Construction junction

Blossom Street lanes will be shifted or closed at various times to accommodate the installation of traffic signal pole bases and the relocation of the World War II monument to Saluda Avenue.

Devine Street might offer traffic problems as trees and irrigation systems are installed throughout the street.

Greene Street from Assembly Street toward the Russell House will be constricted as a new sidewalk is installed.

Harden Street is still undergoing construction, focused from the 600 block up to the 1100 block as signal pole bases, pavement milling, tree planting, and other various construction takes place.

Another traffic concern for students living in Bates House or the Frick dormitories is the trains that regularly run through campus.

Information compiled by Meg Gaillard
CAROLINA BRIEF

Preston looks for resident principal

The search for the fourth resident principal of Preston College has begun.

The principal will work with 35 to 40 faculty associates and Friends of Preston to oversee Preston College, which houses 240 undergraduate students, as well as the president's family.

The principal will be expected to act as the academic administrator, as the principal resides in Preston College, coordinate faculty and housing administrators, and promote cultural, intellectual and artistic development.

The university will consider the facility status, record of distinction in teaching and administrative skill when selecting the new principal.

CRIME REPORT

THURSDAY, AUG. 17

Mixer in possession of beer and wine, open container, possession of a fake ID, 5:15 a.m. — Southwood, 1076 E. University Ave.

After being stopped for allegedly driving over 60 mph, Amy Taylor, 19, was found to have an open can of beer in a purse and a bottle of wine in her possession. Jennifer Ditchie, 18, was charged as an alcoholic and surrendered her fake ID.

Responding officer: S. Wyche

TUESDAY, AUG. 22

Simple possession of marijuana, 7:40 p.m. — Forest Hall, 301 W. Huger St.

Three freshmen were searched by an officer who allegedly found two small bags of marijuana weighing 0.5 grams.

Responding officer: Morgan

Planets or pla-nots? Solar system rethink provokes a space squabble

The Associated Press

PRAGUE, Czech Republic — It’s a cosmic clash, a space squash-up, a mutiny in the Milky Way.

Leading astronomers are bitterly divided over new galactic guidelines that for the first time would define what is and isn’t a planet. The debate is especially acute as the scientific community prepares for the first time to officially designate objects that Pluto has for years been scorned by many as a poser — a sun, has a mass roughly that of Earth and has enough self-gravity to define a round shape.

The debate that could see Pluto demoted as a planet, and two other objects officially be designated as asteroids. They suggested that Pluto and the three plum-sized bodies, caused a sensation last week by proposing that the outer planets in the Milky Way — the traditional nine.

But for many of the 2,500 astronomers from around the world meeting in Prague, the universe hasn’t been the same since.

After days of spirited debate, some combative renegades, debate scientists have won some key concessions.
Starbucks set to tangle with local coffee shops

David Adsock

Starbucks, in its continuing effort to wake up the masses, has arrived at the Russell House to caffeinate every student who is tired and willing.

The Starbucks Cafe, located in the University Bookstore on the first floor of the Russell House, is open until 1 a.m. to accommodate students’ late-night coffee runs.

“We think Starbucks will be a big hit with the students,” said Paige Martineau, the Cafe supervisor and a second-year psychology student. “It’s not just about caffeine. Soda has caffeine. It is Starbucks’ atmosphere that also wakes people up.”

Some have suggested that the cafe will hurt the business of popular, local coffee shops.

Cool Beans employee Kevin Kimbell said she is not too worried about the ever-growing international conglomerate.

“USC has an enormous campus with plenty of students and plenty of customers,” Kimbell said.

“We weren’t worried when the Starbucks in Five Points opened up, and we aren’t worried now.”

However, Martineau said local shops often bake goods the night before, whereas everything on Starbucks’ menu is baked fresh daily.

“Just because we are a corporation doesn’t mean the products aren’t fresh,” Martineau said.

Students at Cool Beans said they will remain loyal to local shops, but the arrival of Starbucks in the middle of campus will certainly appeal to other students.

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USC eyes ways to enforce new smoking policy

Ashtrays have been moved 25 feet from any USC building as a result of the new smoking policy, which also bans smoking inside university-owned buildings.

Healthy Carolina restrictions keep campus clean

David Adcock, THE DAILY GAMECOCK

USC is cracking down on smokers and cigarette litter on campus since smoking was prohibited in and around buildings owned or operated by USC.

