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USC named higher education up-and-comer

Carolina recognized for student services, despite rankings dip

Darren Price
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Despite having nearly 25 percent of their state budget cut last school year,

the University was ranked 11th among up-and-coming national universities in U.S. News and World Report's 2009 college rankings, released Thursday.

The University slipped two spots from last year's rankings among national universities, from 108 to 110. The University was ranked 55th amongst public universities. The Moore School of

Business's international business program also retained its No. 1 rank for the 13th consecutive year, and the Business School was ranked 42nd among Business programs.

Provost Michael Amiridis said that considering the cuts the University faced last year, the drop isn't a

Here's how the Tier 1 SEC schools scored in the U.S. News & World Report rankings.

THE EAST
Vanderbilt 17
Florida 47
Georgia 61
Tennessee 106
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Kentucky 128

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Auburn 88
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Clemson 61

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Students could get stiff penalties for underage drinking this weekend as SLED is expected to crack down in college night spots.

SLED targets college drinking

Law enforcement could step up presence during start of fall semester

Derek Legette
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The school year officially kicked off yesterday, and most students are excited — and it's not just for what goes on in the classroom. Since this is the first weekend of school, many are preparing to enjoy Columbia's nightlife.

Underage drinking is unequivocally expected, and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division is rumored to have a special crackdown operation in order to prevent underage consumption.

SLED itself was unwilling to comment on any specifics of its operation for the weekend because Jennifer Timmons, the Communications Director of SLED, wanted to keep plans in secrecy.

"We'll have to pass on commenting. There is a lot that we cannot discuss in regards to this. Most of the work is undercover. If we divulge too much information, it will surely defeat the purpose of our crackdown," she said.

SLED has had a negative connotation for many around this campus, but

students do keep them in mind when making plans, and many have differing opinions on their activities.

Benjamin Sternemann, a first-year criminal justice student, knows how police officers generally behave, and said their presence won't affect his nightlife.

"No, SLED will not affect my plans. Cops will always be around. You just got to be smart and be responsible for the potential consequences," said Sternemann. "If I'm down at Five Points, I can expect some middle-aged guy approaching me and asking me what's in my cup. That's their job so they will always do it. We should do our best to not ruin our college careers by doing something stupid," Sternemann said.

Some students think it is a good thing that SLED is trying to keep the drinking to a minimum.

"Although it won't affect my plans, personally I think it's good because some kids don't know how to act while drinking. Law enforcement is a way of supervision that is critical to cutting down on alcohol-related accidents," said Rickey Johnson, a second-year psychology student.

Regardless of SLED being on patrol or not, some students are completely indifferent to their affairs. Reuben

Jacob, a second-year chemical engineering student, plans on playing putt-putt and doing community service for the weekend.

"Does SLED affect my plans for the weekend? Nope. It doesn't affect my plans, and I don't care what they're doing," Jacob said.

Students who do engage in the nightlife take steps to avoid any and all confrontations with SLED.

"I normally don't go to popular places such as Five Points because it's usually a trap. During my freshman year, my roommate got arrested for that. I go to house parties so I don't worry about it," said Greg Chapman, a third-year computer science student.

However, Chapman thinks that SLED is justified for their actions.

"It's right to catch people who drink too much. It prevents alcohol poisoning. Not to sound like a hypocrite but I drink as well, but people should do it responsibly," Chapman said.

For students who plan on going out the first weekend of school, they should use extreme caution and the best of their judgment, because there is no telling what SLED has in store for the careless underage drinker.

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University lauded for eco-efforts

School receives high 'green' score by Princeton Review

Kara Apel
NEWS EDITOR

Thanks to the hard work of USC students and faculty, the university has recently received a high green rating from The Princeton Review.

USC scored a 95 out of a possible 99 and is No. 1 in South Carolina's public universities. USC's ranking was second in the Southeastern Conference, falling close behind the University of Florida's score of 97.

This is Princeton Review's second annual green rating and consisted of three criteria: whether the school's students have a campus quality of life that is healthy and sustainable, how well the school is preparing its students for employment and citizenship in a world defined by environmental challenges and the school's overall commitment to environmental issues.

Director of Sustainability Michael Koman said USC has been working on green issues since the '90s and was excited to hear the results.

"It was great to see it," Koman said. "We don't get a lot of national attention or press."

USC has many initiatives on campus that helped the score, such as its biomass facility on campus that helps with energy and the launching of the Healthy Carolina Farmers Market last year. Other projects, such as making sure buildings are LEED certified and holding sustainability events on campus also contributed to the high score.

But the key to USC's success in the rankings wasn't just from initiatives- Koman said student participation has a lot to do with the high score.

"The efforts on campus have skyrocketed," Koman said. "That was one of the most significant impacts."

Students from Students Advocating a Greener Environment, the Residence Hall Association and Student Government have pushed and worked on green initiatives throughout the past year to make USC a more sustainable place.

One of last year's biggest changes was creating an office of sustainability at USC, which was advocated heavily by Student Government. Student Body President Meredith Ross said this has made a big difference because all sustainability initiatives are now in one

'Ghostbassadors' tour Horseshoe

University Ambassadors highlight macabre, school history in night-time walk

Ellen Meder
ASSISTANT MIX EDITOR

When there's something strange in your USC neighborhood, who are going to call? Ghostbassadors, of course! On Wednesday in the late evening, 14 University Ambassadors paired off to lead 18 groups of their peers on ghost tours of central campus as one of the many Carolina Week activities.

Though the tours featured far less action and far more historical information than the film "Ghostbusters," which tour takers watched in the Visitor Center theatre while waiting for their turn to be escorted to 10 different ghost story locations scattered around central campus. A total of 382 students and two dogs attended the event.

Greg Goetz, a third-year media arts and business student, organized the event and is the former social advancement chair for University Ambassadors.

"We wanted to do something beyond just giving tours



Ellen Meder / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Ghost ● 5A

Students hear about campus's mysterious ghost sitings.

