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I feel like a giant germ

Student contracts MRSA, suspects Strom equipment

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Caroline Baity and another student had been “hitting the gym pretty hard” at the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center for a few weeks when they found something to be amiss. Baity, a third-year sport and entertainment management student, began to find clusters of flesh-colored bumps on her inner thigh after using an inner thigh press machine four or five times a week. This was diagnosed as molluscum contagiosum, a viral skin infection that does not present many medical risks. Her friend, however, was not so lucky. The third-year exercise science student who had been accompanying Baity to the gym and also using the inner thigh press machine noticed a strange-looking bump on her inner thigh. She initially took it to be an ordinary razor bump. The next day, it began to hurt, so she scheduled an appointment at the Thomson Student Health Center. That “razor bump” was actually

MRSA — Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus — an antibiotic-resistant, potentially life-threatening and highly contagious Staph infection. It often emerges as this student’s did — small, red bumps — but quickly progresses into deep, painful sores that must be surgically drained. About one in three people carry MRSA on their skin or in their nose, according to Judy Chontos-Komorowski, the assistant medical director of the Thomson Student Health Center’s general medicine clinic. The MRSA often remains dormant until one of these “carriers” transmits it through personal contact or exposing any kind of open sore or wound to a surface. MRSA can live outside the body for weeks to months and can be transmitted from a surface to someone’s body through any kind of break in the skin, including a razor bump, like the infected student had. By the end of the week, the student was in emergency surgery. She could know within the next two weeks whether she’s rid of the infection for good, or if she could have to deal with it for the rest of her life. “It spread so fast, there was nothing



1 in 3 people carry MRSA, on average. MRSA stands for Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus. The bacteria can live outside of the body for weeks or months.

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Cocks create with cans

The fifth day of Homecoming brought the Canned Creations competition, in which teams collected canned foods to build structures that went with the theme “United States of Carolina.” Greene Street was filled with creations that resembled Cocky, the American flag and even the South Carolina Statehouse. According to the USC Homecoming Twitter account, more than 12,000 cans had been collected at 10:30 a.m., only an hour and a half after the event began. All cans used were donated to the Harvest Hope Food Bank in Columbia. — Compiled by Hannah Jeffrey, Assistant News Editor

Graduate makes historic donation

McCausland gives \$10 million, 4 named Faculty Fellows

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The College of Arts and Sciences received its largest-ever donation Thursday, a \$10 million gift aimed at keeping rising-star professors on campus and allowing faculty to pursue new ideas. Peter McCausland, a 1971 history graduate and founder of Airgas Inc., a major gas distributor, and his wife, Bonnie, made the donation, which Dean Mary Anne Fitzpatrick called “very unique.” Most high-profile donations go to professional programs, not the liberal arts, she said. The gift will fund three initiatives, Fitzpatrick said — a fellowship program for young faculty, a visiting scholars program and a fund to promote new ideas and programs. “The big picture is (that) we can respond to the creative ideas that faculty have, to the new and exciting things they’d like to do in the classroom, things they’d like to bring to students,” Fitzpatrick said. The first four members of the McCausland Faculty Fellows Program were also named Thursday: Hunter Gardner, in classics; Blaine Griffen, in marine science and biology; Catherine Keyser, in English; and Joseph November, in history. The donation wasn’t the McCauslands’ first to USC. Since 2004, they had given \$3.75 million, to

establish a brain imaging center and to retain top professors. The program is planned to grow to 20 members and targets young faculty; only professors who have earned a doctorate in the last 10 years are eligible. Each will receive a \$10,000 stipend, which will keep USC competitive nationally, Fitzpatrick said. That’s important, she said, because otherwise, they might be targeted by other universities. Keyser, who studies modern American literature, said the designation was a “wonderful affirmation” of her work that she thinks will provide her the inspiration and resources to experiment with how she teaches. The college will also bring in two visiting professors each year; departments will apply to host one, Fitzpatrick said. And departments will compete for grants worth \$10,000 to \$50,000 from a new “innovation fund.” Peter McCausland said he valued the ability to see the big picture and deal with multiple disciplines he gained from studying history. While growing Airgas to be the largest industrial and medical gas distributor in the U.S., he said those skills were useful. He had to reconcile chemistry and communications with business and human resources, he said, and he needed to step back from day-to-day work to see where the company was headed. “I think in life, it’s important to know your stuff

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IN BRIEF

Man accused of setting his girlfriend on fire

An Orangeburg man has been accused of setting his girlfriend on fire, the State reported. Terrence Germaine Glenn, 33, has been charged with criminal domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature. According to the deputies' report, the victim said she was lying in bed when Glenn entered the room, punched her side and splashed rubbing alcohol on her. Glenn allegedly then sparked a lighter and set the victim's shirt on fire. The victim ran from the room and removed the burning shirt. She said in the report that Glenn put lotion on her burns after the flames were extinguished. Glenn told deputies he put rubbing alcohol on a bruise on the victim's face and some of it spilled onto her shirt. The report said he was playing with a lighter, and the victim accidentally caught on fire. The victim was taken to the Augusta Burn Center.

— Maxwell Bauman, Copy Desk Chief

'Name-calling' incident ends with man's death

A man was killed following an argument that involved "name-calling," according to WIS. Camara Atiba Jordan, 22, was arrested after shooting 36-year-old Quentin Green in Sumter Wednesday night. Investigators said Green and Jordan were familiar with each other, and the two got into a fight following a name-calling incident. Witnesses reported that Jordan followed Green into a house and Green was shot and died on the scene. Police found Jordan injured from a gunshot wound a few blocks away from the house. He was treated at a hospital and following his discharge, taken into custody and charged with murder. Jordan is being held at the Sumter-Lee Detention Center. Authorities believe this to be an isolated incident, thought it remains under investigation. Sumter Police Chief Russell Roark said that a majority of violent incidents in his county are not gang related but occur between people who know each other and choose to resort to violence to solve their differences instead of "talking it out."

— Maxwell Bauman, Copy Desk Chief

4 arrested after allegedly stealing 20 iPads, iPad minis

Three students and one man were arrested after allegedly stealing iPads from an Irmo High School, according to the State. Lexington County Sheriff's Department said that 20 iPads and iPad Minis were reported stolen by Irmo High School students between Sept. 12 and Oct. 17. Each stolen tablet was exchanged for \$144 at two ATMs in Columbia-area shopping malls where electronic items can be deposited for cash. Resource Officer Len Wilkerson made the arrests and recovered the electronics. Shaolin Unique Burgess, 17, was arrested and charged with petty larceny. Andrew Josef Hamilton, 18, was arrested and charged with receiving stolen goods. Lamont Antonio Jennings, 18, was arrested and charged with four counts of receiving stolen goods. All three have posted bail. Kendrick Allan Thompson, 22, was arrested and charged with receiving stolen goods and released after posting bond. Deputies are still searching for 17-year-old Jaqualle Dejevoid Jacobs on a charge of petty larceny.

— Maxwell Bauman, Copy Desk Chief

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I could do," said the student, who wishes to remain anonymous due to the nature of her infection.

Now, her life has been flipped upside down.

"I have to basically spray Lysol after everywhere I go. It's been a complete 180-degree spin on everything," the student said. "I now have to clean 24/7. I have to do laundry three times a day. I feel like a giant germ. I don't want to touch anything or anybody."

What is already a potentially deadly infection for this student turned doubly troublesome when she returned home to her apartment. One of her roommates has an autoimmune disease, which almost forced her to move out.

While Baity's infection was benign, it's still forced her to incorporate extra cautionary steps into her daily routine to keep the wart-like bumps from spreading to other parts of her body. She only wears leggings or long pants, including while asleep, and never touches her leg without washing her hands immediately after.

Because of the location of their infections, Baity and her friend are "convinced" they came from the inner thigh press machine at Strom.

"I can't think of

anywhere else where I would have caught it, especially on my inner thigh," the student said.

While Dr. Chontos-Komorowski did not treat either woman, she said it is possible for MRSA to be transmitted through contact with workout equipment that has been contaminated with MRSA.