Students and faculty members can't smoke within 25 feet of the entrance of a university-owned building. The Tobacco Free USC endeavor is a program undertaken by the Department of Healthy Carolina. Healthy Carolina's goal is to clean up the campus and to allow for a healthier campus environment for students on their way to class.

Michelle Barcin, director of Healthy Carolina, said she and her staff are working toward the next step in a plan to eventually have a completely smoke-free campus.

W. Scott Lewis, director of judicial affairs, said USC is cracking down on the new policy has for the majority been well received, but questions have arisen about what the ramifications would be for a violation of the new anti-tobacco policy.

"The university is expecting that the tobacco-free USC policy will be enforced by students and that this policy will change the norm and culture around tobacco use on campus," Barcin said.

Lewis said a mobile police force would not be in charge of stopping smoking on campus, adding that students will not be arrested or ticketed if they violate the smoking policy.

Lewis said violations will be handled as any other violation of a USC policy would be handled.

Students who continue to smoke will be dealt with and punished by the Judicial Affairs Department, and faculty supervisors will be responsible for their employees who violate the rule.

Lewis said the policy is a matter of courtesy, and that in his experience most smokers are courteous people.

"We expect a smooth transition and not some sort of smokers rebellion," Lewis said.

Brian Habib, a third-year criminal justice student and smoker, said he will obey the policy.

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There is good news for everyone who had to pay to park at the Coliseum during an event: You can buy a permit to park there without paying $5 every time. But it’s going to cost you $100.

Parking Services is offering students the option to buy an event-parking pass so that they do not have to pay the $5 event-parking fee when there is an event either at the Coliseum or the Colonial Center. Students who want to use the Coliseum for overnight parking may purchase an event-parking pass for $100 for the year.

Students not wanting to purchase the event-parking pass will only be allowed to park at the Coliseum during the day and if they are already parked there before an event begins. If they want to park there when an event is taking place they will have to pay $5.

Permit parking is $40 for the year, without the event-parking pass, making it the cheapest option for many students with cars on campus. The event-parking pass was available to students beginning last year, but not many knew about it or did not realize what it meant.

Derrick Huggins, the director of Vehicle Management and Parking Services, said his office is trying to encourage commuter students to utilize the lots, rather than resident students. “Commuter students have limited parking on campus,” Huggins said. “Resident students have on-campus parking permits, which are $40 a year and also garage parking.”

Even with the event-parking pass, some of the lots are closed for special events, but parking services will let those who will be affected know before the event and make accommodations for them elsewhere.

Students not wanting to buy an event-parking pass can consult the parking services Web site to see when events at the Colonial Center, Coliseum or Koger Center will affect their parking.

Students who have night classes at the Coliseum can get a special permit to use during events at the Coliseum and Colonial Center.

Parking fees and specifications

Permit Parking: $40, allows only daytime parking and nights when there are events.
Event Parking: $100, allows for overnight parking when there are events.
Single Event Parking: $5, but subject to change.

Nighttime Class Parking: Free with parking permit.

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While housing wait list has decreased, some students still without beds

Joshua Rabon  ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The 700-person waiting list for on-campus housing has been reduced to 125 students.

Joe Fortune, assistant director for undergraduate assignments, said Housing has already started checking the dorms for no-shows in order to offer those rooms to waiting students.

“I feel confident we will be able to house the remaining students based on cancellations and no-shows,” Fortune said.

Housing Director Tim Coley said students had until the day before classes start to move-in to their room assigned to another student.

The Towers’ removal is part of a long-term process designed to add beds to the housing capacity, Coley said.

“The broader view is that in fall of 2004, we completed West Quad and added 100 new beds,” Coley said. “Then in 2006 we are taking off the Towers, losing 910 beds, and in 2008 we plan to open a new hall with approximately 650 bed spaces.”

Over the course of the five-year plan, the university will gain 220 spaces, which will help the university keep up with the anticipated steady growth among incoming freshmen class.

For the two years between the closure of the Towers and the opening of the new location, Housing has experienced an expected shortage, Fortune said.

“A typical year has had a waiting list of about 400 students, and we were able to offer everyone housing that spring,” Fortune said. “I can’t remember an instance of the list extending into the summer before.”