Green ● 3A

CALENDAR

What: Alpha Lambda Delta Meeting
When: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
What: Russell House 315

What: Ultimate Frisbee
When: 3:30 - 5 p.m.
Where: Davis Field

What: Ask an Ambassador
When: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Where: Greene Street

What: Carolina After Dark
When: 10 p.m. – 2 a.m.
Where: RH

What: Thomas Cooper Library Tours
When: 11 a.m. or 2 p.m.
Where: Thomas Cooper Library

What: Pizza with The Navigators
When: 6 – 7 p.m.
Where: RHPatio

What: Free Snow Cones
When: 1- 3 p.m.
Where: Greene Street

SPORTS SCHEDULE

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LOCAL & WORLD NEWS

LOCAL
Sanford struggles to focus

Even South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford’s supporters are asking if he can remain focused on state business during his final 16 months in office.

In June, the married Republican admitted a yearlong affair with an Argentine woman he has called his soul mate. He took a secret trip to Argentina to see her, but told his staff he was hiking the Appalachian Trail.

Now Sanford is making his way across the state, apologizing to constituents at Rotary Club meetings and asking community leaders for advice for the next legislative session. They want to know if he’s up to the task of continuing to govern.

“I supported you at the ballot box. I supported you with my pocket book,” said Jon Rogers, a financial consultant and member of the Greenville Rotary Club, which hosted Sanford on Thursday. “I think the question that you’ve got to answer ... is whether or not you can stay focused on your job and tasks.”

Sanford, who acknowledges his political ambitions were dashed by the affair but says he intends to finish his term, told Rogers he would have quit already if he didn’t believe he could keep working in the state’s best interests. The governor is in his second term and cannot run for office again.

NATIONAL
Pan Am bomber released

HADDONFIELD, N.J.— Some stared at their televisions in disbelief. Others were too furious to process the news.

More than two decades after a terrorist bomb blew a Pan Am jetliner out of the sky, victims’ relatives watched in anger as the only man ever convicted in the attack boarded another flight to his freedom in Libya, then arrived home to a hero’s welcome.

“This is not fair to the families,” said Stan Maslowski, whose 30-year-old daughter Diane was returning from London for Christmas when Flight 103 went down on Dec. 21, 1988. “This shows a terrorist can get away with murder.”

Abdel Baset al-Megrahi was released Thursday after serving eight years of a minimum 27-year sentence in Scottish prison. Scottish officials said the former Libyan intelligence officer has advanced prostate cancer and was given only months to live. They said they were bound by Scottish values to release him.

“He got on the plane looking fairly ill, and he got off the plane looking like he could do a dance,” said Joanne Hartunian of Delmar, N.Y., who lost her daughter Lynne, a student at the State University of New York at Oswego. “It just made me physically ill.”“It brought it all back to Day One,” Hartunian said.

INTERNATIONAL
Turnout low in Afghan election

KABUL— Millions of Afghans defied threats Thursday to cast ballots in the country’s second national elections since Taliban rule, but turnout appeared weaker this time because of continuing violence, fear and disenchantment. In much of the Taliban’s southern strongholds, many people did not dare to vote, bolstering the hopes of President Hamid Karzai’s chief rival.

At least 26 people were killed in election-related violence, fewer than had been feared.

Officials began counting millions of ballots as soon as the polls closed at 5 p.m. after a one-hour extension. First preliminary results weren’t expected for several days, and some major candidates were already alleging fraud.

A top election official, Zekria Barakzai, told The Associated Press that he estimated 40 to 50 percent of the country’s 15 million registered voters cast ballots — far lower than the 70 percent who voted in the presidential election in 2004.

— The Associated Press

PIC OF THE DAY



Mary Austin / The Daily Gamecock
An aviator’s view of drum line practice at Carolina band’s marching band camp. The band’s first home performance is Sept. 19 .

WEIRD HEADLINES

-The Associated Press

Persistence helps NZ diver find lost wedding ring
WELLINGTON, New Zealand- A New Zealand man who promised his wife he would find his wedding ring after it fell into the capital’s murky harbor has succeeded — 16 months later. Ecologist Aleki Taumoepeau was checking Wellington harbor for invasive plant species in March last year when the ring went into 10 feet of water.

Man Gets 4 Years for Faking Own Death
PENSACOLA, Fla.- A 38-year-old money manager is sentenced to more than four years in prison for faking his own death. Back in January, Marcus Schrenker parachuted out of a single-engine Piper Malibu over Alabama. The plane crashed in a Florida swamp, leading to an extensive search and rescue effort. Schrenker also faces numerous counts of securities fraud in Indiana.

Wrong Body Is Displayed at Funeral
PHILADELPHIA- Mourners at a service in South Philadelphia are shocked when they look at the casket and realize the funeral

home has provided the wrong body. Relatives of Kenneth “Tex” Roberts say it took two hours before the funeral home admitted it made a mistake. Amid the chaos, two of Roberts’ family members collapsed and had to be taken to hospitals.

Pizza shop worker, 72, foils robbers with beer can
LANCASTER, Pa.- Police said a 72-year-old pizza shop employee foiled a shotgun-point robbery by throwing a can of beer at the perpetrators. Lancaster police Lt. Todd Umstead said two men with bandanas over their faces attempted to rob Six Packs on Vine at closing time Wednesday. One of the men pointed a shotgun at the employee, who was stocking a cooler.

Lawmaker Sorry for Unusual Proposal
ANNAPOLIS, Md.- A Maryland lawmaker has apologized for using a police boat and helicopter to create a diversion so he could surprise his girlfriend with a marriage proposal. Baltimore Police Commissioner Frederick Bealefeld told reporters Tuesday that Delegate Jon Cardin also offered to pay expenses from the incident.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Information compiled from history.com

- 1863:**
Southern partisans murdered 150 during a raid on Lawrence, Kan.
- 1911:**
The theft of the Mona Lisa from the Louvre was discovered.
- 1944:**
Leaders from the U.S., Great Britain, the Soviet Union and China laid the groundwork for the United Nations.
- 1959:**
Hawaii became the fiftieth state.
- 2004:**
Michael Phelps won his eighth medal in Athens, Greece, tying the record for most medals won by a single competitor.