"People who share articles of clothing or exercise equipment are at risk, certainly in a college atmosphere," Chontos-Komorowski said. "But we can never really determine where the infection comes from."

If this case came from Strom, it's the first time it has happened, according to Herbert

Camp III, director of campus recreation.

"I am not a medical expert ... but it's very unlikely, considering all the cleaning we do," Camp said. "We have not had any instances of MRSA being found on the equipment here."

Strom staff conduct three- to four-step cleaning processes on every piece of workout equipment in the gym each morning before its 6 a.m. opening. Additionally, all equipment is treated with Bioshield 75, an antimicrobial protective coating, every 60 to 90 days, Camp said.

"That's a step that a lot of other places don't take," Camp said. "It provides an additional level of safety."

Reminders are posted throughout the facility instructing students to wipe down exercise equipment before and after each use, but the guidance is not always followed.

"We depend on students to do what we ask them to do, but we have staff to encourage them to do it," Camp said.

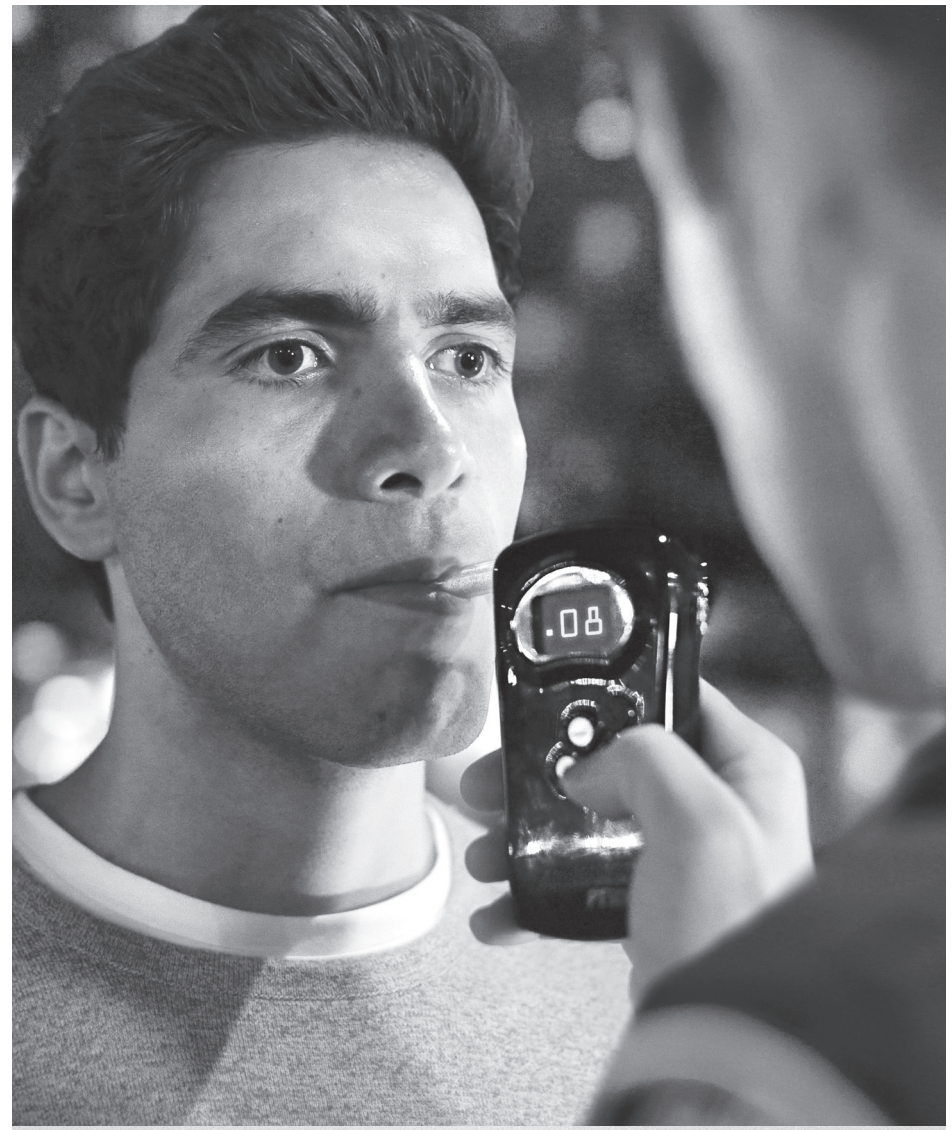
But Baity and her friend both said they "don't see the people behind the desks do anything."

Baity's infection hasn't deterred her from going to Strom, albeit with new precautions, but the student now dealing with a potentially deadly infection doubts she'll ever return.

"Gross stuff doesn't bother me, but this is something that could affect me for the rest of my life," the student said. "A lot of people are ignorant as to how quickly it can spread. I thought I had a spider bite, but within two days I had a giant infection."

But what she and Baity said they want most is for people to be more cautious while working out and follow posted safety instructions.

"I wouldn't want to discourage people from going to Strom; it's just that you need to be a little more cautious," Baity said. "You can really hurt other people and it's not something you even think about."



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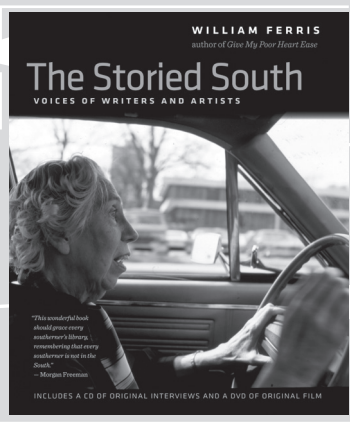


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Zombie Walk brings out the undead

WUSC hosted its annual Zombie Walk as part of its fall fundraiser week. Participants started putting zombie makeup on others around 5 p.m. on the Russell House Patio and then walked to the house of a WUSC DJ for a cookout. “When people wonder what the hell is going on, that just carries us,” said Kate Appelbaum, WUSC’s station manager. “That kind of curiosity is what this event is all about, and I love it.”

Some people attended last year and decided to come out again this year for more gutsy and gory fun.

Many attended the event because of the opportunity to do something fun for Halloween.

“It’s Halloween and it’s free zombie makeup,” Brooke Evans, a second-year biology student, said. “It’s just something to do on Halloween because nothing really starts until later.”

Others were attracted by the opportunity to find an easy Halloween

costume.

“I really needed a costume because I had already worn my costume to two other parties and I have another party tonight,” third-year public relations student Haley Rabic said. “I was like, ‘Perfect, I can be a zombie.’ Free zombie makeup. Why not?”

Dr. Neil Levens, who teaches the honors course Psychology of the Zombie Apocalypse, said he believes that people are also drawn to the idea of zombies.

“I think people are drawn to the what-ifs,” Levens said. “Zombies were once people; they aren’t true monsters. It’s the idea that you may have to kill your mother or your father, because they can come back and hurt you.”

— Compiled by Natalie Pita

Editor’s note: Sarah Martin contributed reporting to this article.

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but it’s also important to understand context,” Peter McCausland said. “I just think a broad-based liberal arts education where you do study history, English and psychology and the basic sciences is wonderful, and I hope we’re not

losing that. ... If you get too specialized, you lose the context of your own specialty.”

Fitzpatrick said she wants to keep top professors on campus “because students need to see what it means to be excellent.” And Peter McCausland said he

hopes the donation will bring a focus back on the liberal arts at USC.

“The specialization has gotten so extreme,” he said. “It’s just to remind people that this is the foundation of the university. This is the heart and soul of it.”

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MRSA infections warrant cleaner protocol

ISSUE
Two students that frequent Strom contracted MRSA.

OUR STANCE
Strom could stand to be cleaned more, and personal responsibility is also important.

Two students have recently contracted MRSA, the notoriously powerful bacterial infection. The one common denominator between the two is their frequent workouts on the thigh press machine at the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center. Whether or not they contracted the infection at the Strom is yet to be discovered, but even still, their illness raises many concerns regarding campus and student cleanliness.