Second-year undeclared student Christina Moore said she was originally on the waiting list, but was eventually assigned.

“I don’t know what I would have done if I hadn’t gotten housing,” Moore said. “I guess I would have had to live with my sister.”

To accommodate first-year students guaranteed housing, Capstone, Columbia Hall and Sims Hall have been converted to freshman housing.

Fortune points out that the students who remain on the list are transfer students or students who missed the priority housing deadline.

“We feel it’s pretty fair that if you miss the deadline there are consequences,” Coley said. “I did not have anyone say they didn’t know or understand the deadline.”

Second-year engineering student Grayson Barton said he missed the deadline and decided to cancel his position on the wait list about halfway through the summer.

“Midway through the summer I decided I would have to live at home,” Barton said. “I applied for a waiting list if an application arrives late, Housing won’t necessarily exclude that person,” Fortune said.

Housing has tried to help all students find housing, whether through the university of an off-campus group, he said.

“We have been trying to be the best referral source we can be,” Fortune said. “Students can file their housing application beginning in mid-January, but no priority is given to the remaining students who filed an application are randomly assigned a waiting list number. Students who file late applications are placed at the end of the list.”

“Late application will not be randomly placed ahead of someone who was on time,” Fortune said.

Although this is the first year housing has experienced this shortage, Coley said students need to keep in mind the Towers will not be replaced until at least 2008.

“For the fall of 2007 we will be in the same situation again, so it is important that we learn from this because the things we would change from our experience this year will be applied now,” Coley said.

Fortune said he expects the deadline will be in March again, and students can check housing’s Web site for more information.

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Deck the halls with futons and decorative accent pillows, as dull and dreary dorm decorations have become a thing of the past.

The second floor of the Russell House played host to Wal-Mart’s Open Air Living Experience, looking to welcome students back to campus in style.

A mock student dorm space was displayed Monday and Tuesday with contemporary furnishings and decor. Students, bedding, futons, contemporary fashion and function, Wal-Mart has come out with a line of dormitory decor at an affordable price, Ware said.

Four USC students resided in Wal-Mart’s dorm simulation for the two-day period, testing out the wall-to-wall Wal-Mart experience, and what it was like to live in a more “comfortable atmosphere” as Ware described it.

Kristen Lee, a fourth-year psychology student and one of these residential guinea pigs, said she appreciated the storage area.

“I love the storage areas, like the storage bins that can be hidden underneath other areas in your room,” Lee said. “I found my freshman year that I needed as much storage area in my dorm as I could possibly get, so they seem really helpful.”

Despite her apparent affinity for the “Tech it Out” area of the space, which included the video game “Guitar Hero,” Chase Stoudenmire, a third-year history student, said the crash pads, or futon-like mattresses laid on the floor, were perfect for unexpected guests.

“These crash pads are awesome, they’re good to stick someone on that’s just staying over randomly, and they’re really comfortable,” Stoudenmire said.

Students were encouraged to try out digital cameras and printers, as well as MP3 players, LCD screen TVs and the seemingly popular “Guitar Hero.”

During the display, an Ipod Nano was raffled off to students touring the space. Students were also asked to fill out surveys detailing their shopping habits and tendencies while purchasing items for their living space. Completed surveys were rewarded with various school supplies and giveaways. As well as these free giveaways, USC students were given the opportunity to take a free Wal-Mart shuttle Monday to shop around for their own storage, tech gear and furniture.

“All of the items displayed can be purchased at Wal-Mart and those on display will be donated to the school,” Ware said.

Late Night Carolina will be raffling off the displayed merchandise Friday night, in addition to other student living accessories.

“All this stuff is so adorable, I just want to put it all in my apartment,” Lee said.

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In our opinion
Campus smoking policy reeks of poor planning

USC's new smoking policy is an unfiltered, smudging mess.

Smokers now have to stay 25 feet away from campus buildings — an increase from the previous 6-foot from doorways restriction. Lighting up inside all university buildings is banned.

The new policy seems unenforceable and poorly conceived. Without a constant hand of mourning bike patrolists nudging Cigars from peoples' mouths, the restriction will largely be ignored and flouted. Later will pile up without ashes scattered randomly 25 feet from buildings.

Unless smokers are on the receiving end of fines, the puffing will continue with nary a whiff of fear. USC police, who admittedly have more important things to do, must start cracking the whip.