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GSA plans to draw in students

Tauber hopes to expand graduate student community

Darren Price
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

When Graduate Student Association President Alan Tauber started setting up his new office late this summer, he had one thing in mind: fostering a graduate student community.



TAUBER

The program was conducted in conjunction with a required teaching assistant training program. The program, which lasted from 12-4 p.m., consisted of a student services fair and several speakers discussing the Carolina experience. Tauber said that the day was hectic, but he was pleased with the quality of the program. "I was very pleased with how it turned out," said

Tauber. "A lot of people came, and I think they really appreciated the program." In addition to the success of the graduate student orientation program, Tauber said the GSA would continue to integrate graduates into the larger university community. Chief among his goals? Getting graduates to get involved in more than only their academic programs. "It's very easy for a graduate student to fall into the trap of focusing solely on their program," said Tauber. "My goal is to break students out of their shells and meet folks outside of their program." Tauber said GSA plans to have a graduate student tailgate this football season. The Law School also plans to include the greater graduate student population in their annual Halloween party. The GSA also plans to continue to host graduate student happy hours, which have been a success. Tauber believes each of these moves should help make the graduate student community more cohesive. Grad students are looking forward to meeting folks," said Tauber. GSA also plans on creating two committees

with the international and non-traditional graduates in mind. Tauber said that the committees would focus on events for both internationals and graduates that may be older or with children. I want to create some events that encourage families to come," said Tauber. "Maybe it's a night at the Koger center, or a picnic at Maxcy Gregg Park. I want to get graduates and their families to get out of the house and involved." Andrew Moyer, a second-year higher education and student services grad and GSA member, said that he is excited by what Tauber has planned. "I think it's going to be a very good year for graduate students," said Moyer. "He knows what direction to take the organization." Tauber says that GSA plans to stay focused on their long-term projects, like graduate student health care and graduate student representation. But if he is as successful as he hopes at getting more grads involved, he may be able to finish making his office, in his words, "homey."

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centralized location. "Unless there is a unified department, any efforts are going to be futile," Ross said. Ross said the student led effort at USC has really increased and recognized the work of student groups on campus, especially SAGE. "They've become a highly reputable group on campus," Ross said. Tegan Plock, who was co-president of SAGE and the sustainability chair for RHA last year, said USC really has made sustainability a priority by making a campus

wide commitment to use more sustainable methods. Plock said RHA's Eco Reps have also made a big difference. The program, which made its pilot run last year, makes sure one student in each residence hall is there to promote sustainability issues. But just because USC received a high score, doesn't mean there isn't room for improvement. "Everything we've done, we can expand on," Koman said. "There's still a long way to go."

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GREEN HONOR ROLL

These schools scored a 99 on their green rating from The Princeton Review.

- Arizona State University-Tempe
- Bates College (Lewiston, ME)
- Binghamton University (State Univ. of New York at Binghamton)
- College of the Atlantic (Bar Harbor, ME)
- Colorado College (Colorado Springs, CO)
- Dickinson College (Carlisle, PA)
- Evergreen State College (Olympia, WA)
- Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta)
- Harvard College (Cambridge, MA)
- Middlebury College (Middlebury, VT)
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Officials strive to keep quality despite cuts

Slashes in funding force administrators to think outside box

John Dickerson
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

As USC weathers historic budget cuts and prepares for more to come, it has adapted in ways so that budget cuts do not amount to skyrocketing tuition.

Trying to preserve the University's core mission without undermining access, USC has slashed the number of class sections by nearly 600, reduced the number of adjunct faculty and all but froze travel funding except for mission critical trips.

The University is cutting class sections, but in a way as to avoid impeding on students' ability to graduate on time — core classes will be protected. The deans of each school have been given responsibility to decide how to manage the cuts.

Although there have been no reductions in full-time faculty slots, some have gone unfilled. Much of the faculty is taking on extra teaching loads. Also, OneCarolina — the University's plan to overhaul, revamp and improve its data system — has been delayed for at least a year or two.

And that is a costly and serious delay, said Ted Moore, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, interim provost and vice president for



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Like many other programs, Cocky's Caravan was the victim of cuts and reductions this summer. More cuts could be on the way as revenue continues to decline.

planning.

Since June 2008, the USC system has lost a quarter of its state funding — \$55 million across all eight campuses. That means state funding for South Carolina's flagship

university now makes up a mere 15 percent of the Columbia campus budget.

To make matters more difficult, the university is expecting the state to announce another 4 percent cut.

Moore pointed out that since there has not been a noticeable turnaround in South Carolina's dire economic situation, USC will not see a return of state funding anytime soon.

"As long as revenues continue to fall, we will continue to have budget cuts. We are not confident

that the cuts we will receive next week will be the end of it for the year," Moore said.

Thus, there is a plan in the works to identify funds that can be reduced to satisfy further cuts. Those plans will be announced in the next two weeks.

While the University is

receiving stimulus money, that money can be used only for non-recurring, one-time expenses, an example of which would be using the money to improve the conditions of laboratories and classrooms.

The stimulus money does not make up for the \$55 million lost in recurring funds.

"The stimulus money is one-time only, so it does not have a huge impact on the day-to-day operations of the University, but it helps and we certainly need it," Moore said.

Meredith Ross, student body president, thinks that the budget cuts will only be minimally noticeable for students, who will see some larger class sizes.

"The University worked very hard to ensure that the budget cuts would not directly hit students in a profound way past what we are seeing at comperable institutions," Ross said.

"I think everyone's in the same boat right now and USC is doing what it can to make what has been a record high budget cut easier on the students."

Some student services, such as the readership program and Cocky's Caravan have been scaled back.

Times may be tough, but the university is still providing a quality education while wrestling with a continual budget cuts.

Moore wants to thank the school's deans for their role in managing the budget cuts. "They have worked tirelessly and non-stop on managing their budgets.

"The president appreciates the patience and understanding of all the faculty, staff and students. Everyone has to suffer and endure these budget cuts, what we hear is full cooperation and full understanding, and that's the Carolina spirit," Moore said.

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to prospective students who are still in high school,” Goetz said. “We wanted to also serve current students in a fun way.”

