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Roost, South Tower to go coed

University Housing aims to move more freshmen closer to campus

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The Roost and South Tower will be coed residence halls starting Fall 2012.

The Housing master plan says first-year students will not be housed in locations like the Roost, according to the Director of Housing Administration Joe Fortune.

According to Fortune, most of the students who live in the Roost next fall will be transfer students.

“One of the long-term goals for Housing is to house most, if not all, incoming freshmen closer to campus,” Fortune said.

Another move to reach this goal is converting South Tower, currently an all-female residence hall, to a coed dorm.



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Since many first-year males are scattered around campus and occasionally farther away, the South Tower conversion will be beneficial in accommodating

more males closer to the main campus, according to Director of Residence Life Andy Fink.

Fortune explained the hierarchy for housing preference



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is reserved first for returning students, followed by first-years and then transfer students.

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Peters discusses political advertising

New York Times journalist reports on media influence

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Jeremy Peters, a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for The New York Times, spoke to a sizeable group of students in the Capstone Campus Room Thursday night in an event co-sponsored by the Capstone Scholars Program and Student Government.

The journalist, who reports on media and advertising in politics, discussed the role of media in the current race for the Republican

presidential nomination and his work as a part of the team that broke the story of former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer’s sex scandal, for which he and the team earned the Pulitzer.

Much of Peters’ speech focused on the role of advertisements and debates in the Iowa caucus and the South Carolina primary, opening with a selection of ads targeted at evangelical Christian voters run by Rick Perry before the caucus. He also noted former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee receiving critiques “featuring a shot of a windowpane that looked like a cross” in one of his ads.

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Jeremy Peters, a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for The New York Times, spoke to USC students Thursday in an event sponsored by Capstone Scholars and Student Government.



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USC defeats Tennessee

The South Carolina women’s basketball team accomplished something it hasn’t done since 1980 — a win over Tennessee. The No. 8 Lady Vols were upset at home 64-60 by the Gamecocks, who will almost assuredly find

themselves in the Associated Press Top 25 after receiving votes in the past poll. The leading scorer for USC was Markeshia Grant, who had a career high 27 points. The win marks the first for USC in Knoxville, Tenn.

— Compiled by Isabelle Khurshudyan, Sports Editor

Thomson Student Health Center reports only one flu case

Campus, state experience low number of outbreaks this season

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Flu season normally peaks around February — but at USC, it hasn’t this year.

The Thomson Student Health Center has only reported one positive flu case on campus so far this flu season, and that was just in the last week, according to Nicole Carrico, a Student Health Services administrator.

The health center usually sees positive flu cases as soon as students return to campus after fall break, Carrico said.

“This year has been quite unusual, not only for our

campus, but also the larger community in terms of flu spread, and we’re not exactly sure why,” Carrico said.

Richland and Lexington counties have seen a similarly inactive flu season so far, Carrico said. Data from the Centers for Disease Control show that the number of flu cases has been below average across the country.

There have been only 12 positively confirmed flu test results reported in South Carolina in the past four months, including six in the last week, according to weekly flu surveillance reports from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

The CDC monitors flu activity in the U.S. year-round and releases weekly reports of flu data during the official flu season. The most recently released CDC data from the week of Jan. 15 to 21 reported that “influenza activity in the United States remained relatively low.”

There were 175 positive cases of the flu around the nation for the week.

“We’re not in the clear yet with flu this year on campus,” Carrico said.

She added that two years ago the outbreak of the H1N1 virus caused two peaks in one flu season.

“[A peak] could hit us later this spring or even this summer, which is why we’re encouraging everyone to come in the health center and get the flu vaccine,” Carrico said.

The best way to prevent the flu is to be vaccinated, Carrico said. She added that almost 2,000 students, faculty and staff have received flu vaccines from the health center so far this academic year, and the health center has access to an unlimited supply of the vaccine.

Carrico described a concept called “herd immunity,”

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Class studies intricacies of Super Bowl advertisements

Journalism students to vote for best commercials of year

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It's no secret that Super Bowl ads can be extravagant and costly. Annually, they take up coveted airtime during the biggest football game of the year. Many fans watch them casually, but Professor Bonnie Drewniany's "Super Bowl of Advertising" class looks for a deeper meaning.

After each Super Bowl, 100 students and faculty from the Journalism 463 class conduct an ad poll and vote on which commercial should be awarded the Cockey Award. Each commercial is judged on three criteria: likability, persuasiveness and

brand identity.

"We look at ads from the early '80s up to today. We look at behind-the-scenes stories of how the commercial is made, and each year the creators of the winning ad come to campus to accept the award," Drewniany said.

Classmates will view the Super Bowl together at WIS-TV and pause after each national commercial to cast their vote via iclicker. The votes are tallied electronically, and a winner is selected following the game.

Outlined in Drewniany's class expectations, the focus of the class is on topics that include "the way different groups are portrayed, the strategy behind the commercials and how creative tactics have evolved over time." The class looks at the ads over time to see what they say

about the progression of American society and culture.

This will be the ninth year for the Cockey Award. Previous winners include Volkswagen, Doritos, Staples, Bud Light and Diet Pepsi.

Voting is not restricted to Drewniany's students. Others can cast their vote on the class website until 10 a.m. the day after the game.

"Outside votes will be factored in. Last year's poll broke a tie between two commercials, but we'll have a good sense at the end of the evening who is winning," Drewniany said.

You can also follow the class's thoughts on Twitter at #uofscadpoll.

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University Housing provides about 6,600 beds on campus and 4,500 of those are reserved for incoming freshmen. The remaining 2,100 go to returning upperclassmen and transfer students.