We don't mind that university officials have students' health in mind and eliminating the clouds of smoke that previously lingered around dorm and college entrances reduces passers-by's chances of inhaling second-hand smoke.

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According to Healthy California, 23 percent of USC students smoke. That's a lot of chances to write a ticket. Smokers will tell their pals about getting a $15 fine — $15 that can go toward a few packs of cigarettes.

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Birthplace of punk prepares for uncertain future

CAROLINE DESANCITS

CBGB & OMFUG may literally mean “Country Bluegrass Blues and Other Music For Uplifting Gormandizers,” but it will definitely mean something to every music lover when the famous New York City venue officially closes its doors on Sept. 30 and meets the same fate of last year’s bad roommate: eviction.

After more than 30 years of defining the music scene in NYC from 315 Bowery, the downfall of CBGB came after a long-fought battle with the Bowery Residents’ Committee. According to information in a Pitchfork news excerpt, the CBGB lease is up on Aug. 31, and the club will have to pay increased rent prices with interest until it is forced to leave the building in October, according to an article in College Music Journal.

While this has been known for quite some time now (efforts to save the club have been on-going since the closing was announced), recent rumors have surfaced that the club’s owner, Hilly Kristal, plans to relocate his beloved venue to Las Vegas.

Whether or not this tentative move is a sigh of relief or cause for alarm remains to be known, but it will most certainly add to CBGB’s more than fruitful history of musical mayhem.

The club opened in 1973 after Kristal decided to convert his old bar, Hilly’s on Bowery, into a music venue. Kristal initially intended for the club to house bluegrass, blues and folk-type acts (as the name suggests). Instead of banjos and foot stomping, however, CBGB became known as the birthplace of punk.

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New Keane album delivers average, depressing glimpse into broken hearts

 Scholar's, Spike Lee discuss Katrina at screening of documentary

 After the bumpy start, "Under the Iron Sea" tries a few different things with tracks such as "A Bad Dream" and "Handgun Song." A "Bad Dream" borrows liberally from the sounds of Neil Young's "Devine Comedy," while "Handgun Song" is a reworking of "Morning Bell" by Radiohead. Both show a hand wanting to emulate their innovative and less elegant indie-music counterparts, but simultaneously afraid of destroying the sound that gained their large fan base. "Put It Behind You" is a step in the right direction for Keane seeking new musical sources of inspiration, but remains stuck with vocals that lack the same musical cast as the mundane "Leaving So Soon?" and the last track, "Frog Prince." After a strong middle, it throws you back into "Hopes and Fears." In the same vein, "Try Again" echoes the slower tracks from the front of the album without doing anything for anyone. Somebody should tell Keane to cheer up.

 The songwriting at the end of the album is the beautiful "Broken Toy," the last thrust in trying something different. Ethereal and Thom Yorke inspired the introduction of the different tempos and lyrics with a bit of independent thought that produces simplicity with ingenuity; we have a new Keane. The album, overall, is not different enough from "Hopes and Fears" to warrant a great rating, but far from "tragedy of race and class." There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that if this happened in Martha's Vineyard, the response would be completely different," Gates said.

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Eating on a collegiate budget

This year’s trends have to do with the decor—decent jeans and stylish sportswear. While loud dressing may be a negative for some restaurants, it certainly fits in with the decor. Neon signs and posters of Italy adorn the walls, but the main attraction is a five-foot tall poster of a unicorn. At a backward glance to the unicorn, we sat ourselves down near the pinball machine and the Area 51 arcade game and took a look at the menu. The menu itself was standard pizza parlour fare, but it did have something for everybody. The pizza came in all shapes and sizes with a large selection of toppings to choose from. Prices range from a $3 slice to $14.50 for the “Gargantuan.” For an appetizer, you can pay a dollar for some chips or upgrade to the various other appetizers costing up to $6.50. Those who are not in the mood for pizza can get a sandwich for $6.50, and for the health conscious, there is a hot and cold salad menu with prices from $4 to $7. The true test of a pizza place is how well it does on the staples, so with that in mind we ordered a gargantuan pepperoni pizza and sweet tea. The sweet tea started an argument among those who said it was too strong and not sweet enough and those who said it was just right. When Pizza Man says gargantuan, they mean gargantuan. The crust was thin and crispy. It did not taste burnt and was done like many other thin crusts. The sauce was a perfect balance between sweetness and tomato, and it did not overpower the other ingredients. At first, we thought they forgot the pepperoni, until we took the first bite. The toppings were hidden underneath the cheese and were plentiful, guaranteeing that peppers would be in every bite. I was worried one pizza would not feed all three of us, but I was wrong; everyone was full. To get a fulfilling meal at an amazing price, I recommend splitting the gargantuan. Before tax and drinks the price rounded out to be about $3.60 per person. Pizza Man does have outside dining, so when the weather cools off you can have an enjoyable meal in the evening air. One warning: Pizza Man is not smoke-free, so those with allergies or health concerns might want to stay away. Overall, Pizza Man offers a great deal for quality and price.