The concept of highlighting haunted places first came to fruition last fall for Parents Weekend. After conducting interviews with several members of the University’s faculty and staff, including a particularly wise member of the Visitor Center’s janitorial staff, Goetz rounded out his research on campus apparitions by combing the Internet.

“Some girls did actually get scared, but most of the parents just laughed,” Goetz said of the initial round of ghost tours. “They generally have a light mood and I hope they’re just as enjoyable to go on as they are to give.”

First-year international studies student Colby Wilborn, who admitted that he attended to have something to do, said that he enjoyed his ghost tour experience more than he thought he would.

“I hadn’t heard any of the stories before so they were really interesting and informative,” Wilborn said. “Some were kind of creepy at times too.”

Which tale was most eerie of all, though?

For Georgia Berbert, a third-year business student, it turns out that the story of Confederate nurse who killed 22 Union soldiers in DeSaussure College is particularly chilling. One of Goetz’s fellow University Ambassadors and a new resident of DeSaussure, Berbert hadn’t paid much attention to the tale or how the specter of a woman holding a deadly syringe had only appeared at the foot of the bed in a particular room when students from the North occupied it.

“On our practice tour when Greg pointed to my bedroom as the one room that’s haunted by a vindictive Confederate nurse I thought he was messing with me,” Berbert said. “Sure, you know, pick on the Yankee from Delaware in the scariest room with the most reported ghost sightings on campus. There goes any hope for a restful sleep.”

Several of the other stories also stemmed from the University’s role in housing and hospitalizing troops during the Civil War, while some reported ghost sightings relayed on the tour were as recent as the 1970s. From slaughters to suicides to a silver man, the tales ran the gamut.

With another round of ghost tours scheduled for this year’s Parents Weekend, Oct. 2-4, Goetz also said that if they continue to be so popular, Halloween ghost tours may be in the works.

“We hope everybody that came enjoyed the tours, since all of the Ghostbassadors said they had fun giving the them,” Goetz said.

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Government site aims to increase spending openness

SC portal provides for transparency, budget searches

Meagan Dugger
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Comptroller General Richard Eckstrom said he decided last December that 2009 would be the year of transparency in government spending, and to ensure this, he and his team of 55 employees have provided South Carolinians with a spending transparency Web site. The Web site, launched in March 2008, provides the public with information on both government and state agency spending and more cities are beginning to utilize it.

“We decided that all governments should be online, whether federal or state,” Eckstrom said. “It took us probably two months to have state agencies available online, but it’s happening one by one and it’s revolutionary for these local governments to open up their [spending] information.”

The comptroller general has insisted state agencies cooperate and has even sought for federal agencies to volunteer to make their information available online.

Eckstrom stated that many local governments are reluctant to make their financial information part of the transparency Web site, claiming that the information is available when the public requests for it in written form. Still other public officials reject the idea of transparency, arguing that this particular type of information is too much for the public and will overwhelm citizens, or that South Carolinians are not smart enough to understand this type of information.

My favorite complaint is that if [government officials] make this information available to the public, people will start to ask why they’re spending money on parties, and that’s exactly the questions we want to be raised,” Eckstrom said. “I say we let the public decide how much information is too much.”

While Eckstrom receives negative feedback from local politicians, he receives only praises from the public.

Everywhere I go, the public likes the idea.

They’re excited and they want to go see what it’s all about,” he said. “The only negative feedback I receive is from public officials who don’t like the idea.”

Savana Baird, a second-year exercise science student, said she supports the Web site and what it means for the public.

“I agree with the Web site because I want to make sure that in the future, our money isn’t being spent on affairs,” said Baird on the recent Sanford scandal.

According to Eckstrom, cities such as Charleston, Aiken, Chesnee and Myrtle Beach and counties such as Anderson and Dorchester all have spending information online. Columbia and Richland have recently contacted the Comptroller General to inform that they will soon make their information available also.

“It’s the way government is going to do business in the future, there’s no doubt about that. Local government officials who resist will embarrass themselves if they fight too hard,” Eckstrom said.

Despite resistance from the reluctant cities, counties and towns, Eckstrom said the Web site has been an overall success. He is currently working with every school district in the state and will soon have spending information available for each.

“We’re glad to see the transparency move take effect,” Eckstrom said. “When all the details are available, everyone responsible for spending is more careful. Now the public can see the spending and follow up on the details.”

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Q & A with a professor

Andrea Tanner,

assistant professor
School of Journalism and Mass Communications

Former TV reporter finds joy in outdoor activities, traveling; suggests study abroad for all students

Josh Dawsey
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Q: Before becoming a journalism professor, what was your career?

A: I worked in local television news in varying positions — as a reporter, news anchor and producer.

Q: What made you decide to enter the classroom? Do you miss your old job?

A: As a television reporter, you’re always trying to make deadline and then find another story to cover — you rarely have time to focus on a subject in-depth. I love my job in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications because I can follow the news and teach others about journalism while also having the time to research issues that are important to me and make a difference in our field. Occasionally, when a big story breaks on the news, I’ll wish I was out in the field covering it. But it’s also great to see my former students covering the big stories of the day.

Q: Describe a perfect day or weekend for you.

A: I love to do anything that is active and outdoors. Being outdoors is key, since my office is underneath the Carolina Coliseum and there are no windows! A great day for me is one I spend with my family outside — either biking, hiking or swimming.

Q: What’s one thing you think students misunderstand the most about college professors?

A: When a student misses class, nine times out of 10 they ask the professor, “Did I miss anything important?” From our perspective, every class period is important — we wouldn’t be lecturing on a topic if we didn’t think it was relevant information. That is definitely not the best way to phrase the question.

Q: What’s the best vacation you’ve ever been on?

A: I love to travel so it’s really tough for me to choose my best vacation. However, something I will never forget are the months I spent studying and traveling abroad when I was an undergraduate student. I always encourage my students to take part in a study abroad experience, whether it’s for a few weeks, a summer or an entire semester. Upon graduation, most students will never have the time to spend a significant amount of time exploring a foreign country. Make sure you make it happen while you can!