It's easy to point fingers at the sanitation of the Strom, but the fact remains that out of the tens

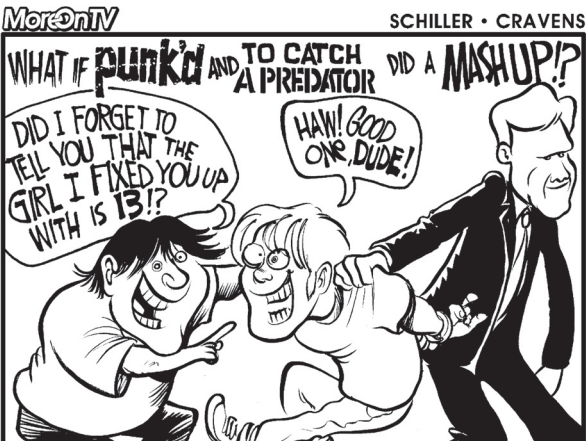
of thousands of students that frequent the building, very few issues regarding any bacterial contaminants have been raised. That said, they do only clean the equipment thoroughly once a day, before the gym opens at 6 a.m. While that may seem fairly routine, for a venue that's trafficked by thousands, it wouldn't hurt to double up on their cleaning.

Then again, it's a two-way street when it comes to maintaining a clean environment. The Strom's

“The Strom's crew, and Blatt's as well for that matter, could clean as much as hourly, but if guests aren't practicing healthy habits, others' health will still be jeopardized.”

crew, and Blatt's as well for that matter, could clean as much as hourly, but if guests aren't practicing healthy habits, others' health will still be jeopardized. On that note, utilizing the sanitizing napkins provided to wipe down any equipment before use will go a long way in maintaining everyone's health. Furthermore, and while this may seem obvious, working out with any open wounds is a blatant invitation for the transmission of bacteria. If it weren't an issue, we wouldn't mention it.

Bottom line: It wouldn't hurt for USC's facilities to improve their sanitation protocol while students should take cleanliness into their own hands. MRSA left unbridled is a life-threatening condition, and the recent infections are nothing to take lightly. While USC's track record regarding issues like this is fairly spotless, that's not to say there isn't room to improve.



Military strategy quickly becoming game of drones

Remote-operated aerial vehicles ultimately save lives

Drones. These days you hear the word and people begin to squirm in their seats. Drones are a hot topic in political circles as people discuss whether or not drone attacks are ethical, and whether or not drones should be allowed to patrol streets here in America. However, few people have discussed the impact that drones have on the people that operate them. GQ Magazine recently published an article that highlighted one drone operator's struggle to come to terms with what he had done from his office chair at Nellis Air Force Base near Las Vegas. Brandon Bryant, the drone operator who did the interview, said he killed 1,626 enemies during his time as a drone operator, and Bryant now suffers from PTSD (Post-traumatic stress disorder).

Bryant in his interview with GQ recalls killing children, maiming civilians, and being told to lie on reports about his missions. After reading this interview, and hearing this man's struggle to come to terms with what he had done, it seems that it is about time this country talk about the ethics of drone strikes.

Brandon Bryant's descriptions of certain missions in his interview highlight the main problem with drone attacks and air strikes in general: the uncertainty of whether or not you will hit your target. Many people have a problem with our country killing children and civilians in hopes of eliminating a target. They also have a problem with our country being able to use drones for air strikes on countries that we are supposedly not at war with. I think Americans would look upon drone warfare much more favorably if the attacks were only on countries we were at war with and only on very specific targets and only in certain situations. The sentiment about drones in the public is that they are used indiscriminately against any person, building or object that the U.S. military needs destroyed.

However, with all this being said, drones serve a very important purpose: they save American lives. Drones keep American soldiers safe and are very effective at carrying out their missions. Yes, there will be mistakes, and drones will sometimes kill civilians, but the truth is that war is messy and nothing ever goes exactly according to plan. If our government would use drone strikes only on countries that we were actually at war with, then I would be in full support of using drones instead of manned aircrafts in certain situations.

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GUEST COLUMN

Homecoming pageantry deserves rehaul

Candidates should focus on accomplishments

If ever I needed a reminder that I'm studying abroad in the deep South, last night it hit me loud and clear. Sitting in USC's enormous old basketball stadium, the Carolina Coliseum, I watched the evening's entertainment unfold. This week is Homecoming Week: a string of events hosted to foster a sense of school spirit and community on campus. The Homecoming theme this year is "The United States of Carolina," a patriotic nod to the U.S. and South Carolina. So all the acts took to the stage at the Homecoming Showcase with more national pride and Appalachian effervescence than ever.

The Showcase hosts the annual crowning of Homecoming King and Queen. Five male and female nominees must perform one talent, strut the stage in their formal wear and answer a question drawn from a hat. As one female contestant told the compère why her mom is her biggest inspiration in life in a thick Southern accent, a renewed awareness of my surroundings washed over me. It occurred to me afterward that there really isn't anything remotely similar to this in British university life.

All of the acts in the talent round varied greatly. From singing and dancing to a satirical interpretation of synchronized swimming, the acts showed how much effort and devotion the nominees had poured into their dream of becoming the Homecoming monarchs of 2013.

I'm not completely sure what

gaining the title of Homecoming King and Queen entails. I understand that the winners are students in their final years, who have contributed significantly — usually extraordinarily — to their colleges and communities. I know that the winners get to ride on the Homecoming Parade float and that they will receive BNOC status around the university. For all of my American readers, "BNOC" is a term that Brits affectionately bestow upon "famous" students — hence "Big Name On Campus," pronounced phonetically as "bee-knock."

As a temporary Gamecock with a Brits-eye view upon the unique flavor of Carolinian life, you might expect me to come out and slam the nature of the Homecoming Showcase because it's so far from what I'm used to at home. Once candidates have survived the application process, it is effectively a pageant that judges nominees on their ability to entertain, look handsome and beautiful, and answer a cliché question on the spot. This doesn't exactly resonate with stereotypical "British" morals: a straight-talking, no-nonsense, stiff upper-lip with no time for gaining credentials based on a brief examination of outward appearances and loaded statements.

But I think that the American tradition of Homecoming King and Queen just needs a makeover, that's all. Some of the candidates were aspiring doctors and pastors. Some of them had worked with sex-trafficking victims in South America and have internships alongside their degrees that may as well constitute a full-time job.

I believe that highlighting the wealth of incredible achievements of our Homecoming candidates can only be a positive thing, and putting these students in the spotlight could potentially be a way to encourage other students to get involved with the world outside the student bubble.

But the format of the Homecoming Showcase doesn't flatter these illuminating individuals enough. Over 30,000 students attend USC's Columbia campus. Despite this, the arena was only one-third full and the audience was carved up into huge sections of various supporters cheering on their friend, sorority sister and classmate — but not many people had come to watch and cast an objective vote. The format of the showcase is, unfortunately, a popularity contest that focuses too much on empty admiration and breezes past the incredible accomplishments of its candidates.

I'm sure this year's winners are fully deserving of their crowns. But I think that it would have been a closer, more earnest competition had the format of the showcase allowed candidates more time to focus on their fantastic talents and achievements that cannot be contained to a three-minute time-slot on stage. As long as the Homecoming Showcase continues to reward candidates for stage performances and catwalk struts, it will remain a competition that prides visual entertainment, popularity and style over intellect, charisma and sophistication.

— Evelyn Robinson, second-year English and history international student



Matthew Demarco
Second-year exercise science student

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Courtesy of dead27s.com

(From left) Will Evans, Daniel Crider, Wallace Mullinax, Trey Francis and Oliver Goldstein make up Dead 27s, which will perform at Tin Roof tonight at 7 p.m.

Charleston band prepares to perform at USC’s Young Alumni Band Party

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To students, Homecoming means an exciting football game, a king and queen and a week full of events. To others, it means coming back home to their alma mater years after they graduated. Just like the band Dead 27s, who will be playing at the USC Young Alumni Band Party and includes three band members who are USC alumni.

Despite their hard rock name, the band gets their sound from the inspiring musicians of the 1960s and ’70s and created their name from the musicians who have died at the age of 27, like Janis Joplin and Kurt Cobain.