Pizza Man delivers gargantuan meal for small price
It was this influence that brought other fans to the venue, and it became a popular stop with bands whose touring ites passed through the city. During the 1980s, the tidal wave of the underground hardcore punk scene embraced CBGB with open arms. Sundays were matinee days or "thrash days," meaning the entire bill from afternoon to evening was made up solely of these hardcore bands, usually priced cheaply or free. During this time, CBGB became known as the musical institution that it is today.

Violence became prevalent at the venue and soon began to weave through the entire scene. In 1990, Kristal made the decision to stop booking hardcore bands. Since then, while punk bands still play occasionally, the venue has now become home to bands of every kind with no restrictions on genres. CBGB has become a veritable right of passage for any band that has played there.

Little is known about what the BRC will do with the soon-to-be-vacant venue, or if the move to Sin City will dampen the club's enormous following of bands and fans alike. After surviving 30 years of musical evolution and revolution, a cross-country move would keep the club's spirit alive.

The godfathers of punk, The Ramones, got their start at CBGB in 1974. Rumors surround the club's future.

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Just over a week before they will battle the Mississippi State Bulldogs in Starkville, Miss., the USC football team battled each other in their last scrimmage of the fall camp on Tuesday. The play of true freshman quarterback Chris Smelley stole the show again, as it did in the first two scrimmages. Smelley completed 14 of his 20 passes for 155 yards and two touchdowns under rainy conditions. Although he is in just his third week of practice, head football coach Steve Spurrier said that Smelley is battling with redshirt freshman Cade Thompson for the right to back up starting quarterback Blake Mitchell.

“We don’t have to announce who’s who right now,” Spurrier said.

While Smelley’s stats in the scrimmages have impressed those in attendance, Mitchell remains the solidified starter in year two of the Spurrier era. During Tuesday’s scrimmage, Mitchell completed 10 of his 20 passes, including one touchdown pass to redshirt freshman tight end Jared Cook. Mitchell said he is pleased with where he stands in his second fall camp under Spurrier.

“I’m a lot more comfortable and a lot more confident and know a little more what’s going on than I did last year at this time,” Mitchell said. “We’re coming together. The (offensive) line is blocking a little better and the receivers are catching the ball a little better.”

Mitchell was without his favorite target, receiver Sidney Rice, who was held out of the scrimmage with a sore left shoulder. Spurrier said that the injury wasn’t something he was worried about.

Also getting a few snaps at quarterback was senior Syvelle Newton, who appears to have recovered from a torn Achilles tendon late in the 2005 season.

“Syvelle played a little shotgun quarterback and threw a few balls here and there,” Spurrier said. “We’ll let him play a little here and a little there. If Blake can’t hit anything, we’ll put Syvelle in there and let him see what happens. We’ll try anything if it’s not working so we have a whole bunch of options to go to if we’re struggling.”

Newton completed two of his five passes on Tuesday for 16 yards and also ran the ball three times for 24 yards.

The Gamecocks other two running threats, sophomore Mike Davis and junior Cory Boyd, appear to be locked in a battle for the starting spot that may not be settled when the season starts in seven days. Boyd led the way on Tuesday with nine rushes for 78 yards and three touchdowns, including 21- and 14-yard touchdown runs. Davis added 18 yards on eight carries and a touchdown.