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New director inspires Carolina Band

McKeithen hopes to up the tempo for halftime shows

Darren Price
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

When third-year early childhood education student Melissa Kuchinow took the field the first day of marching band camp Monday, she could immediately tell things were different.

“When we started marching, all 300 members were silent,” said Kuchinow, who plays symbols. “I’ve never seen it that way. It was amazing.”

According to Kuchinow, the silence could be attributed to two things: the new band director, Steve McKeithen, and the respect he commands from the band members.

McKeithen took the position of director of athletic bands last July and, according to Kuchinow, is rapidly changing the culture of the Mighty Sound of the Southeast.

“I’m really excited about

it,” said Kuchinow.

McKeithen recently completed doctoral work at Arizona State. He also conducted concert ensembles at ASU and was a Sun Devil Marching Band teaching assistant. McKeithen gained his reputation as a marching band director after directing several years at high schools in Texas. Fourth-year marine science major Caitlyn Zimmerman said that part of why he has been successful in the early going is his drive and patience.

“He has a vision for the team and a realistic way to go about it,” said Zimmerman, who is the captain of the Coquettes dance team, which dances with the band. “He doesn’t yell at us. When the band doesn’t do well, he takes a step back and asks us why it isn’t going better.”

Zimmerman and Kuchinow both noted that McKeithen allows the students take advantage of their strengths. Zimmerman said that he allows the dance team to do what they do best—dance—and has even pulled



Mary Austin / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The Carolina Band drum line practices in student-lead sectionals at the new band and dance facility on Sumter Street.

them out of the marching formations to facilitate better routines. Kuchinow

said that he allows the instrumental sections more time to practice together as well.

“It’s made our music a lot better,” said Kuchinow.

McKeithen wouldn’t want to take credit for the leaps the band is making, however. He said that band members are taking all of his techniques to heart and are fully committed to reaching a superior level of showmanship.

“I am excited to work with a group of people that truly want to be a part of the best Carolina band

ever,” he said. “They want to be great, and that pushes me to do my best.”

McKeithen believes that the Carolina band will be the best the school has seen in years. He also said that he intends for the band to be the best in the SEC this fall. According to Zimmerman, he has set the band’s sights on one conference rival in particular—Georgia.

“He wants us to be better than Georgia for sure,” said Zimmerman. “He also thinks we can be comparable, if not better than, all the other SEC

schools.

Zimmerman added that while it is still early for McKeithen and the Carolina Band, she wants everyone in Gamecock Nation to get excited for the first halftime show where the band will play a compilation of Dave Matthews Band songs.

“Don’t make halftime the time to go get food,” said Zimmerman. “I want everyone watching.”

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Student Body treasurer

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Jennifer Fadimba
First-year cheical engineering student

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Ranks ● Continued from 1A

disappointment.
“We had to make some hard decisions that affected areas used in the rankings,” said Amiridis. “The fact that we haven’t fallen significantly comes as a pleasant surprise.”
U.S. News and World Report computes the school rankings by gathering data from universities in categories raging from graduation to student selectivity. 25 percent of the ranking is computed based upon peer assessment — how their compiled data compares with other schools.
Arimidis said that South Carolina’s slight slide is insignificant, given the way the publication computes their rankings.
“A lot of people question the way the U.S. News and World Report does their rankings,” Amiridis said. “The difference between 108 and 110 isn’t significant. I

would say the same thing if we rose two spots.”
Despite the slight drop, the first-year experience and learning communities were also noted in the publication’s “Programs to Watch” portion. Student Body President Meredith Ross said that the recognition the school received made up for a slight slide.
“I think that we dropped so little in the overall rankings and rose in certain categories, including the schools to watch section, is noteworthy,” Ross said.
Ross also said that the personal attention the programs offer are things that incoming freshmen can look forward to when coming to Carolina.
“I believe that such programs make a student feel at home,” Ross said. “It’s a wonderful way to give students more exclusive attention.”
Both Ross and Amiridis said that while the rankings are an important part of the university’s reputation and influences potential students’ decision to come to the school, they are not the only things. Arimidis said that the university cannot let rankings affect the way the university functions.
“Should we change? The answer is no,” said Amiridis. “ We should continue to provide an excellent education, while being mindful of the rankings. Having rankings as a top priority is a recipe for disaster.”
Arimidis said as USC continues to function with education in mind, it would reflect in rankings.
“Our goal is providing quality education, and eventually this will show up in the rankings” he said.

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'School of Rock' set to open in Oklahoma

Two-year program provides training for superstars

Murray Evans
The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — For five years, Chris Schaefer worked as a disc jockey and he'd studied nightlife enough to know he wanted a career in the music industry.

The 25-year-old Oklahoma City man had his immediate future planned out: He'd move to Great Britain and attend the award-winning

Academy of Contemporary Music, a school noted for developing industry professionals, and use what he learned as a springboard into a music-related job.

Then he found out he could do the same thing in his own backyard.

Last year, the ACM partnered with the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond to open the music school's first U.S. venture. Known formally as ACM at UCO and informally as the "School of Rock," the school will offer two-year degrees to students wanting to enter the music industry and opened its doors to about 160 students

on Monday.

Schaefer is so excited about the opportunity that he's helped this summer as officials scrambled to set up for the first semester.

"It was one of the weirdest coincidences, because it's such a prestigious school in the U.K. and they're bringing it to Oklahoma City, of all places," Schaefer said. "There was absolutely no question as to if this was my direction or not."

Director Phil Brookes founded the ACM 12 years ago in Guildford, England. It now has about 1,200 students and has partnered with universities in Italy and South Africa. Through

industry connections, ACM leaders became acquainted with Scott Booker, who has spent more than two decades managing Oklahoma City-based alternative rock band The Flaming Lips, and he knew of ACM's interest in expanding into the U.S.

Booker also knew Oklahoma higher education leaders, including UCO President Roger Webb and Phil Moss, the state's vice chancellor for academic affairs, who seemed interested in an ACM-style program. At a music festival, he brought the interested parties together and the idea quickly took root.

Webb figured a different approach to education required a different kind of CEO, so he asked Booker to fill that role as well (he will continue to manage the Flaming Lips).

