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said. Curran refused to comment on the call.

Curran commented on the elections in general, saying that the controversy was a reflection of the candidates, not the SGA. "The question is, does the SGA deserve candidates that can follow the rules?" he said.

The third presidential candidate, Laura Southerland, has not been involved in the controversy. At press time, she was unaware of the status of the election.

"They (the EBC) won't tell me anything," she said. "They don't know themselves what's going on."

Southerland was critical of her opponents, calling the various allegations "technicalities." She said, "One (candidate) will get the other (in trouble), and the other will turn

around and get (the first one) back."

Before the announcement of the winners for all other SGA positions last Friday, Gulley told students at the Hawk's Nest. "Due to discrepancies in the campaign process, the presidential elections have been postponed. They will resume some time next week." Gulley was to meet with the EBC on Monday morning to review the appeals and determine a date for new presidential elections.

None of the representative positions within the SGA were affected by the presidential controversy. A total of 417 votes were cast in the election, less than half the number that voted in last spring's elections.

"I don't know (why the turnout was so low)," Gulley said, "there was a great amount of publicity, we invited the student body to come out and vote, and only 417

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Aramark. "The choice was Aramark, and I accepted that," he said.

SGA Secretary of Services Travis Tice publicly challenged Leutze regarding the decision, charging that the student body was not represented fairly in the selection process. Tice was one of three students on the board, although the other two did not fully participate in the process.

"My issue is, how can you assume fair representation of a student body of 10,000 with one student?" she said after the forum.

Later that evening, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Patricia Leonard and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Dick Scott answered questions from the SGA House. The SGA recently passed a resolution recommending that Marriott be chosen to provide food service, and many SGA members were upset to learn of the choice.

Leonard and Scott were presented a number of concerns and complaints. Chief among them were Aramark's ability to cater to students with special dietary needs, such as diabetics and vegans, cleanliness of food preparation, and customer service.

Tice presented a new resolution detail-

ing student expectations for the food service provider and reaffirming SGA's endorsement of Marriott. The resolution is expected to pass the House this week and the Senate next week.

One of the primary expectations of the SGA is an improvement in customer service. "The biggest problem for students has been with the management," she said. "This clearly defines what students expect from their food service provider."

Tice made it clear she does not have any personal problem with Aramark. "I'm not anti-anybody. I'm simply pro-student. I want the best contract for the best people," she said.

Leonard said, "I was pleased with the way they (the SGA) handled it." She also said that the university recently hired a nutritionist to work with Aramark in accommodating the needs of students with special diets.

Student body President Patrick Gunn said he was frustrated by the decision to choose Aramark after the SGA passed the initial resolution favoring Marriott. "It seems to me that student voices are not even considered...I'm very upset about it," he said.

Gunn plans to lead a protest outside Alderman Hall tomorrow at 1 p.m. to show student frustration at the decision.

SGA Election winners, votes received**SGA President
ELECTION SUSPENDED****SGA Vice-President
Erica Pittelkow, 390****Senior Class President
Aaron Davis*, 10****Senior Class Representatives
Chris Register*, 6****Junior Class President
Skipper Mervin, 119****Junior Class Representatives
Jeanette DeRenne, 86
Krista Powell, 110****Sophomore Class President
Crisp McDonald, 156****Sophomore Class Representatives
Scott Burrell, 107
Kristin Packard, 71****On-Campus Representatives**

Alissa Redmond, 85
Beth Soltowski, 75

Off-Campus Representatives

Crystal Faggart, 216
Christine Harris, 208
Naomi Knowles, 209
Jeanne Maggio, 205
Jessica Maher, 229

Arts and Sciences Representatives

Nicolette Fulton, 211
Kathleen Marrow, 199

Total voters - 417
* write-in candidates

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Students protest local circus

UNCW students warn potential circus goers of animal-abuse cases against the Clyde Beatty-Cole Brothers circus last weekend.

by MELISSA FARQUHAR

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The circus came to town last week and S.E.T.A (Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) was there to meet it. As part of the Azalea festival, the Clyde Beatty-Cole circus ran from Friday through Sunday and was the source of controversy among animal activists.

"We don't believe in the exploitation of animals for the purposes of entertainment," explained Francis Boyes, of S.E.T.A, who led the protests on Friday.

Representatives from S.E.T.A as well as

P.E.T.A. (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) and other concerned members of the community participated in the protest. Protesters assembled outside the New Hanover County Fairgrounds and handed out literature. Circus patrons were handed a checklist that asked them to evaluate the condition of the animals inside of the circus for obvious signs of mistreatment, in hopes of raising awareness of the issue.

According to Boyes, the Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. circus has been charged numerous times with mistreatment of their animals.

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