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Defensive tackle Kendrick Ellis and defensive back Captain Munnerlyn, both true freshmen, have been held out of practice since Monday because they have not been cleared to play by the NCAA Clearinghouse. Spurrier said freshmen can practice for 15 days without being cleared, but that time has expired for Munnerlyn and Ellis. Sports Information Director Steve Fink said that the team is “hopeful” the situation will be resolved in the next few days.
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This list of career achievements for Grady Wallace is impressive. In fact, it can almost be classified as downright amazing. The problem wasn’t listing Wallace’s accomplishments; it was getting him to talk about them. Wallace was a man who let his actions speak louder than his words—both on the court and off it. The State’s Bob Spear called the Kentucky native a “role model of humility” in an article written last week following his death. That title seemed to fit Wallace to a tee.

“His actions spoke louder than words,” former Erskine star Bill Simpson told The State.

His records still dot the USC media guide to this day and there is a good chance they aren’t going to be moved anytime soon. His 54-point performance against Georgia during the 1957 season is second only to John Roche’s 56-point performance against Furman in 1971.

But that one performance isn’t the only time Wallace hit high points, as four of the top six single-game scoring records are held by the 1957 All-American. Well, if you want to call five All-American teams being an All-American. It had been six years since any Gamecocks had earned a single slot on an All-American team, and Wallace was the very best of the best. United Press, Chuck Taylor’s Gwoose Yearbook, and The Associated Press were just some of the lists to come calling. His 1,456 career points ranks in the top 10 all-time at USC while his career average of 28 points per game is still the best in school history. In fact, nine statistical categories for both career and season still have Wallace as the No. 1 man.

But his biggest accomplishment came during his storied senior campaign when Wallace led the nation in scoring, beating out legendary names like Wilt Chamberlain and Elgin Baylor to win one of the most coveted individual honors in college basketball. His 31.3 points per game average is still the best at USC. In that same season, Wallace also led the Atlantic Coast Conference in rebounding with 14.4 rebounds per game.

What makes his senior season most impressive, however, is that almost 50 years later, Wallace is still the only player in the history of the ACC to lead the nation in scoring. “Averaging 31 points and 14 rebounds against the Sisters of Charity is pretty good,” friend Bud Cronin told The State. “Against ACC teams, that’s remarkable.”

But it wasn’t Wallace who liked to talk about his accomplishments; it was almost not his nature. His friends and teammates would marvel and discuss the amazing corner jump shots or furious comebacks he sparked, like the final 14 points he scored against Duke in the ACC Tournament to help USC to a first round win and eventual round three finish.

The one I will never forget came against Duke in the first round of the 1957 ACC Tournament—the Voice of the Gamecocks Bob Fulton said in The State. “Duke led by 14 points late in the game, and Grady went into the corner and just killed them.”

In 2002, Wallace told The State that performance was “just a little push.” But that was the man who was the first USC basketball jersey to be retired. It wasn’t about personal glory. It was just a way of life, another event on his journey.

After 10 years of work on the state probation, parole and parole board, Wallace retired from one full-time job and into another. This time, it wasn’t a paycheck but a role as caregiver for his daughter who was ill. In fact, Wallace turned down the chance to be interviewed about his career by The Gamecock last fall because his family came first and making sure his daughter was taken care of was more important than reliving a few jump shots for years past.

Coach Dave Odom called Wallace’s passing something that “leaves a tremendous void in Gamecock basketball history.” But even Odom followed that up with the fact that fans will remember Wallace as a wonderful human being. Just how Grady would’ve liked it.

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ESPN wasting time with non-sports programming

Media giant gives illegitimate sports undeserved home

It’s been more than two decades since ESPN first took to the airwaves with humble beginnings broadcasting the USFL and Aussie rules football, and once that time the network has grown to become the greatest source of joy and programming for the sports enthusiast. ESPN has had the rights to every significant professional league and college sport in the U.S. This year, the folks in Bristol, Conn., have even added that staple of primetime television, Monday Night Football.

What slowly grew into a sports empire is in danger of crumbling beneath its own outstretched tentacles. ESPN and ESPN2, the Deuce, used to be excellent networks. They were oases of sports in a cluttered television menu of endless “Law & Order” and “Friends” reruns. But for a little while now, ESPN has been slowly changing into the fictional employer of Cotton McKnight in “Dodgeball.” ESPN has literally become “The Ocho.”