The Roost, currently a freshman all-male residence hall, is often the last choice among students because of its distance from the center of campus, Fortune said.

In Fall 2011, Housing received 88 room or building change requests, and about 50 percent of those were fulfilled. Fortune said over the past couple of years, this number is about average based on student population. Fulfillments are made based on the housing available for students' specific requests, such as the style or number of bedrooms in the residence hall.

"The majority of students are looking for privacy, and so we see a high demand for the apartments with the private bedrooms, so you're talking East Quad, South Quad, West (Green) Quad, the Horseshoe apartments," Fortune said. "That's usually for returners, the upperclass group, but ... new freshmen tend to lean more toward the suite-style."

According to Fortune, the No. 1 reason for room or building change requests is roommate preferences, either because students wish to live with friends or because problems arise with current roommates. He said building preference is the second most common reason for requests, citing out-of-state students needing to live in a residence hall that is open during all breaks as an example.

Fortune says there is a relatively low room change request for returning students living on campus because they receive the first priority in selecting their preferred housing and roommates.

This spring, Housing has received 213 requests so far. Fortune contributes this higher number, compared to the 88 fall requests, to students making new friends during their first semester and wanting to live together when they return in January.

Nick Miletich, a first-year criminal justice student, lived in the Roost at the beginning of this semester before requesting to live in Columbia Hall due to roommate issues and his long trek to campus.

"I specifically requested Columbia Hall because I knew it was coed, where the Roost is all guys," Miletich said. "And the distance between my classes was kind of rough, too, because it was about a

20-minute walk to my classes sometimes. I wanted to be more on campus."

A little more than a week after Miletich filed his request, he received a call informing him that a room was available for him in Columbia Hall.

"They were very nice, very understanding," Miletich said. "I thought I wasn't going to get it because I said it was a long walk. I thought they were just going to tell me to suck it up."

Miletich added that he was also surprised at how quick the process was.

According to Fink, some students seek a specific type of experience, such as a living and learning community once they have decided a field of study.

There has been research showing benefits for those students living in associated learning communities at USC, including higher retention rate and better performances in the classroom, Fink said. He added that residence halls are more than buildings in which students eat and sleep — they are a part of the academy and it is important for students to feel connected.

Fortune said he receives the least number of requests for housing change from buildings with an associated learning community or an academic focus, such as the Honors College within the Honors Residence Hall and Capstone Scholars in Capstone House.

There are no criteria for students to request a room or a building change, according to Fortune.

"The only thing that we kept in mind when we're trying to do changes for some of the themed housing or associated learning communities is if you have to be approved for these communities — for example, the Preston Residential College," Fortune said. "We try not to just change someone in there without them going through the process to be approved ... unless it's just a special circumstance. I can't think of a time where we have said, 'No, you can't live here,' unless it's one of those special places, and even then we advise the students (on how to be approved)."

Fortune said the Roost has the potential of functioning as something other than housing, but did not give details about if the building would eventually be torn down in the Housing master plan.

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The university has yet to experience its flu season peak that usually occurs in February, according to Student Health Services.

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which states that if a certain percentage of a population is vaccinated against a particular contagion, then members who are not immune are less likely to become infected because the vaccinated members act like firewalls to the disease.

"So it really is true that if one person is vaccinated against the flu, it can end up protecting many, many more people," she said.

Common flu symptoms may include high fever, headache, muscle aches, sore throat, cough and dizziness or fatigue. The virus usually lasts one to two weeks, and patients are able to spread

the virus one day before symptoms develop and five to seven days after symptoms appear, according to the CDC.

Carrico said the flu is more contagious when people live in close proximity to other people, sit in classrooms shared by thousands of students and share facilities with a campus community of around 30,000 people.

"It's tough to avoid touching a contaminated surface," Carrico said.

Students experiencing flu-like symptoms are encouraged to make an appointment with Student Health Services. Health Services also recommends that students with symptoms isolate themselves, except to receive medical attention, until at least 24 hours after fever subsides.

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Despite outspending every other candidate and Super PAC on ads in Iowa, Perry finished in fifth place in the caucus, only above Michele Bachmann and Jon Huntsman, who did very little campaigning in the state.

"Perry's gauzy, gleaming ads meant nothing," Peters said.

While Perry's extensive ad campaign was relatively unsuccessful, Peters pointed out that ads did play a significant role for another candidate.

"The reason why campaigns use attack ads is because they work," Peters said. "(Mitt) Romney's Super PAC's attack ads against (Newt) Gingrich completely toppled his candidacy [in Iowa]."

While ads are important, Peters stressed the significance of debates in the current campaign.

Peters said debates are the media stage where campaigns are being won and lost. Peters pointed out that Perry's lead started to slip after a poor performance on stage.

"People didn't buy it when this image didn't match up with what they were being sold in ads," Peters said.

While debates broke Perry's campaign, they bolstered Gingrich's. After the former speaker of the House sternly responded to a question about his ex-wife's allegations of his requesting an open marriage, Peters said at that moment "it became unmistakably clear that Gingrich would win South Carolina."

"It wasn't because of the media that Newt surged to the top of the polls; it was because of his powerful performance in the two debates preceding the primary," Peters said.

Upon opening the floor to questions, Peters was asked about his work on the Spitzer scandal.

"We got a tip that there was a political figure in New York who had been caught up in a prostitution ring and had been traveling in Washington," said Peters. "When we figured out that it was Spitzer, my jaw just hit the floor."

The work at the Albany bureau following the discovery consisted of confirming that it indeed was Spitzer.