Since vocalist Trey Francis,

guitarists Wallace Mullinax and Will Evans, bassists Oliver Goldstein and drummer Daniel Crider kick-started their career with a Jimi Hendrix tribute performance in Charleston, the band has become a popular favorite in South Carolina. Dead 27s has built a large fan base and have won a Best of Charleston award and Song of the Year for their single “Don’t Want to Live My Life Without You,” as well as Rock Band of the Year and Up and Coming Artist of the Year from the Charleston City Paper Music Awards.

Although the band plays mostly in the Charleston area, they enjoy touring the rest of the state, and they especially enjoy performing in Columbia.

“Columbia is always a treat to play. The fans really get into what we’re playing every time we play here,” Daniel Crider

said in a written response. “Like Charleston, Columbia has a small tight music community with some serious players. In a scene like this, musicians look out for one another and the competition forces everyone to get better and better.”

He also wrote that the band plans to play in Greenville, Charlotte and Asheville in the near future, before the release of their seven-song EP in early 2014.

Crider wrote that Friday’s show will include both original songs as well as covers from a wide array of genres like classic rock and blues. As many of the members are former Gamecocks, the band’s excitement for Friday’s performance is bigger than usual.

“All of us but one graduated from USC, so it feels great to come back to play for our alma mater’s Homecoming,” Crider wrote. “There will be a lot of excitement

and positive energy coming off a win against Missouri too. People are going to be pumped up.”

Once students themselves, the band remembers the work and determination it took to build themselves into a band and hopes that current USC students with the same dream can be successful.

“Be determined, focused, patient and driven. Know your strengths and weaknesses. Don’t be above getting a day job to supplement your income while you build your career as a musician,” Crider wrote. “Develop a local fan base in your hometown and think outside the box, not only in your music, but how to get your stuff out there through all the clutter.”

Check out Dead 27 at Tin Roof tonight at 7 p.m., as well as on their website, dead27s.com.

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Can’t-miss comedies a click away

Netflix favorites include ‘30 Rock,’ ‘American Dad’

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Netflix is a magical thing, as anyone who has binge-watched five seasons of “Breaking Bad” in a week can attest to. It gives viewers the opportunity to choose the best shows and watch them at their convenience, making it the all-you-can-eat buffet of the entertainment world. However, so many options can be paralyzing. Here’s a guide to various TV genres so you can get the best show for your tastes, starting with absurdist comedies.

Absurdist Comedies

Often featuring outlandish scenarios and oversized characters, absurdist comedies focus on humor above all else, sacrificing realism for the punchline.

“30 Rock”

30 Rock stars Tina Fey as Liz Lemon, the neurotic and plucky show-runner of the fictional SNL parody The Girly Show, and Alec Baldwin as her over-the-top executive boss. The relationship between the two is the foundation of the show, consistently funny and surprisingly meaningful, which helps anchor the show among the insanity of its supporting characters. Clever and entertaining, 30 Rock is a great show for comedy aficionados.

Sample eps: Subway Hero (S2/E12), Leap Day (S6/E9)

“Arrested Development”

Arrested Development, the story of the self-involved Bluth family and their fall from grace, is the “cultest” of cult classics, inspiring devotion in its fans thanks to its intricacy and

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“Faust”

Release date: Nov. 15

Directed and co-written by: Aleksandr Sokoruv; Starring: Johannes Zeller, Anton Adasinsky and Isolda Dychauk

Aleksandr Sokoruv’s adaptation of the Faust legend, based on Johann Wolfgang Goethe’s play and Yuri Arabov’s book, premiered at the Venice Film Festival all the way back in 2011. It will probably never play in Columbia and quite possibly the whole state, but one should seek it out in some format.

“About Time”

Release date: Nov. 8

Directed and written by: Richard Curtis; Starring: Domhnall Gleeson, Rachel McAdams and Bill Nighy

Richard Curtis, who wrote “Four Weddings and a Funeral” and wrote and directed “Love Actually,” has put a sci-fi twist on the romantic comedy/drama. It is boy meets girl, boy fails with girl, boy travels back in time to try again. It is like a British “Groundhog Day.”

“The Book Thief”

Release date: Nov. 8

Starring Sophie Nélisse, Geoffrey Rush and Emily Watson

The novel “The Book Thief” by Markus Zusak was released in 2005 and remained on The New York Times Best Seller list for more than 230 weeks. The film, about a young girl with her foster parents in Nazi Germany, could easily be an Oscar contender or another failed adaptation of a popular novel.

“Go for Sisters”

Release Date: Nov. 8

Directed and written by: John Sayles; Starring: Edward James Olmos, Lisa Gay Hamilton, Yolanda Ross and Isaiah Washington

John Sayles (“Eight Men Out,” “Lone Star”) wrote and directed this crime thriller starring Oscar nominee Edward James Olmos (“Stand and Deliver”).

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“Philomena”
Release date: Nov. 22
Directed by: Stephen Frears; Co-written by: Steve Coogan; Starring: Steve Coogan, Judi Dench and Michelle Fairley
Oscar winner Judi Dench has already received an Oscar nomination for a performance in a Stephen Frears film, “Mrs. Henderson Presents,” and she could quite possibly rack up another one with their newest collaboration. It is based on the book “The Lost Child of Philomena Lee” by Martin Sixsmith, and it tells a story of a political journalist (Coogan) who

researches the story of a woman (Dench) whose son was whisked away from her decades ago and who was forced into a convent.

“Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom”
Release date: Nov. 27
Starring: Idris Elba, Naomie Harris and Tony Kgoroge
Morgan Freeman previously played the South African leader who spent 27 years in prison before becoming the president of the country. The Best Actor Oscar race is already packed, but Idris Elba (“Luther”) could snag a nomination, making Mandela one of the few historical people to be portrayed by two different actors who both receive

Oscar nominations for their performances.

“Nebraska”
Release date: Nov. 22
Directed by: Alexander Payne; Starring: Bruce Dern, Will Forte, June Squibb, Bob Odenkirk and Stacy Keach
Alexander Payne (“About Schmidt,” “Sideways,”) shot his newest dramedy in black and white, and earlier this year it premiered at the Cannes Film Festival, where Bruce Dern won the Best Actor award. When it comes to films, Payne is always good.

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hilarity. Arrested Development seems custom-made for the Netflix binge-watch, featuring interconnected jokes that reference past and future episodes and background gags that reward close viewing. Lest I make this show sound like too much work, be assured – it can be baldly, broadly funny and comes recommended to anyone looking for a good comedy.
Sample eps: Pilot (S1/E1). This is a show to start at the beginning.

“American Dad!”
Family Guy may be the most popular of Seth MacFarlane’s spawn, but American Dad!, an animated show about a CIA agent, his family, and the alien that lives in his attic, is the weirdest and most creative. While the first few seasons are unremarkable, leaning heavily on lazy political humor, in its later seasons it blossomed into a confident comedic force with bizarrely funny stories. If you want a show that’s weird, funny, and out-there, American Dad! is the series for you.
Sample eps: Virtual In-Stanity (S7/E5), Adventures in Halesitting (S8/E6)



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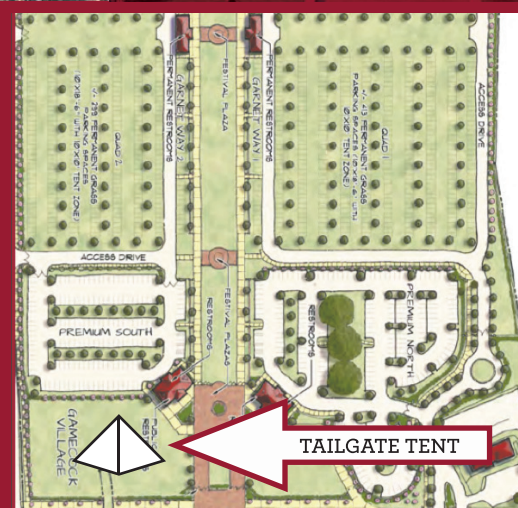
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Cancer

Don't take action just yet. Postpone travel and stay close to home for now. Improve your neighborly relationships. And don't be ashamed of asking for assistance. A good conversation ensues.

Leo

You're in the spotlight, but don't get blinded. Use what you've got and make it better. If what you're doing doesn't work, try something new. You'll be surprised. Stay away from the mall now. Family comes first.