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And this is just the tip of the iceberg. Since 2003, ESPN has desperately been trying to turn poker, the age-old vice of fraternity houses across America, into a sport by broadcasting the World Series of Poker. Since it has garnered relatively high ratings, ESPN has also taken to broadcasting blackjack, billiards, darts, and dominoes. Folks, if you can drink and smoke while you do it, it’s not a sport. Half of the crap that ESPN is broadcasting, during the daytime, anyway, is parlor games. Every once in a while is fine, but some 30-40 hours of programming per week? They’re even bringing airing shows about Madden NFL 07. I know it’s popular, but Madden is a video game.

When ESPN isn’t airing this tripe, they’re busy letting us know the status of Terrell Owens’ digestive system in Dallas or the latest happenings between the Red Sox and Yankees. Rarely do you hear about other baseball teams on SportsCenter (does anyone remember where the Royals or Brewers even play anymore?), and if the BoSox happen to play the Yanks one weekend, it’ll be the only thing the faux-ghetto Stuart Scott and blinking-impaired Rachel Nichols will babble about. Never mind that the Detroit Tigers — the laughing stock of professional baseball, half a century ago — are atop the AL Central, most of the National League is in wild card contention, or that a little while now, ESPN has been slowly changing into the fictional employer of Cotton McKnight in “Dodgeball.” ESPN has literally become “The Ocho.”

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The swimming and diving team isn’t looking for a fresh start — it is looking to build on what was already established last year, just with different faces.

Last year’s team performed brilliantly when it was most important, including 14 combined SEC/NCAA finishes. However, a core group of leaders in the class graduated from the diving team and left a hole that diving coach Todd Sherritt recognizes will be tough to fill.

“Last year my girls were undefeated and of course Allison Brennan finished seventh in the World Cup and that was huge,” Sherritt said. “It’s kind of a rebuilding year. We just graduated a phenomenal group of people, educationally and also athletically. Sometimes you just have this great group that just clicks, and will we ever be able to repeat it? My attitude is to build something better.”

The swim team is in a different position. Of the six All-Americans on the team last season, all six are returning. Christy Williams, a third-year education student, leads the women’s team coming off of her 16th place finish in the Women’s NCAA Swim and Dive...
The USC women’s cross-country team has a special motto for the upcoming season: stay positive. “Every year, we start off the year positive, that we will be better than we have been but we have been plagued by injuries,” said Karen Wigal, a fourth-year chemical engineering student. “We are excited to see how it will turn out.”

In past years, maintaining an upbeat attitude throughout the season was difficult. Multitudes of injuries combined with a lack of consistency equaled disappointing SEC finishes. Dating back to 2001, Carolina has finished 7th, 11th, 10th, 11th and 11th at the conference meet. “To put it bluntly, we’ve been terrible as a team,” said USC head coach Stan Rosenthal.

While Carolina produced solid individual results in recent years, the team struggled as a whole because of a void of four-year runners. Rosenthal said there have been a number of instances where an athlete followed a phenomenal freshman campaign with a less than stellar sophomore or junior season.

“The way you build a good program is to have people stay all four years, and they get better each year,” Rosenthal said. “When you don’t have that continuity, every year you’re not starting a step ahead. You are either even or behind.”

However, there is a feeling that this season will be different and that there will finally be a leap forward. “The attitude, day to day, seems to be more dedicated to doing better,” Rosenthal said. “They want to actually beat people.”

Dedicated may be an understatement. USC runners routinely get up for 6:30 a.m. and 7 a.m. practices, and Rosenthal cited a seven-mile run as an example of an easy day. When looking for reason for the lack of success, the coach knew exactly where not to look. “It’s not through a lack of effort,” Rosenthal said. The real difference may come in terms of depth and experience. All of the key runners are healthy and for the first time in Rosenthal’s six-year tenure, the team has a significant amount of upperclassmen. Of the five juniors and seniors, co-captains Wigal, Rebecca Chain, a third-year exercise science student, and Nicki Breves, a fourth-year exercise science student, form the core of the team. Chain and Wigal, who are projected as Carolina’s top two runners, indicated a desire to lead by example and convince their younger teammates that success is possible at USC. “We want them to know that we can be good,” Wigal said. “It’s going to take a lot of work and effort, but that it will pay off.”

The squad will receive a boost from the return of Wigal, who missed the 2005 season with a knee injury. She was expected to be the No. 1 runner last year, and the Gamecocks never recovered from her loss. “It was very frustrating,” Wigal said. “I was really looking forward to that cross country season because I had a good track season my sophomore year. Now I’m just really, really motivated to do well.”