"We had a reporter who followed him for a weekend. She watched him jog in the park, fly to Washington for a press dinner — a very normal routine," Peters said. "Then, on a Sunday night he told his family and his staff, and we broke the story on early Monday afternoon."

SG Press Secretary CJ Lake, a second-year political science student, said the event was organized through Greg Mitchell, The New York Times' readership program coordinator.

Lake said she was pleased with the event and turnout.

"Capstone had brought New York Times speakers before via Skype, so this was a natural extension," said Assistant Principal of the Capstone Scholars Program David DeWeil.

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Fans have chance to express opinions, concerns about system

Fans in Williams-Brice Stadium are no strangers to frustration. But last year, in the midst of a school-record 11-win season, it wasn't the football team doling out disappointment. Instead, students often found themselves embroiled in issues with their tickets — and with the police, as a shortage of wristbands and influx of nonstudents in the student section spurred a number of run-ins with law enforcement. At the Carolina–Clemson game, the seasonlong ticketing issues came to a head, as a group of about 150 students denied access to the game tried to push their way past officers and event staff into the stadium. Twenty-nine of them were later

taken into custody by police. To remedy the spate of incidents, student ticketing has floated a number of suggestions. Among them: charging for tickets, assigning seats in the lower deck and switching the office's system from TicketReturn to Ticketmaster. Those ideas were not received well by many USC students, but few of them showed up at a ticketing forum last semester to discuss them. Student ticketing is hosting another three meetings next week and sent a campuswide email encouraging students to attend them. Please come out and hear about what's next for student ticketing and share your opinions and concerns," they wrote.


— Compiled by Thad Moore, Assistant News Editor

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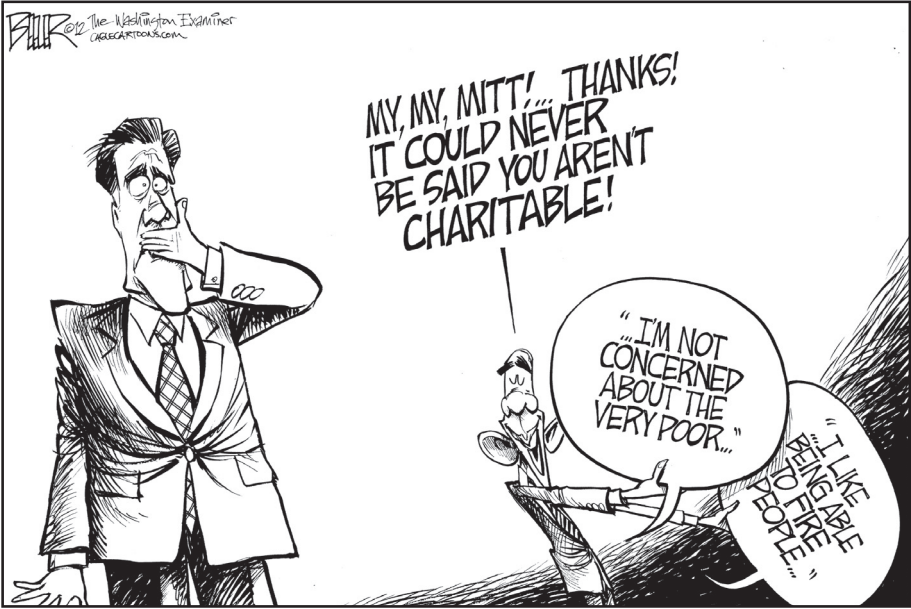
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Freshmen favored by housing move

Some welcome changes are coming to University Housing. The Roost and South Tower are going coed and will have more specific residence guidelines for next year. The Roost will house incoming transfer students, while South Tower will be tailored exclusively to freshmen. These changes are all part of an effort to reorganize on-campus housing and incorporate freshmen more closely into campus life. Despite this effort, these changes can't hide a very serious fact: These two residences are, in terms of upkeep and quality, USC's worst. An organizational switch-around is hardly a solution to aging facilities. But Housing's heart is in the right place. Grouping students together — freshmen for South Tower, transfers at the Roost — gives them an opportunity to share with each other the common struggles and successes they will all experience as newcomers to Carolina. This integration obviously better the collegiate experience, but the initiative gives transfers the short end of the deal. Freshmen may be closer to campus with their move to South Tower, but transfers have been all but exiled by being pushed to the Roost. The best thing Housing can say it did in this situation is put these transfer students together to build a community — by complaining about Housing. All considered — even our reservations — we can support this move by Housing. Integration of freshmen into coed housing and more of a campus presence strengthens the link between a residence and its campus. However, moving around students cannot blind us to the realities of housing, be they building upkeep or distance from campus. We should demand much more from Housing as the semester and years continue, and not be swayed by small improvements.



Romney, Paul must unite to save right

Alliance would best benefit party

To this point, the battle for the Republican presidential nomination has been a fierce and dirty affair. In the last month, the number of candidates has dwindled from seven to four. The attack ads have been brutal, the rhetoric biting. Two remaining candidates, however, have yet to beat each other over the head with distortion and misrepresentation: Mitt Romney and Ron Paul. According to The Washington Post, the two men became good friends in the 2008 GOP presidential race despite having very different opinions on many issues. Even their two wives, Ann Romney and Carol Paul, are reported to be extremely close, especially on the campaign trail. At debates, you can see the two men gravitate toward each other during commercial breaks as well as compliment each other on camera as often as their opposing views would allow them. This is more than just a friendship; it is a strategic relationship between two very skilled and cunning politicians. Both know that to succeed and eventually win the Republican nomination and the general election, they are going to have to combine Romney's staunch mainstream conservative base with