"My thought was, I could always go back to teach," said Booker, who planned to become a high school history teacher until a chance meeting with Flaming Lips band

members in the 1980s. "I just never thought it would be like this."

The school's curriculum will be an Americanized version of the one taught at the ACM in Great Britain. Students will be taught not just about music or production, but more serious subjects such as contracts, taxes and copyright laws, along with "simple things such as getting on and off stage quick," Booker said.

The tuition and fee costs for a year at the school for an in-state student will be about \$6,800, the same as for a regular UCO student.

Schaefer and his fellow students will work on state-of-the-art equipment, much of it sold to the

school at discount prices by music manufacturers, some of which are sponsoring rooms at the school.

"It's absolutely amazing," Schaefer said. "I looked at some of this equipment and been a little bit overwhelmed. It's just so complicated. All of this stuff is state-of-the-art. It's stuff you'd find in a production studio."

That's the idea, Booker said.

"We're teaching you your different options" within the industry, Booker said. "I wanted to be a guitar player and I ended up managing The Flaming Lips."



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Steve Lavington, the director of international business for the ACM in Great Britain, arranges a drum set at the Oklahoma City campus in Oklahoma City.

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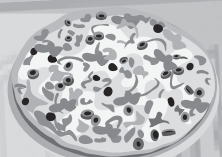
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Rankings show USC looks ahead to future

USC goes green, plans ahead during economic crisis

Even during this economic crisis, with tight budget cuts and tuition increases, Kudos to the University for planning ahead to a bright future. Even though the University dropped to No. 55 on the top public institutions rankings, the Moore School international business program is still best in the nation after 13 years in the spot. We also tied at 11th with Clemson, Rice and Emory as having made “the most promising and innovative changes in academics, faculty, students, campus, or facilities.”

Not only has USC made some innovative plans for the future, including the deal to build a new business school, but its sustainability strides earned the University top marks as green. With the replacement of 172 washers and dryers to more efficient ones, USC has saved thousands in electric and water bills, as well as two million gallons of water annually.

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While numbers themselves in the rankings do not define us as a University, the cooperative efforts within the University community shows that Carolina is and will continue to be a force to reckon with. Good job, USC.

Don’t listen to unsubstantial pundits

Americans should seek credible sources instead of acknowledging hysterical talking heads

If you are like most cable news consumers, you probably watch at least one news pundit. Whether it be the right leaning voices of Fox News, the bleeding hearts of MSNBC or the cynics from Comedy Central, we love to hear people comment on world events. Unfortunately though, too many of us go to these same pundits to gather news as credible sources.

Why is this an issue? Unfortunately, pundits aren’t reporters, and their shows aren’t news shows — you wouldn’t flip on “Maury” or “Oprah” to gather news — so the “O’Reilly Factor” and “Hardball” aren’t acceptable options, either.

Here is the thing about pundits. They don’t report in the field, they seldom have political backgrounds and I doubt they spend a lot of time doing heavy research to back up their claims. When it comes to policy and issues, they really aren’t a lot different from the average news consumer. They are a lot more pissed off about everything, but that’s about it.

So why should we consider Sean Hannity or Keith Olberman to be sources of knowledge and insight?



Darren Price
Fourth-year English student

he was a Yankee in Boston, and his message was completely ignored.

Obviously, Inglis’ audience thought Beck a worthy news source. Nevermind that the man had far greater understanding of the proposed health care overhaul than Beck could ever have. And never mind that Beck said that the health care system is the best in the world (it’s actually 37th, according to the WHO) or that he believes ex-Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin’s claims that the proposed overhaul would put people up against a death panel (it doesn’t), or that it is inherently evil (it isn’t). Or that while on CNN, he trashed the American health care system after a surgery

MINORITY REPORT

Political figures cause drama

Eventful summer revolves around health care overhaul, looming controversy over leaders, issues

It’s time to get back to classes, and since I know you’ve missed my opinions so much over the summer, I’ve decided to write a potpourri of short thoughts on everything that has gone down over the summer. Just take an opinion and share with friends.

So Gov. Mark Sanford had an affair. I didn’t know the Appalachian Trail ended in Argentina. He really needs to stop talking to the press and calling her his soul mate if he wants to “fall back in love” with his wife. But infidelity is no basis for impeachment, even though Sanford thought otherwise when former President Bill Clinton was in his place. It’d be fun to call him on his hypocrisy, but if we impeached him we’d be hypocrites too.

I could think of many other reasons to impeach the governor, but since there was no call to do so before the affair, there should be none now.

Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin resigned because she didn’t want to be a lame duck, though the several months she had left would hardly classify her as such. Well, it’s good she’s out of politics now. A July 13 CBS poll indicated that 65 percent of Americans and 51 percent of Republicans do no think that she has the ability to be an effective candidate. Oh, wait, she just made a false claim about so-called death panels in the health care

plan. She just won’t go away.

Control of Iraqi cities has been transferred to the Iraqis. We made a timetable and stuck to it. We did not rashly pull out, nor did we postpone the inevitable. Yet on Wednesday, 95 people were killed and 600 injured in the worst attacks since American troops left the cities on June 30. It’s the Iraqis battle to fight now, with the help of our troops outside of the cities, and I pray they will succeed.

The Obama administration is pushing for health care reform, but it is leaving the details to Congress. Bad idea. The Democrats are stagnant and the Republicans are trying to sabotage everything. Lies are being spread about “death panels” and people losing their doctors. And the Obama administration has yet to make a plan of its own.

Look, this cannot be bipartisan. The Republicans are shooting down all the ideas and all they can offer is tort reform. Obama cannot back away from the public option, and he needs to reconsider a single-payer system. It works for the United Kingdom, and a hybrid version works for France. Just look at their life expectancies.

Oh, and for the second year running, Bonnaroo is the greatest music festival. Metallica, Pearl Jam, B.B. King, Phish, Bruce Springsteen, Beastie Boys, Snoop Dogg — it doesn’t get any better.

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Iran leaves U.S. in dark after taking hikers

Government should release information on seized hostages

Most of us have clicked on the TV and heard at least one story of a missing American on the news. Whether they were kidnapped by a pedophile or taken captive by another country, these tragedies happen — especially when we least expect it.