Virgo

Use your words, not force, to navigate in today's high seas. Find a safe harbor and wait until the weather subsides. Let friends know what you want so you can advance together. Respond passionately.

Libra

More confidence increases work, which in turn increases your sense of security. Gain insight into your own higher values. Make the necessary changes, and dig deeper. Continue your studies.

Scorpio

Consider tradition, and honor those who went before. Review and revise your plans. Mix with creative logic and discover hidden value. Figure out how much you owe. Don't overspend on something you can have for free.

Pisces

Talk to your partner and postpone a public engagement. This could give you more time for creativity and completing projects. An authority figure approves. Disrupt the status quo.

Sagittarius

There's power in slowing down and listening. Your theory gets validated again. Disconnect from distractions that don't support your goals, and pour on focus for productivity. Friends are there for you.

Capricorn

New skills look good on you. Use them to forward your career and that of those around you. Together you can go farther. Travel looks adventurous and fun. Watch out for irregularities and exceptions. Double-confirm reservations.

Aquarius

Invest in something that will save you money in the long run, but don't touch your savings. Friends help you see farther. Romance your competitor. Increase efficiency, then rest and relax. Keep a secret.



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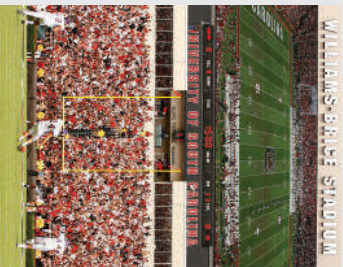
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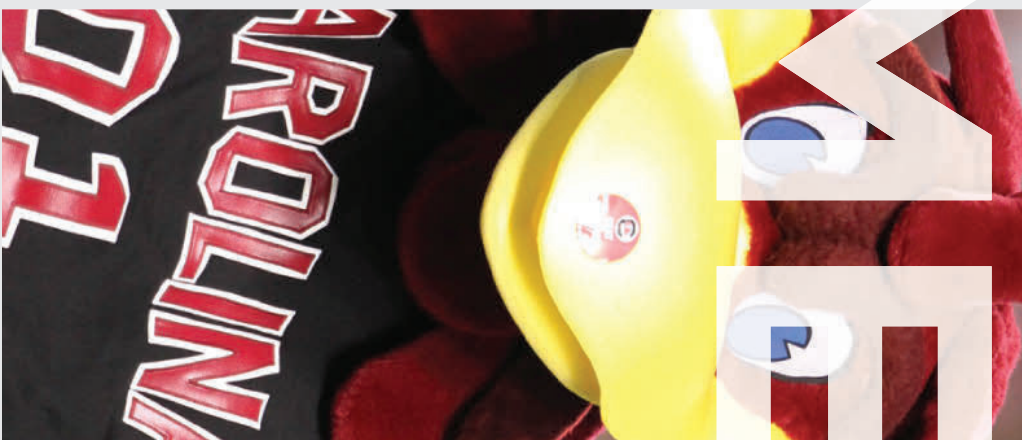
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After its loss to Tennessee, South Carolina appeared to be on the outside looking in when it came to the SEC East race. But a win over Missouri has the Gamecocks back in the hunt.

Gamecocks looking to tie record for consecutive home games won

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When senior quarterback Connor Shaw entered the game in the third quarter last weekend, more than just that single game turned around.

After toppling then-fifth-ranked Missouri, South Carolina's season is back on track and the Gamecocks (6-2, 4-2 SEC) are squarely in the hunt for the SEC Eastern Division crown.

"It just worked out," coach Steve Spurrier said. "You don't know how to explain how it worked out. But it did for us."

After falling to an unranked Tennessee team earlier in the month, South Carolina's SEC Championship hopes seemed dashed, but with several convenient losses from Georgia and last Saturday's triumph over the Tigers, the division is wide open.

Throughout this week of practice, the win over Missouri has had an uplifting effect on the football program, giving coaches and players alike a renewed sense of purpose.

"After that game, I've never felt like that before," junior defensive tackle Kelcy Quarles, "I've been playing football all my life and I've never felt the happiness (I felt) and you just feel like you're out there with a bunch of brothers. I mean, it was just something you just can't explain."

Quarles' defensive teammate, redshirt freshman T.J. Holloman, added that the upset win gave the Gamecocks the confidence they need to win the rest of their games and put themselves in a position to win the division.

"It definitely brought us together," Holloman said. "It just gave us a boost of energy really and showed how we can do anything if we put our minds to it."

South Carolina's most likely path to the SEC Championship game would be to win its two remaining conference games and hope for some help in the form of Georgia and Missouri each collecting one more loss. There are several other possible scenarios in

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— Steve Spurrier

which the Gamecocks could punch a ticket to Atlanta, Ga., but that's when things get messy.

As if Saturday's game against Mississippi State didn't come with enough incentive to win, a victory over the Bulldogs would tie the school record for consecutive home wins.

"We talked about [the record] briefly, but not too much. We realize we've got a chance to tie the all-time streak of 15," Spurrier said. "But again, talking about it is not going to help us beat them."

If South Carolina does tie the mark,

it will be all the more impressive considering the record was set before the program joined college football's most powerful conference, the SEC.

Saturday's clash with the Bulldogs will be the first time the Gamecocks have played at Williams-Brice Stadium since Oct. 5 after going 2-1 on their three-game road trip. And the fact that all of South Carolina's remaining games are in Columbia could play a major role in deciding the SEC East.

"(Playing at home) is what most of us, all of us, came to South Carolina for," Quarles said. "There's nothing like it

and, like I said, I can't wait till kickoff."

Within the Gamecocks' historic run at home, the team has managed to make single-season history as well.

Last season, South Carolina won seven games at home for the first time in school history, a mark this year's team could match by winning its last four games of the season.

Much like last weekend's miraculous win at Missouri, South Carolina has managed to bring its season as a whole back from the brink of disaster. And Spurrier is continuing to preach focus as his young team looks to accomplish several monumental goals this season.

"Being 6-2 is not bad. It's not bad at all," Spurrier said. "And the opportunity to come home now and see if we can make this a special season remains to be seen. But that's the position we're in, and hopefully we'll do our best to take advantage of it."

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Defensive tackle Kelcy Quarles (99) said he's never felt as happy as he was when the Gamecocks upset Missouri last weekend.

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OFFENSE

Spurrier: Shaw will start despite being sick

Davis working on taking better care of the football against MSU

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There has been nonstop chatter around Columbia about Connor Shaw’s performance in South Carolina’s victory last week against Missouri.

The senior quarterback was not supposed to play at all, but during the game he told coach Steve Spurrier he was willing to give it a go. Even with a sprained knee and flu-like symptoms, he led the Gamecocks to a win after being down 17 points at the beginning of the fourth quarter.

In his weekly press conference Tuesday, Spurrier said that Shaw was still dealing with a virus and missed practice at the beginning of the week. The senior practiced Wednesday and quarterbacks coach G.A. Mangus said he looked good and took more reps than expected. Shaw should be set to go Saturday against Mississippi State and still has his team raving

about his grittiness last game.

“Connor’s our leader and we’ve said that over and over again,” junior wide receiver Damiere Byrd said. “(With playing hurt) he just continues to show everybody that he truly is the leader and warrior of this team.”

Even the Head Ball Coach himself said that in all his years on the sidelines he has never had a quarterback quite like Shaw.

“I can’t think of a player that appeared he was out the next week, and then all of a sudden, he wasn’t as injured as we all thought,” Spurrier said. “Connor’s a tough guy, we all know that.”

The Gamecocks hope Shaw can manage to stay healthy against a Bulldog defense that is physical, despite less-than-impressive numbers. Senior linebacker Deontae Skinner is one of the key faces of a Mississippi State front-seven that has recorded only eight sacks thus far, which is worst in the SEC. Senior safety Nickoe Whitley is the play-maker in the secondary, leading the Bulldogs this season with three interceptions.

South Carolina is going to need to run the football better than it did against Missouri in order to keep the secondary at bay on Saturday.