Paul's energetic independent and youth vote. It is a match made in heaven for the two. The Republican Party is not going to beat President Barack Obama in November without the help of Ron Paul. The man could take his platform to a third party and essentially drive the GOP into the ground, fracturing its vote in the general election and all but handing Obama another four years. People within the GOP are starting to realize this fact, and they know that if they do not begin to court Ron Paul and his loyal following of key independent voters, they will lose. When Sarah Palin says that the Republican Party cannot overlook Ron Paul and his avid supporters, it is time to give the man a little credit. Even if Romney can secure the nomination, with or without the help of the delegates that Ron Paul has acquired, he is going to need the energetic and young base of support that Ron Paul has on lock. Romney will have to convince them to vote for him and not their political messiah — a monumental task, given the depth of support in the Paul camp. Now as the two candidates head into the Nevada caucus this Saturday — the same caucus that Romney and Paul finished first and second, respectively, during the 2008 race — we are going to see two men not fighting each other for the nomination, but two men fighting with each other to try and save the country and create a large, diverse and powerful Republican Party.

Referendums could threaten gay marriage

Activists may need to win popular vote

Lucky number seven — that's what the state of Washington has become for the gay community. The state Senate passed on Wednesday a bill allowing for legal same-sex marriages. The proposed law is expected to pass the House of Representatives, allowing gay couples to marry as soon as June. However, one more challenge stands in the way: the referendum. Washington's bill was passed without a referendum clause, yet many in the state are planning to challenge the legislation regardless. Gay supporters should all have reason to fear the popular vote; California's Proposition 8 is still a sore defeat in many activists' memories. Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey wants to avoid the political liability of gay marriage altogether by putting it to a referendum — a suggestion that many politicians, afraid for their careers, are willing to back. Referendums themselves are great and often ignored political tools. It seems that the gay community has mastered the art of putting pressure on politicians and winning their support. Can it boast the same kind of support in a popular vote? If the answer is no — and this growing fear of a referendum in Washington raises some suspicion — then gay activists have failed to win the hearts and minds of the ones who really count in legislative battles: the people. As gay marriage bills find their way into more and more state legislatures, their supporters need to remember those who stand behind senators and representatives — and not the politicians themselves — always hold the final vote.



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Creationism disrespects science, religion

Liberal interpretations of Bible, while progressive, still go against faith

In Kentucky, Answers in Genesis received a \$43 million-dollar tax break to help foster construction of their "Ark Experience" addition to its "Creationism Museum." This comes along with a proposed 6.4 percent cut to higher education, 2.2 percent cut to police and cuts across the board in other areas of the state budget. Creationism, or intelligent design, is the umbrella term coined by those that want the accounts of the Earth's beginnings given in Genesis taught in schools. They teach that the biblical flood occurred, that the world was repopulated through driftwood, that dinosaurs coexisted with humans and that evolution was not the primary method for the current diversity of life. Answers in Genesis bases itself on a literal interpretation of the Bible, which they believe is "divinely inspired and inerrant throughout ... It is the supreme authority in everything it teaches." This fundamentalist interpretation leads to things like the "Creation Museum," whose exhibits ignore the sum total of our scientific knowledge and encourage visitors to replace fact with faith. This mindset has helped foster a culture in our country that is opposite to scientific knowledge and is steadily losing its edge on scientific literacy in the world. To echo Bill Nye, to not teach evolution to our young people is wrong. Yet, across the U.S., legislatures seek to overturn the precedent set by the Scopes trial. A New Hampshire bill seeks to teach the religious viewpoints of evolution's proponents. Rep. Jerry Bergevin, the author of the bill, said this of evolution: "It's a worldview and it's godless. Atheism has been tried in various societies, and they've been pretty criminal domestically and internationally. The Soviet Union, Cuba, the Nazis, China today: They don't respect human rights." A liberal interpretation of the Bible, while it allows for the teaching of truth in science, presents its own problem: What parts of the Bible are meant to be literally followed, and which are not? On what basis are the tales of Genesis meant to be allegorical and those of Solomon, Jesus, or Revelation, not? If God didn't know about creation, how does he know what's best for your life? In this respect, I find more in common with those who tend to ignore more scripture. Those who do not see homosexuality as a sin, those who do not think of hell as literal, those who believe that Jesus' message was one of love and peace, and ignore his message of "I come not to bring peace, but a sword" (Matthew, 10:34). Why not be rid of the whole of religion, instead of just much of it, especially when you're a better person for ignoring the parts you disagree with anyway?



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Courtesy of Fat Rat Da Czar

Fat Rat Da Czar, a longtime Columbia hip-hop artist, will perform at New Brookland Tavern on Saturday night.

Hip-hop artist books local show with handpicked lineup

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He’s a staple in the Columbia hip-hop scene, and at 6 feet 3 inches, an imposing figure when he takes the stage. Fat Rat Da Czar has been performing in the capital city almost since he moved here from Virginia in 1995 and will be hitting the familiar New Brookland Tavern stage once again Saturday for his first show of 2012.

Although he was born and raised in Newport News, Va., Fat Rat was no stranger to Columbia even in 1995.

“My relationship with South Carolina started back in 1979,” he said.

His father was in the military and was stationed at Fort Jackson. When his parents divorced, he moved back to Virginia with his father.

“Even though I left and went back with my father ... South Carolina is where I spent all my

Christmases, here with my mom and everything,” Fat Rat said.

He even attended two different Columbia high schools, Dreher and Lower Richland, during his sophomore year, but moved back to Virginia again during his junior year. After graduating in 1995, though, Fat Rat said he came straight back.

