engineering firm studied traffic flow around campus during the street's trial closing and recommended it remain open during the evening commuting period.

The study said traffic on Blossom, Pickens and Pendleton streets slowed down to two to five miles per hour during the evening rush period.

The data reveals there was no significant traffic impact in the morning or mid-day peak periods," according to the study.

The University originally requested Green Street be closed from Sumter to Pickens streets but changed it to include only Sumter to Bull. The study was taken when the street was closed from Sumter to Pendleton.

"I was surprised and disappointed at the decision," University Board of Trustees Chairman T. Eason Marchant said. "I was hopeful and did think the facts would convince the City Council the street should be closed. I don't disagree with the statistics that closing Green Street would slow down traffic three to five miles per hour on other streets during the evening rush, but I do disagree with the conclusion that because of that the street should remain open."

"I don't believe it would cause that much of a problem as opposed to problems of pedestrian traffic in front of Russell House," Marchant said.

If they are saying it's not justified for people to be slowed up going home in order for the University to not have to use buses or destroy campus unity, that is not a conclusion I disagree with."

"Various results convinced me that the street should only be closed from Bull to Sumter streets and that was what we asked for instead of the original request. I thought that would have been a reasonable compromise between the alternatives," he said.

However, Columbia Mayor John T. Campbell said, "We're talking about 15,000 students inconveniencing some 50,000 people east of the university."

"The main thing the council considered was that we have only three east-west arteries out of downtown," Blossom, Gervais and Green streets are the only through-lanes east-west from downtown.

"A two to five mile per hour slowdown in traffic is very

Crucible available April 18

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"The Crucible," USC's literary magazine, will be distributed April 18.

According to the magazine's editor, Scott Kearns, this semester's issue of "The Crucible" incorporates several ideas that will make the magazine different and better.

One of the major changes is this semester's magazine will be the liberal use of art, Kearns said.

"This is the first time the magazine ever made a conscious effort to combine art and prose," he said. "Finally the artists and photographers have been given an equal opportunity with the writers."

The magazine, which will have 56 pages, will include drawings and portraits.

Even with the increase in art work, prose will still make up the majority of the magazine. Six short stories and 40 poems were chosen for publication from

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Classes Friday

Despite hopeful rumors to the contrary, President William Patterson's office says classes and all University offices will be open tomorrow, Good Friday.