Sophomore tailback Mike Davis, who had been nothing short of sensational running the football this season, finally had an off day with two key fumbles against Missouri in Tiger territory. He ended the night with 19 carries for only 51 yards. However, the sophomore did contribute in the passing game, finishing with 10 catches for 99 yards.

Running backs coach Everette Sands said ball security was a point of emphasis in practice this week. Sands acknowledged that Davis was just as upset about the fumbles as his coach was and he has been working hard to get the problem fixed.

“He can’t let them knock it out with one hand,” Spurrier said. “The blocking wasn’t all that super, but still he’s got to hold on to that ball. I don’t know if he’s got to change to his right hand or what.”

Some good news for the rushing attack is that sophomore Brandon Wilds will dress this weekend

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DEFENSE

Defense prepares for double-threat at QB

Coaching staff fighting to avoid hangover effect

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If you take away the 96-yard touchdown pass Missouri had Saturday against South Carolina, the Gamecock defense held the Tigers to 308 yards of offense and 17 points, a respectable number in the SEC.a

The performance helped the Gamecocks come back to upset Missouri after being down 17-0. Coach Steve Spurrier said the team always tries to forget about what happened last week, good or bad, but sometimes that is easier said than done.

Defensive tackle Kelcy Quarles said it took him until Monday to finally get calmed down after the Tiger game.

The Gamecocks must now turn their attention to a Mississippi State team that uses a two-quarterback system, with

sophomore Dak Prescott and senior Tyler Russell rotating under center.

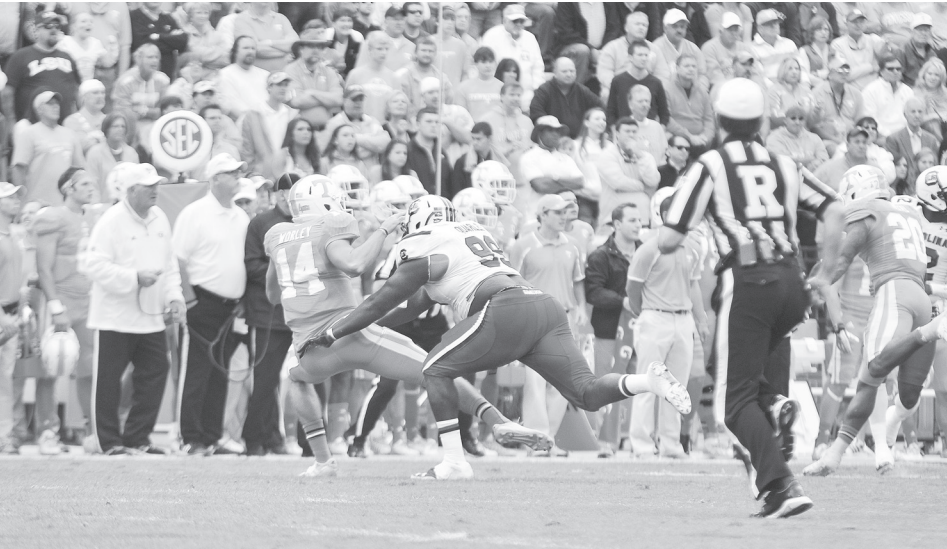
Prescott is the better runner, while Russell has been banged up this season.

Defensive line coach Deke Adams said that Mississippi State’s offensive line will be more aggressive than Missouri’s was. The Bulldogs like to run the ball with Prescott, who has amassed 490 rushing yards and eight rushing touchdowns on the season.

“This is a great conference,” Adams said. “You know you’re going to see great players every week. They’re going to run the quarterback and going to get downhill, so we’ve got to set the tone up front.”

Quarles did a good job of setting the tone against Missouri, recording six tackles and two sacks against the Tigers, earning him SEC defensive lineman of the week.

The junior has done a good job of taking advantage of the extra attention



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Junior Kelcy Quarles has taken advantage of the extra attention on Jadeveon Clowney.

on Jadeveon Clowney beside him.

“I just go out and work hard,” Quarles said. “I listen to people and what they have to say and what I can get better on. I worked hard in the offseason to improve my pass rush.”

After such an emotional win, there is a tendency to have a kind of hangover the next week. The Gamecocks have already had a similar letdown this season. After slamming Arkansas 52-7, South Carolina promptly lost at Tennessee the very next week on a last-second field goal.

After that game, Spurrier said the dominating win against the Razorbacks may have gone to the players’ heads.

However, linebacker T.J. Holloman said the coaching staff has tried its best to move the team forward.

“Our coaches don’t give us an opportunity to have a hangover,” Holloman said. “They come in and say, ‘Put that game behind us, Mississippi State is the most important task at hand

this week.’ So we’re not really thinking about the Missouri game anymore. Now it’s all focus on Mississippi State.”

Despite the big win, secondary coach Grady Brown was obviously disappointed on the long touchdown pass his unit gave up.

“That’s one of the things that we have to get corrected in these last four games,” Brown said. “You just can’t give up long touchdowns. But if you take that away, which you can’t, we actually did a pretty decent job against a really good group of receivers. But that one play really stands out to me as a coach, and it’s disappointing.”

While the Gamecock defense did a good job against the mobility of Missouri quarterback Maty Mauk, they did struggle against Kentucky quarterback Jalen Whitlow, who had 69 rushing yards and a touchdown against South Carolina.

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Damiere Byrd is one of the many players on the team who consider Shaw a leader.

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after missing the past four games with a dislocated elbow. Wilds said he felt well enough that he could carry the load if needed, but Sands said he would only be used as an emergency backup. Sands would like Wilds to give his elbow some more time and get more comfortable with the brace he is wearing, because Wednesday was his first day of contact since the injury.

Davis and Shaw have been getting most of the press on offense, but the Gamecocks also possess two of the top-ten receivers in the SEC in receiving yards with Byrd and junior Bruce Ellington. Ellington has 468 yards with five touchdowns while Byrd has 460 yards and three touchdowns.

The two players have helped balance the South Carolina offense and have become the most

reliable targets for Shaw. The senior has maintained impressive stats, throwing for 14 touchdowns with just one interception, all while earning a reputation as one of the toughest quarterbacks in the nation. “At the end of the day, it’s not surprising,” Mangus said. “He does what he has to do and he’ll be ready to go this week.”

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But according to Brown, whoever is at quarterback for the Bulldogs will present a challenge to the defense. “Both of them have strong arms and they can throw the ball a long way,” Brown said. “Both of them are accurate with their passes. I would just say that 15 (Prescott) may be a better runner than 17 (Russell); I’m not good with names. But the two quarterbacks are really good and if you’re not playing well, they can hurt you.”

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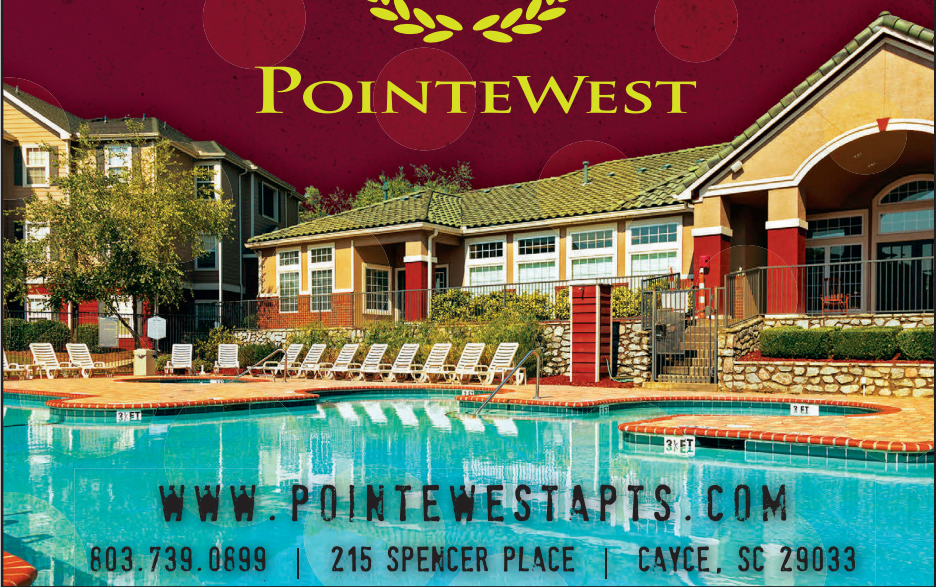
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WEDNESDAY 10/30 Cockfest Cornhole Tournament & Concert (Greene St. 8 p.m.)	THURSDAY 10/31 Canned Creations (Greene St. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)
FRIDAY 11/1 Parade (Sumter St. 3 p.m.) Step Show (Carolina Coliseum 7 p.m.)	SATURDAY 11/2 USC v. Mississippi State University (kick off at 12:21 p.m.)