He began his career in Columbia as a part of the now-defunct hip-hop trio StreetSide and in September of 1995 was even able to open for The Notorious B.I.G. at the Township Auditorium. While he wasn’t able to personally talk to Biggie Smalls, he still credits the rap superpower with giving him and the group one of their first breaks.

In a fitting tribute, Fat Rat features the tour poster from that show in his brand new single “Trying to Make It.”

StreetSide, also featuring rappers Misfit and Charlie Waters, broke up in 2006, but Fat Rat credits age and other obligations — particularly family

— as reasons for the dissolution rather than any negative feelings among them. He remains good friends with his former group members, calling them some of the best people he’s ever met. He began his solo career that same year, but recalls the grassroots effort he made to rebuild a fan base for himself.

“People knew us from back then because we were everywhere selling our product,” he said. “That was back in the days of selling out of the trunk, literally. But the thing is, you can be with a group and people can love the group, but you have to do the process all over again (when you go solo). You don’t necessarily transfer fans when the group is over. I had to get on the ground level and try to make some music that [those fans] would like, but I also had to make some new elements and get some new fans.”

He said one of the main influences on his solo style was the time he spent working with Misfit and Waters.

“They were two of the best emcees here

in this state, so I was able to work with some really top-notch people,” he said.

Fat Rat dropped his first solo mixtape in late 2006, and a year and a half later, in April 2008, he began one of the most recognized and applauded efforts of his career — “Da Cold War” series of releases officially known as mixtapes but dubbed “street albums” by Fat Rat.

The second in the soon-to-be trilogy, “Da Cold War 2,” was what Fat Rat called a “breakout” moment for his solo career. The series, together with “Da Cold War 3” — to be released in late spring or early summer, according to Fat Rat — was a very personal undertaking.

Fat Rat has been lauded for the honesty behind his lyrics, and despite 17 years and many successes into his hip-hop career, those lyrics are still just as down to earth, as evident in the first two singles from “Da Cold War 3” — “All Around the Town” and “Trying

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Gervais Street restaurant focuses on theater crowd, serves up decadent treats, local art

When half of a restaurant’s menu is dedicated to desserts, the place has to be good.

Such is the case with Nonnah’s. The Gervais Street restaurant has become known for serving up sweets in Columbia, along with lunch and dinner entrées, coffee and specialty drinks.

Maggie Groff established the restaurant in 1996 with her family. The name Nonnah’s comes from spelling her daughter’s name, Shannon, backwards.

Originally serving dessert, Groff said the restaurant has always been focused on the theater crowd, which often stops in after a show. This is one group that Groff says will always be an important part of her business.

Nonnah’s is open later than most sit-down restaurants in Columbia, providing a place to come for dessert or dinner until 11 p.m. on weekdays and after midnight on weekends. Groff said keeping late hours has a lot to do with being able to serve those theatergoers.

One reason the establishment’s continued success, Groff said, is because while the restaurant



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has adopted changes, it has kept customer favorites the same. While lunch and dinner menus have been added, along with a variety of coffees and specialty drinks, dessert remains the primary focus of the restaurant.

The restaurant has continued to expand its menu while upholding and improving the quality of its desserts, which draw the most

customers.

Offering everything from peanut butter pie to amaretto bread pudding, the menu has a wide variety of tasty treats. The most popular of the desserts is the chocolate temptation, Groff said. The chocolate cake is laced with Godiva liqueur and filled with a vanilla cream, proving to be quite

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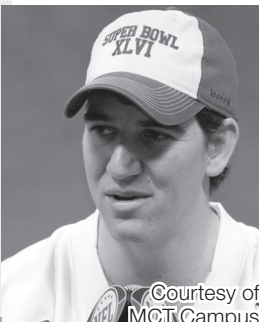
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the temptation.

A personal favorite of Groff's is the strawberry amaretto. White cake, layered with strawberry cream, is soaked in amaretto flavoring and covered with chocolate ganache. The dish is topped with white chocolate-covered strawberries. Among other favorites are the deep-dish apple praline pie and an assortment of cheesecakes, including Oreo, turtle and white chocolate ginger.

Nonnah's desserts have been voted the best in Columbia by three local publications for the past 14 years — The State, Free Times and Columbia Metropolitan Magazine.

Most of the desserts are on display at the back of the main dining room for anyone who has a hard time deciding what to order.

Nonnah's on Gervais Street features a wide variety of sweets, including rich cheesecake, deep-dish pies and liquid desserts.

The extensive dessert menu isn't the only asset that sets Nonnah's apart. The restaurant also features a gallery that displays works from local artists. The gallery was started with the help of a chef who was an artist.

Since then, the gallery has grown to be a prominent part of the restaurant, drawing in customers who are there to purchase or view the local art.

Along with the local art, the simple, clean style and low lighting provide an ideal atmosphere for an intimate dinner or dessert. There have been proposals and even two weddings at the restaurant, Groff said, with a third scheduled later this month.

Nonnah's also hosts private parties and events throughout the year in the smaller of the two dining rooms. The restaurant is split into two sides, one with the main dining room and bar and the other with the art gallery and a smaller and more relaxed dining room.

Nonnah's is open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Dinner is served Monday through Thursday from 5 to 11 p.m., Friday from 5 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and Saturday from 6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. With an extensive menu, a relaxed atmosphere and an array of local art, Nonnah's is a great place to go for some sweet bites.

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to Make It.”

“I’m believable because I’m not lying,” he said.