Shane Bauer, a freelance writer for publications including the Christian Science Monitor, his girlfriend Sarah Shourd and their friend Joshua Fattal were hiking in Kurdistan when they ran into Iranian guards pointing guns at them.

They were accused of illegally crossing the Iranian border. Shon Meckfessel, who stayed in the hotel while his friends were hiking, said he received a phone call from his friends stating they never saw any signs in the wooded area at the border — they were accused of ignoring the border patrol and spying.

We never think it could happen to our families or friends, or even to ourselves. Well, at least that’s what Chris Rapp thought until his sister, Shroud, and her friends were taken

hostage by the Iranian government while hiking in Kurdistan. Their families were notified of their missing on July 31, and have not heard anything since. The Iranian government should at least tell us if our citizens are OK.

The Iranian government refuses to release information on the hikers whereabouts or condition. Currently, the U.S. government is pushing the Swiss to persuade Iran to give them information. It is sad that the U.S. has to get another country involved just to retrieve information on the safety of our citizens. What has this world come to?

Thankfully, the U.S. government is pushing Switzerland to communicate with Iran, but why can’t Iran step up and forget the fact that they hate America? Are they taking innocent citizens hostage to make a statement? These hikers were in Kurdistan, which does spill over Iran, but it has never been a threatening place for tourists. They would have never put themselves in a position of harm. They obviously knew the area they were hiking in and happened to run into guards with no sign leading them to that situation.

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Justin Fenner
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

For most of the past week, our fair campus has been filled with grunts and sighs of desperation as struggling, book- and box-laden freshmen and annoyed upperclassmen have made valiant attempts to carry around all of their many essentials. From calculators to notebooks and textbooks that cost an arm and a leg, Carolina students definitely have a lot of stuff to schlep. Enter the tote bag, the single most efficient -- and stylish -- way to get your gear from point A to point B.

Women's

1 . Kate Spade Carmel Eddie, \$205 (on sale), katespade.com

Named after Carmel-by-the-sea, Calif., this breezy bag is a near-perfect example of form and function combined. The spot-on handle length, the utilitarian cotton canvas and the drawstring closure make it great for hauling an assortment of books and gadgets, while the luxe jacquard interior and gold-plated hardware almost justify the price.

2 . Deena and Ozzy Split Tote, \$58, urbanoutfitters.com

Edgy, detailed and most importantly, large, the Split Tote is made of cotton canvas and a leather-like material. It's split right in the middle by exterior zipper compartments. The bag has antiqued hardware, chain link straps and metal feet that help protect the bottom. Inside, it's lined with organizer straps, making your pens easier to find.

3 . L.L. Bean Argyle Tote, \$32, llbean.com

Made of the same sturdy cotton canvas as your standard-issue sorority totes, this bag adds a splash of cool color to a simple, classic bag. The double-layered bottom helps the bag stand on its own, and while it doesn't zip close or have an interior pocket for your phone, the bag's roomy interior more than makes up for it.

Men's

4 . Filson Rugged Twill Tote, \$99.50, filson.com

This is about as manly as a tote bag gets. The C.C. Filson Company has been making high-quality outdoor gear since the late nineteenth century, and this simple, modern bag descends from that tradition. Made of hard-wearing cotton twill and leather, the bag features a sizeable central compartment and four pockets on the outside.

5 . Jack Spade Industrial Canvas Gambling Roosters Reversible Coal Bag, \$65 (on sale), jackspade.com

Jack Spade — brother of actor Andy Spade and husband of Kate Spade, who designed the bag on the women's side of the page — makes carrying a man-bag downright cool. His reversible coal bags are roomy and functional. If you ever get tired of the dice-playing roosters (and what Gamecock ever could?), you can flip the bag to show a cool blue geometric pattern.

6 . Gap Laptop Bag, \$19.50, gap.com

No, it's not an actual tote. But it's 20 bucks, so we're not complaining. Don't let the childish print fool you ... in the inside, this bag is all about business, with plenty of space for your laptop, a few files and an organizational pocket for the rest of your stuff.

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“Julie and Julia” proves to be off-balanced film

Streep shines as legendary chef; Adams little more than average dish

Jimmy Gilmore
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

“Julie & Julia”
NOW IN THEATERS

★ ★ ★ out of ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Director: Nora Ephron

Starring: Meryl Streep, Amy Adams

Run Time: 123 minutes

Rating: PG-13 for brief strong language, some sensuality

Director Nora Ephron has a reputable track record for bankable

romances, making a name for herself in the 1990s with commercial hits like “Sleepless in Seattle” and “You’ve Got Mail.” Her latest, “Julie and Julia,” is not necessarily about a relationship between two people — in fact, its titular leads do not share a single frame together.

Rather, it is about an insatiable love of food, and how cooking can soothe troubled souls. Half period bio-pic and half contemporary memoir about coping after 9/11, the film intercuts the rise of chef personality Julia Child (Meryl Streep) in post-WWII France, culminating in the publishing of her landmark cookbook “Mastering the Art of French Cooking,” with the true story of Julie Powell (Amy Adams), a low-level government employee who decides to dedicate a blog to the trials and tribulations of cooking her way through Child’s 500-plus recipe cookbook in less than a year.

Julia ● 2B



Jonathan Wenk / MCT Campus

Adams stars as Julie Powell, a blogger set out to cook every recipe in Julia Child's (Streep) “Mastering the Art of French Cooking” in Nora Ephron’s “Julie and Julia.”

‘Art of Racing’ proves unique animal story

Stein’s tale captures emotion, humor of canine narrator, provides insight into dog psyche

Kelsey Pacer
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“The Art of Racing in the Rain”

★★★★ out of ☆☆☆☆
Author: Garth Stein

Rambunctious, intelligent or psychic, dogs have been the key subjects in many popular books. People love to read about man’s best friend and all the interesting and unusual things they and their owners experience.