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Wisconsin @ Iowa	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Iowa
Georgia vs. Florida	Florida	Florida	Georgia	Georgia
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AROUND THE SEC

Georgia, Florida look to salvage season

Arkansas faces No. 11 Auburn in important SEC West battle

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Tennessee @ No. 9 Missouri Sat. 7 p.m. ESPN

Missouri has turned the page from last week's disappointing loss, and now will switch focus to its remaining four Southeastern conference games, starting with the Tennessee Volunteers this Saturday. Missouri holds a one-game lead in the SEC-East over South Carolina, and will need to win out to secure the title. For anyone who believes the Tigers are down following their 27-24 loss to the Gamecocks, head coach Gary Pinkel acted quickly to put the notion aside this week.

"If you're a player here, why would you not be encouraged?" Pinkel asked. "You should be the most fired-up football player in America with the opportunity and options that we have in front of us. But we've got to take care of our business."

Missouri's fate is in the hands of freshman quarterback Maty Mauk, and how well he can handle the pressure of closing out his first college season. On the other side, Tennessee suffered a 45-10 loss by Alabama last Saturday and is now traveling to Memorial Stadium to play a strong, physical Tigers defense, the Volunteers could be in for another disappointing week.

No. 11 Auburn @ Arkansas Sat. 6 p.m. ESPN2

If this SEC rivalry contest needed anything more to spark tension, Arkansas head coach Bret Bielema questioning the film provided by Auburn's coaching staff is enough to do it. This game was already going to feature two teams with much to prove, but now with the allegation out there, the Razorbacks and Tigers have made it personal. Many believe the attack will help fuel the passion of the Arkansas players. Others say Auburn still holds a slight edge, simply because Auburn has more players to work with than Arkansas does. Junior running back Tre Mason has played a key role in Auburn's success this year. The tailback has carried the ball 129 times for 753 yards and nine touchdowns. His ability to run between the tackles and bounce outside for big yards gives Auburn more room to operate in the passing game. Arkansas will have the difficult task of stopping Mason, but with a fired up head coach inspiring

his players, maybe the Razorbacks can ruin what appears to be a successful season for the Tigers.

UTEP @ No. 12 Texas A&M Sat. 9 p.m. ESPN2

Say what you will about Johnny Manziel, but the redshirt sophomore has led the Texas A&M Aggies to six wins and played this year with several injuries. After suffering a right shoulder injury in a 45-41 loss to Auburn, the reigning Heisman Trophy winner shined last Saturday and proved his toughness to his many critics. When asked about his decision to play, Manziel quickly put an end to the notion he would sit out.

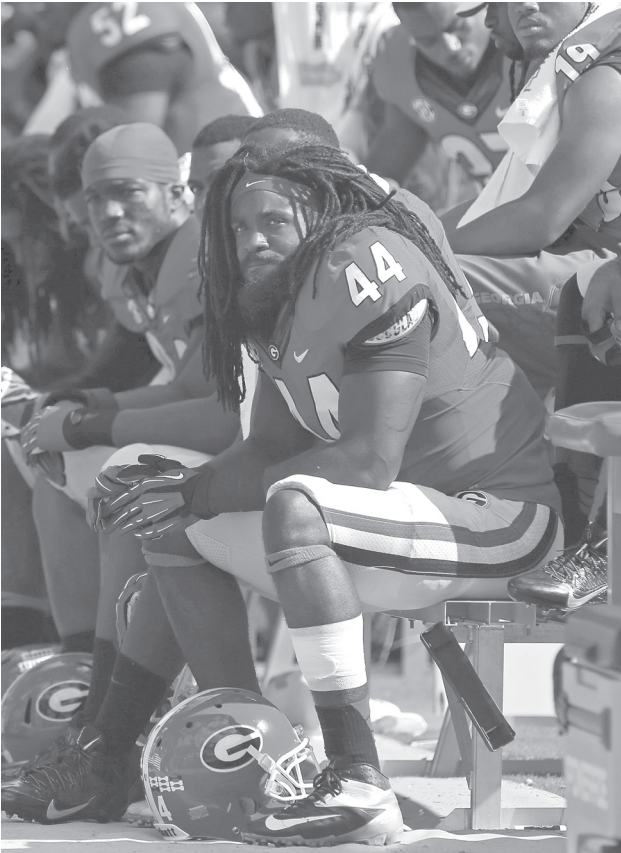
"It would take a lot to keep me off the field and away from these guys. They count on me and they expect me to be there," Manziel said, "This offense and this team means everything to me, so to miss a game regardless, that wasn't really an option for me."

Unfortunately for the UTEP Miners (1-6), the Aggies' defense is coming off its best performance of the year and should be able to contain the Miner offense. And it doesn't get any better for the Miners. UTEP's defense ranks 115th out of 123 FBS teams with 38.7 points given up per game, 107th with an average of 467.7 yards allowed and 119th with 249.6 rushing yards allowed per game.

Georgia @ Florida Sat. 3:30 p.m. CBS

What started as promising seasons for both units has turned for the worse, as the Georgia Bulldogs make their way into Jacksonville, Fla. this Saturday to match up with the Florida Gators. Both teams are banged up and dealing with multiple injuries in several key positions. The question this Saturday will be what team can find the way to win? With rumors circulating about Georgia's sophomore tailback Todd Gurley returning to action, Georgia seems to have the upper-hand heading into Saturday's matchup. Gurley is a big, physical back who looks to punish defenders. If his ankle permits him to go, the Gators will need to pay close attention and not allow him to break tackles for big gains. For Florida, the running back duo of junior Mack Brown and sophomore Matt Jones will need to be on their A-game and move the chains for the Gators. Neither team has much of a chance at winning the SEC, but both teams can play and ruin another team's hopes for the title.

Alabama State @ Kentucky Sat. 7:30 p.m. ESPN3



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Georgia, plagued by injuries all season long, will likely get running back Todd Gurley back for its annual game against Florida in Jacksonville.

Don't look now, but the Alabama State Hornets have won their last six games, and will head into Commonwealth Stadium Saturday night to play the Kentucky Wildcats. The Hornets are led by sophomore quarterback Daniel Duhart, who has thrown 12 touchdowns this season. Granted, Alabama State has not defeated top teams, but Kentucky (1-6) hasn't exactly impressed either. Wildcat sophomore quarterback Maxwell Smith could rectify a bit of Kentucky's disappointing season by going out this Saturday and performing at a high level. At times, Smith has looked good this year. He will have to limit his turnovers, and not force throws against what looks to be an excited Hornets unit. The SEC team is expected to be able to handle its business against a Southwestern Athletic Conference team, but the saying, "Any given Saturday," could be applicable this week.

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BEHIND ENEMY LINES

FIVE QUESTIONS WITH JOHN GALLATAS, SPORTS EDITOR OF THE REFLECTOR

1. What did MSU learn from its first SEC win of the season against Kentucky? I'm sure there must be some momentum going into this week's game at South Carolina after picking up that important first league win.

Following its first SEC win of the year, MSU is continuing to learn how to finish games. The Bulldogs surrendered a last-minute scoring drive to Auburn and gave up 28 points in the fourth quarter to LSU (which LSU only led 31-26 after the third). The Dogs responded with wins over Bowling Green and Kentucky, which needed a last-minute defensive stand. Although the wins were viewed as ugly in the eyes of the fans, it was great to see a pressured MSU defense secure a win. There is always momentum coming off a conference win, and since it was on a Thursday night, the two days extra for rest and preparation will help the team to be ready to go in Columbia.