His subject matter varies widely, touching on issues like fatherhood, relationships with women and even domestic violence in “Something Ain’t Right” (2010), but never seems disconnected. He achieves a cohesiveness that only a genuine, experience-based lyrical narrative can accomplish.

“I touch on a lot of different things,” he said. “There’s nothing that I don’t discuss if I’ve been a part of it and I feel like I can make a record that people will be able to at least understand. My music oftentimes deals with a struggle, and everybody has to deal with a struggle at some point. Be it black, white, rich or poor, everyone has a struggle.”

Fat Rat has described his music as “blue-collar hip-hop,” and he believes in not only working for your successes but also helping to grow the future of the hip-hop genre.

Saturday’s show is a good example of that belief, as the lineup showcases some of the acts that Fat Rat believes are the hardest working and most deserving out there.

“I reached out to a few different elements that the city is offering right now. Sometimes, older artists don’t welcome in the new breed of artists, and in this case, there are people I really think are working hard. I think they have some exceptional music and need a shot at an opportunity to perform in front of a bigger crowd,” he said.

He is confident that the artists he handpicked to open for him Saturday — LeLe (aka Bad Bad), Wally Fatz and Ox and Los Caus — will appeal to his fan base in particular, and do a great job of warming up the crowd before his performance.

“I have a couple different purposes here,” Fat Rat said. “Of course I’m maintaining a career, but at the same I always want to be part of welcoming and



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Fat Rat Da Czar handpicked opening artists LeLe (aka Bad Bad), Wally Fatz and Ox and Los Caus.

producing new music, especially with hip-hop. I’ve been a pillar of this hip-hop community for years, so I want to stay involved with it.”

Saturday’s show at New Brookland Tavern will be one of many that Fat Rat has played and will play in the future. He holds a special bond with the owners at New Brookland, and fans can rest assured they will always be able to catch the artist there, no matter his success.

“New Brookland has always been a home for hip-hop in this city,” he said. “That is a venue that I will continue to play no matter where I go or how large I get, simply because of how they’ve treated me over the years.”

The show starts at 8 p.m., and costs \$10 at the door.

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15 How some losses are shown

16 French water

17 Big corporations, lawsuit-wise

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20 Alan of "M*A*S*H"

21 Retriever restraint

22 Folk music's Kingston —

23 Divining implement

25 Native blanket makers

27 Godiva choice

32 Sch. in the smallest state

33 Bull: Pref.

34 Petite pastries

37 Money maker

39 More factual

42 Hop, ___ and jump

43 Lox holder

45 Hollywood Walk of Fame feature

47 Campus URL ender

48 Anonymous fan

52 Shapewear fabric

54 Quaint stopover

55 Sir ___ Belch of "Twelfth Night"

56 Lavish celebrations

59 Bangkok tongue

63 Play for a sap

64 "For your ears only" ... and a hint to first words of 17-, 27- and 48-Across

66 V.P. Biden's state

67 March march VIP

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70 Flashy tank fish

71 Part of a college application

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2 Baseball's Hersher

3 Ready for kickoff

4 Out of gear, as a car

5 Hammock snooze

6 Paddy product

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9 Murderous

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11 Two-hanky film

12 Betting odds, e.g.

13 Traffic jam components

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Spurrier introduces new Gamecock coaches

Connolly, Robinson, Sands, Botkin ready for future at South Carolina

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Walking in to South Carolina’s signing day press conference with the four new additions to the football coaching staff, USC coach Steve Spurrier checked to make sure the cameras were rolling before making his first comment of the day.

“A lot of people think this game is about the X’s and the O’s, but it’s really about the Billy’s and the Joe’s,” Spurrier said with a smile creeping on his face. “So we’ve added two Joes to our coaching staff.”

Along with new head strength and conditioning coach Joe Connolly and special teams coordinator and tight ends coach Joe Robinson, the Gamecocks also added running backs coach Everette Sands and linebackers coach Kirk Botkin in January.

Connolly is the only addition that was already on the staff, but was promoted from assistant strength and conditioning coach after head strength and conditioning coach Craig Fitzgerald left for the same position at Penn State. Connolly and Fitzgerald also worked together at Louisville before joining the South Carolina staff.

“The foundation of that program will remain the same,” Connolly said. “Our philosophies are very similar — intensity, consistency, hard work and all those things that we preach to our guys. Those things will remain the same.”

A lot of the reason for the strength and conditioning program staying mostly the same as it was under Fitzgerald is the character of the football players at USC.

“This is going to be my fourth season here, so things have progressed in my involvement with the team as I’ve been here,” Connolly said. “Now that coach Spurrier has graciously added me as the head strength coach, to me the things don’t change — it’s still about the eyes and the athletes. It’s still about the kids and how they are. The recruiting and how the guys have just great personalities — they want to work hard and they want to win — and to me, it’s easy for me because of the guys that we have now. They do a tremendous job and they’ll continue to do a tremendous job. It’s like getting handed the keys

to a Ferrari.”

Just as Connolly was able to benefit from a relationship with Fitzgerald in joining the USC program before being promoted, Botkin similarly came to the Gamecocks by way of a connection he made when he was a member of the Arkansas staff at the same time as defensive coordinator Lorenzo Ward.

“I’ve known Lorenzo for a while now and he is a special guy, and everybody can tell you that he is,” Botkin said. “When he called me about a chance to come and work here, I was excited to get a chance to work with him, because I know he’s a good person and a good football coach, [so is] coach Spurrier. We’ve kept in touch and we’ve been good friends for a while. I’m glad I knew him.”