Even with all the good vibrations flowing through the team, USC is realistic about their goals. The Gamecocks are not yet expecting to join Tennessee and Arkansas in the penthouse of SEC cross-country. Instead, the team simply wants to finish in the upper half of the SEC. “In keeping with the team’s new slogan, Rosenthal put his own spin on what it would mean to accomplish that goal. “If we get sixth place,” he said, “I’ll consider that being conference champions.” The Gamecocks open the season on Sept. 1, with the South Carolina Invitational, their only home meet, at Fort Jackson at 5:30 p.m.
Carolina and Mississippi State kick off the college football season, on ESPN no less, in a week. ESPN has also long been instrumental in violent over promotion, be it turning Anna Benson into a household name, making Alex Rodriguez a pariah, or convincing the masses that what Jay Mariotti thinks actually matters. If you had watched only ESPN during last year’s college football season, you’d think that Texas and Southern Cal were the only teams playing.

It’s easy to say, “If you don’t like it, don’t watch it.” But it’s not that simple. ESPN doesn’t really have a viable, national competitor. Fox Sports Net is regionally centered, and the infant College Sports Television isn’t widely available. The only network even in line to pose a threat is the Outdoor Life Network, which will become the Versus Network in September. OLN/Versus currently has the Tour de France and the NHL. It narrowly missed an NFL contract, and is currently in the hunt for a MLB programming package for next year. Still, OLN/Versus broadcasts “Survivor” reruns and Ted Nugent’s manic reality show “Ted or Alive.” ESPN is a once-great network family, but it’s spread too thin. Too many channels have forced the brass to dig up lacrosse, paintball, ultimate Frisbee and other fare found in the pages of Obscure Sports Quarterly to fill timeslots. Until OLN/VS or FSN get organized to give the worldwide (cheer) leader in sports a run for its money, sports fans will be stuck with fantasy drafts, Magic: The Gathering, and what Johnny Damon had for breakfast.

There’s no other course like it. For starters, you get paid to take it.

For the girls,” Williams said. “I really hope to be top five in the SEC championships and top 25 in the NCAA’s.”

The men’s team expects much of the same success.

“Not only do they have all four All-Americans returning. There are many promising young swimmers coming into the program.

Among those world class athletes are Kurt Muller, a junior college transfer from South Africa ranked in the top 50 swimmers in the world, and Dominique Lendjel from Germany who is ranked in the top 30 swimmers in the world.

This year is very promising for the swimming and diving team, but that does not mean the year will be a cakewalk. The team kicks off against Kentucky and Tennessee in Columbia on Oct. 27. The biggest event of the year, aside from the SEC and NCAA championships at the end of the year, is the Ohio State Invitational, one of the nation’s premier swimming and diving events.

The season kicks off for the women on Oct. 13 against Arkansas and for the men against Georgia and Georgia Tech on Oct. 17.
Mets outslug Cardinals; Reds, Padres tighten division races

Outfielder Shawn Green left shoulder, and then found will not need surgery on his.

Learned pitcher Tom Glavine from a six-run deficit.

Night and capped a comeback Louis Cardinals on Tuesday.

Isringhausen (4-7) gave the ninth inning off Jason.

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Ended a game highlighted Mets fans home happy and.

Beltran's two-run homer completed an eight-run third to help the Reds to their fourth straight victory.

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Smallest deficit behind St.

Right-handed Kyle Lohse (1-0) gave up four hits in eight innings and had three of his own, getting his first victory and his biggest ovations since arriving in July 31 trade with the Twins.

“Everything’s looking up, looking good,” said Lohse, who has a 1.65 ERA in four starts for Cincinnati “I like it here.”

The Reds got the game in hand early by taking advantage of rookie right-hander Jason Hirsh (1-2) in his third big league appearance. Dunn started the eight-run inning with a single off Hirsh, and finished it with his 86th home deep into the right-field stands off Dave Bush.

The defending NL West champion Padres have won 10 of their last 11 against their biggest rival.

“An offensive explosion wasn’t there tonight, but we found a way to win,” Peavy added.

The Cincinnati Reds took advantage of the St.

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Outfielder Shawn Green.

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Beltran said.

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