2. Quarterback Dak Prescott has really stepped up for the Bulldogs this season. Is he doing better than expected or is this where the coaching staff thought he would be halfway through the season? As for senior Tyler Russell, how has he handled having a redshirt sophomore take away a lot of his playing time?

For not being expected to see this amount of playing time, he has beyond exceeded expectations. Throughout the summer, Russell was the expected start, but coaches referred to Prescott as "the other quarterback, not the backup." After injuries to Russell, Prescott stepped in and proved he knew the system and could run the offense effectively, and fans have responded positively to his performance this year.

As for Russell, he has continued to display confidence in Prescott. Russell said he would do anything to help the team win, so his mentality is for Prescott to succeed.



Off the field, Russell and Prescott have a very strong relationship, and they continuously coach each other and study film together. They even introduce each other in pre-game introductions on the video board as "we're your starting quarterbacks." Fans seem to put a lot of stock into who starts and gets more playing time, but both players have the full confidence of the coaches to get the job done.

3. How much has Jadeveon Clowney been in the conversation around MSU this week? Teams have stayed away from him for the most part this season, so is that what the Bulldogs will likely do and how confident are they that they can stop him?

Clowney has proven himself to be an impact player who teams cannot ignore in preparation. Clowney has not put up the numbers some analysts expected to see, but with added attention on his side of the ball, Clowney opens up space for other linemen to make plays. Prescott said earlier this week, "We know exactly where he's going to be. We got some things for him, and it's all in the game plan."

Another factor in the matchup will be the health of MSU offensive line. The line has been plagued with injuries, and the inexperience is something Clowney can expose. Senior All-American Gabe Jackson said facing Clowney will be "a little different but the same approach." Clowney is certainly someone you cannot simply stop, but reviewing film and game planning will give them added confidence in containing him.

4. Jameon Lewis has looked impressive this season, throwing, rushing and passing his way to touchdowns. What does he mean to the team and could Gamecock fans expect to see him throw the ball again against South Carolina?

Jameon Lewis was a quarterback and cornerback at Tylertown High School (Mississippi) when he was recruited by MSU, and the Bulldogs have utilized every bit of his athleticism. Coming into the 2013 season, MSU returned only three receivers (just over 40 combined career receptions). Lewis was someone who was expected to step up and become a top target in the offense, and he has done just that. He's averaging 15 yards a catch and has four touchdown grabs this year. In special teams, he's just shy of 300 return yards and averages 122 all-purpose yards a game. I don't think Gamecock fans will see him throw the ball, but they definitely will see him all over the field Saturday. Whenever and however the ball is in his hands, he can make big plays happen.

5. Is there still a lot of faith in Dan Mullen in and around Starkville? He has taken the team to bowl games and may do it again this year, but are fans wanting more out of the program? Or, are they more on the patient side and understand that it may take awhile to build up the program into a contender?

For years, Mississippi State served

as the doormat of the SEC. Then Mullen came along in 2009, and fans saw optimism right away. With highs and lows throughout 2010 and 2011, faith was at an all-time high last season after a 7-0 start. Then the schedule provided Alabama, LSU and Texas A&M, and MSU went on to lose four of its last five games. There is still optimism Mullen can lead this program to a conference title, it just may take a little more time to plug in the right players to fit the offense. Obviously, that is easier said than done when you're competing in the SEC to recruit. I think there is a little bit more room for patience with Mullen since MSU has only been to one conference title game. Yes, the bowl games are great, but fans are expecting to take bigger steps within the next year or two.

**Prediction:
MSU 20, SC 34**

Offensively, I think these teams are about even, but I'll give the advantage to SC. Both squads can create the big play when needed, but I think the Gamecocks' running game gives them a better balance to keep the Bulldog defense in check. MSU averages only 6.8 points in the second half this season, and they will need to improve that stat to keep up with SC.

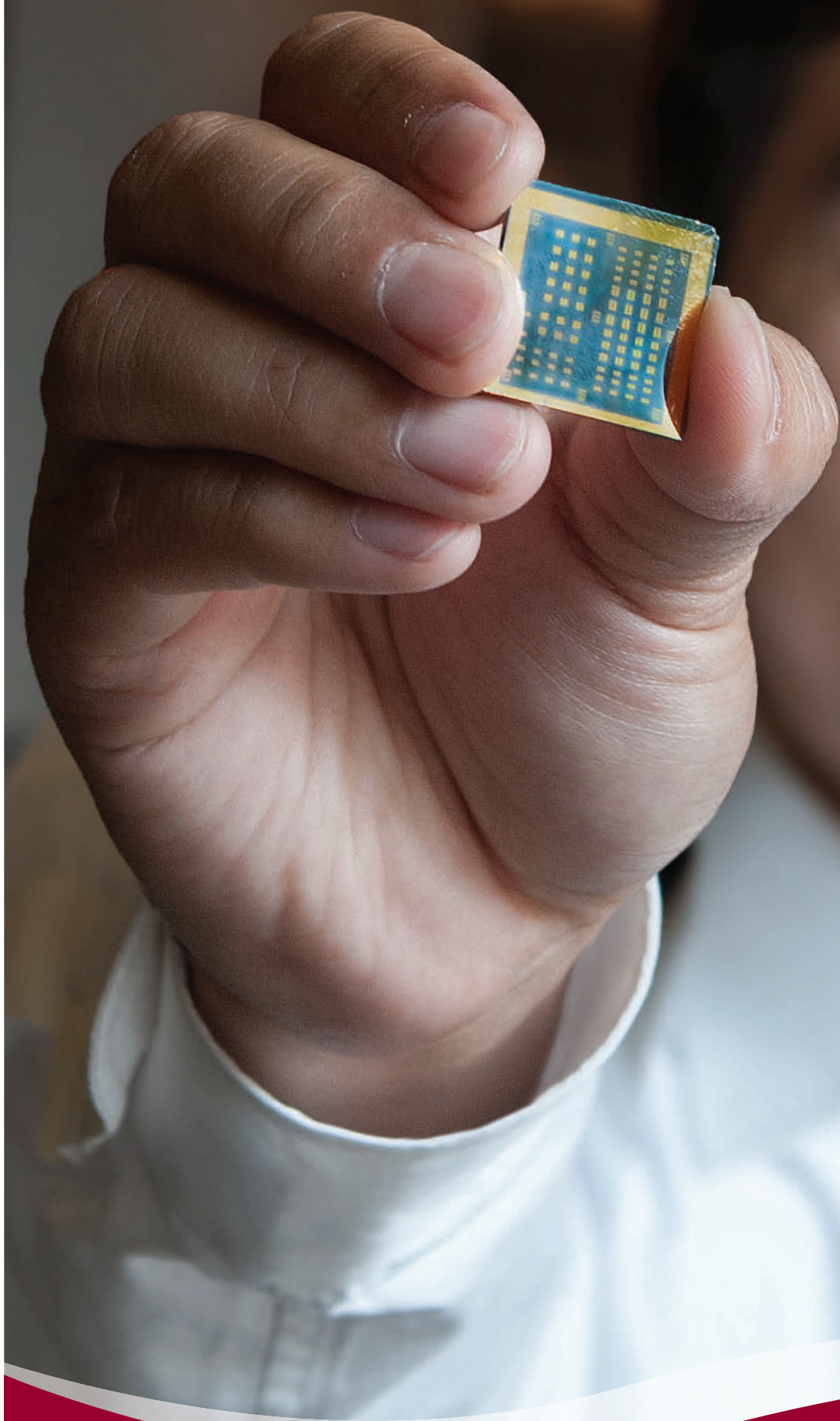
Defensively, the advantage goes to SC. I think the Gamecocks have a little bit more experience and depth to contain the Bulldog offense. Both squads are coincidentally giving up 22.9 points per game each, but I think SC's quality of opponent is more impressive.

Special teams can be another factor in the game. MSU gave up a safety on a dropped punt last week to let Kentucky hang around, and kicker Devon Bell has made only five of 11 field goals. Elliott Fry has proven to be a more consistent kicker, and if this game comes down to a special teams play, I think SC has the advantage again.

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