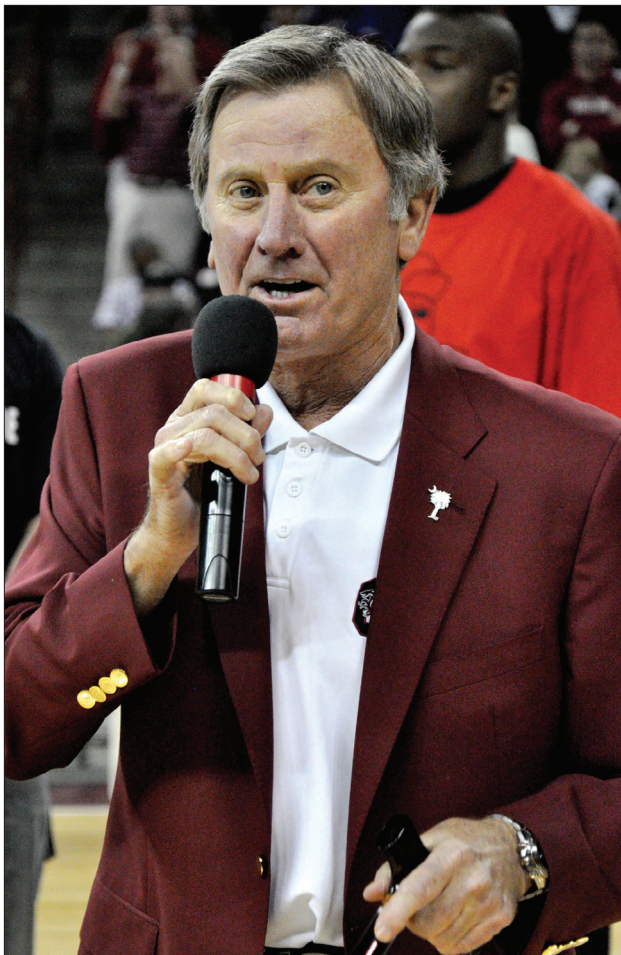
Spurrier was familiar with Robinson from when Robinson was the special teams coach at LSU. In 2009, LSU had the top special teams unit in the nation. In reference to using starters on special teams, Robinson said that he thinks the staff will find that “there’s a lot of young guys that are hungry to be out on the field,” but that the staff would do what’s necessary to be successful. Either way, Robinson believes special teams is crucial to any team.

“When we talk about the special teams, we want to be aggressive and put pressure on the opponents,” Robinson said. “I think it’s important in every game. I think the special teams have a great value in terms of the field position. I think we can make a difference in every game that way.”

Sands, a native of Conway, inherited a unit that has carried South Carolina’s offense the past two seasons. He refers to the running back corps as a “full stable.”

“I’m looking forward to getting Marcus (Lattimore) back,” Sands said. “He’s a great back in his own right. You also have Shon Carson, who got hurt last year, but he’s a little fire bug as well. I’m looking for him to do a lot because he’s more of a quicker, faster guy. You’ve got Brandon Wilds, who had a good year last year when Marcus got hurt, and then you’ve got Kenny Miles, which I think there’s still some decisions to be made by him. I look forward to getting him back and I think he’s a solid back as well. It’s a good stable and I’m looking forward to having opportunity to coach these guys.”

Though Spurrier’s staff saw a lot of the changes in the offseason, he is still happy that offensive line



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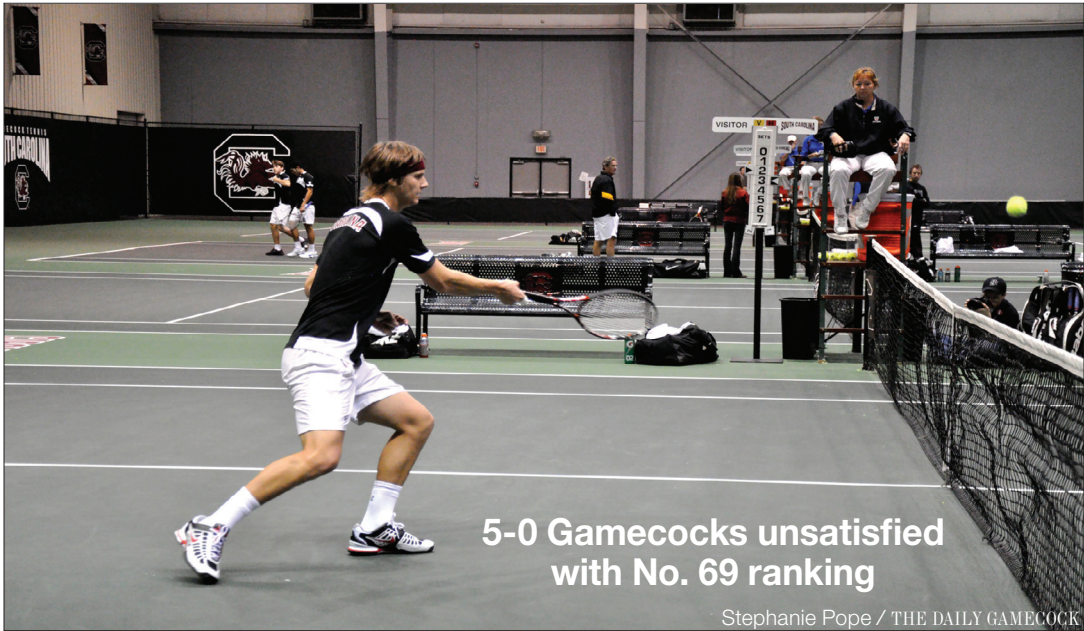
Head coach Steve Spurrier introduced his four new assistant coaches to the press on signing day Wednesday.

coach Shawn Elliott, wide receivers coach Steve Spurrier Jr., defensive line coach Brad Lawing and Ward have been a part of the staff for several years and continue to be. Spurrier will look to fill his final vacancy of safeties coach in “a week or so.”

“There’s a little bit of turnover,” Spurrier said. “Anytime you have success, some people may try to hire your guys or what have you. Sometimes guys leave. They think it’s a better opportunity and it’s a free country, but the core of our guys are here.”

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USC travels to take on Georgia Tech



5-0 Gamecocks unsatisfied with No. 69 ranking

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Sophomore Nick Jones swept his singles and doubles matches last weekend in a doubleheader.

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The South Carolina men’s tennis team will be competing away from Columbia for the next three weekends as it travels to take on four ranked teams in a row.

Its first test will be the toughest of the bunch, as the Gamecocks will take a trip to Atlanta on Saturday to face the country’s No. 22 squad in Georgia Tech.

The Gamecocks will be riding high as they make their way out of the state for the first time in this regular season, having earned a 5-0 record thus far. Not only have they not lost a match, they have swept four of them, dropping only a single team point so far this year.

Even with the success, the team knows its facing a tough matchup.

“[Our players] have a ton of respect for Georgia Tech,” said coach Josh Goffi. “They’re very well coached and it’s definitely the toughest test that we have at this point, so I think everybody’s pretty excited, but at the same time nervous, which is exactly what a coach wants to see going into a big match.”

The Gamecocks will have the fortune of encountering a struggling ACC squad. The Yellow Jackets have lost three straight matches coming into this weekend, all to currently ranked teams, and have amassed a regular season record of 1-3 to this point. As a result, the team has dropped from its initial spot at No. 19 to its current position at No. 22 in the national rankings.

However, Georgia Tech’s recent struggles are of no concern to Goffi’s players.

“One thing I really tell the guys is not to look at anybody else’s results,” Goffi said. “That’s the problem with the internet. It’s so easy for guys to get on there and they can psych themselves out. We just try to pay attention to ourselves. We’re focusing on our games and what we do best and what we need to bring to the court.”

Not only will the setting change, but the pace of play will be different as well. South Carolina’s five matches this season have come in a span of just nine days, having hosted and participated in two doubleheaders in the last two weekends.

Things may not feel much different for them now, even with a mere four matches in

15 days.

“The level of intensity and the level of energy it takes to win doubleheader matches against mid-major teams is equivalent to what we’re going to need to put into a four hour match against a top 20 team,” Goffi said, “so it’s not any different. I think we’re ready to go. I think our guys are mentally sound, so we’re looking forward to this weekend.”

After a strong showing to begin their season, the Gamecocks earned some recognition and entered the national rankings for the first time this year. But it’s not a position that satisfies the players or the coaches.

“We couldn’t care less that we’re No. 69,” Goffi said. “Sixty-nine is not where we want to be. We’re not taking pride in that by any stretch. We’re looking for much bigger and better things.”

Something will have to give on Saturday as South Carolina looks to maintain its dominance and continue to climb in the rankings at the expense of a Georgia Tech team who will do its best to put an end to their present slide.

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Equestrian saddles up to face No. 2 Georgia

Women meet 3.5 GPA goal, 9 make 4.0

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Of the seven matches for the South Carolina equestrian team, four have been decided by a tiebreaker or by one point.

Carolina has been on the losing end of three of those decisions. The most recent came last Sunday, when USC lost to No. 6 Oklahoma State, 10-9, despite sweeping MVP honors in the Hunt Seat events.

Looking past the final score, coach Boo Major says there were a lot of positives that came from the match.

“We really learned a lot as a team against Oklahoma State,” Major said. “We really didn’t make a lot of mistakes, which I was happy about. That is something that we have been preaching about. Unfortunately, it seems to be our mantra to lose by one point this season; however, as a whole we rode much more as a team Sunday. I am disappointed that we lost, but not disappointed in the girls.”

The Gamecocks will look to rebound from their tough loss when they take on No. 2 Georgia Saturday. After losing their season opener, the Bulldogs have reeled off six consecutive wins going into this weekend’s match in Bishop, Ga. Georgia is one of the premier equestrian teams in the nation, so Major says the Gamecocks must ride their best to have a chance.

“They are solid all the way around,” Major said. “They have always performed consistently at nationals and they have more championships than any other equestrian team. They don’t make mistakes. Therefore, for us to win we must have mistake-free rides. We need to ride aggressively and have confidence in ourselves.”

USC did receive some good news this week when the team found out it had posted the highest GPA on record last semester.

“At the beginning of the season, our girls set that lofty goal for themselves,” Major said. “They set the bar at a 3.5 and I was like, are you sure? They said they could do it, and they did. To achieve a team GPA over 3.5 and have nine girls post a 4.0 is just great. It really speaks well for our academic services, especially Bob Campbell, who does a great job with the girls.”

Major will look for another first Saturday, as Georgia has never lost at home. She said the last meeting against the Bulldogs showed her team can hang around with the best. In that meeting in Blythewood, South Carolina claimed two MVP awards, but eventually lost 11-9. The Western team was the Achilles heel during that contest, and Major hopes to be able to put all the parts together.

“It is going to be a tall order to go in there and get a win; we definitely have our work cut out for us,” Major said. “We played them well last time out, so we are capable of getting it done. We have been working on getting our reining team more aggressive. Other than that, our girls have been pretty consistent this year. Our [equitation on the flat] team has grown up quite a bit. We have learned a lot from our girls competing.”

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