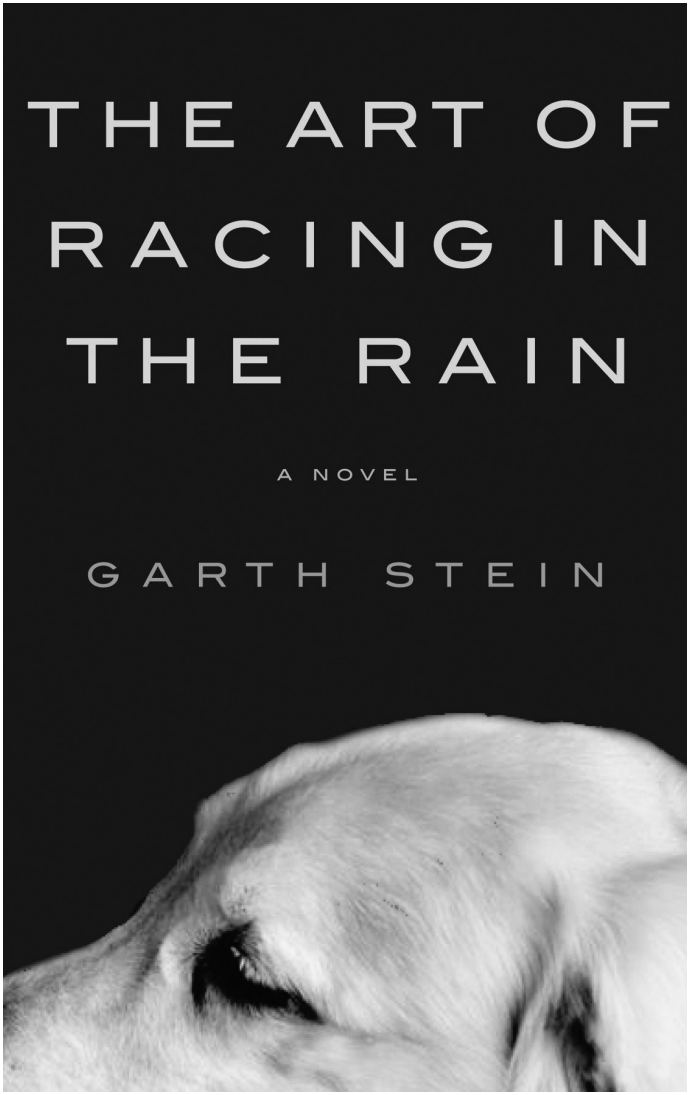
John Grogan’s “Marley and Me” was the last bestselling dog book to simultaneously touch and break readers’ hearts. Garth Stein’s “The Art of Racing in the Rain” is similar to “Marley and Me” in its flawed yet lovable characters, but a fresh point of view adds a unique spin.

As opposed to a human, a kind-hearted, part-terrier mutt named Enzo narrates the book. He recounts living with his beloved Denny, a mechanic with dreams of making it big in the racing industry. Enzo reminisces about both wonderful and horrible experiences with his master. Through love, death, sacrifice and scandal, Enzo adores and supports his Denny and

family.

The best facet of the book is Enzo’s narration. Enzo tries to be very human-like and tries to repress some of his canine instincts, with both humorous and sad results. Enzo is able to make deep statements that would seem overblown from a human narrator. Stein can also have Enzo make simple, emotional monologues and still make them feel very sentimental. The dog is able to talk about his deep love for his owner one minute and be looking for his favorite stuffed chew toy the next. The title of the book may turn some readers off, but there is little confusing race jargon in the book.

The only slight issues with the book were that some plot points were not clearly explained, especially during the more serious parts. Denny’s daughter in the book also seems to age as the author needs her to — while she is supposed to be six years old, she acts several



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“The Art of Racing in the Rain” is available in bookstores now.

years older and younger in different chapters.

“The Art of Racing in the Rain” is an unusual book. While most writers would make an animal-narrated book overly primitive or philosophical, Stein manages to give Enzo a heart and animal emotion. Enzo gives realistic family issues a new viewpoint, and an amazing sense of optimism is always present. Part of

the power in the book is that Enzo uses racing as a symbol of life. Despite all the twists and turns, the “rain on the track,” people have to have confidence in themselves and take everything in stride.

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seemingly innocent joys.

Poor Amy Adams has a hard time competing with Streep, even without sharing screen time with her. Not that she’s to blame — she certainly gives Julie plenty of spunk, determination and accessibility — but it’s the screenplay that mishandles her, continually falling back on the typical motions of light romantic comedies too often for comfort.

The film’s most satisfying costumes, lighting and set design are all found in the Child half of the film, as if director Ephron were herself brought alive by Julia. When she’s not on screen, the film loses its spark and feels markedly unengaging.

“Julie and Julia” still goes down smooth, but it never quite feels like a satisfying three-course meal. The ingredients — as rich as some may be — never cohere.

Julia • Continued from 1B

The film is adopted from memoirs by both Child and Powell, taking its title from the latter’s book. It’s admittedly hard to watch “Julie and Julia” on an empty stomach, for it sheds such savory light on culinary prowess, always basking its range of dishes in the warmest light. However, the film is nearly undone by inherent flaws in its own premise.

“Julie and Julia” is really two films in one, and as such it draws meaning from the connections between the two stories. Undoubtedly, there are some interesting circumstantial and structural similarities, which Julie explicitly describes more than once in the narrative.

Deeper connections between the two diverse women and periods remain tenuous and poorly executed. Child’s success reverberates with its tangible cultural significance, while the stakes of Powell’s blog hardly seem revolutionary; if anything, it merely expresses the diverse means of expression through 21st century media. As a whole, the film is thus unevenly packaged, with the period half dominating almost every aspect of the production.

While much of the blame for this comes from flaws in the script’s structure, the centerpiece of the film is always Meryl Streep, even when she’s not on screen. With a high-pitched elongation of her vowels accompanied by an awkward slant to her posture, Streep certainly plays the part of Julia Child. She embeds in her features a palpable exuberance that seems to wrap itself around the edges of the screen.

A master of mimicry and nuance, Streep submerges into her makeup with devastating perfection, making her enactment of Child a stunning combination of the woman’s desires and

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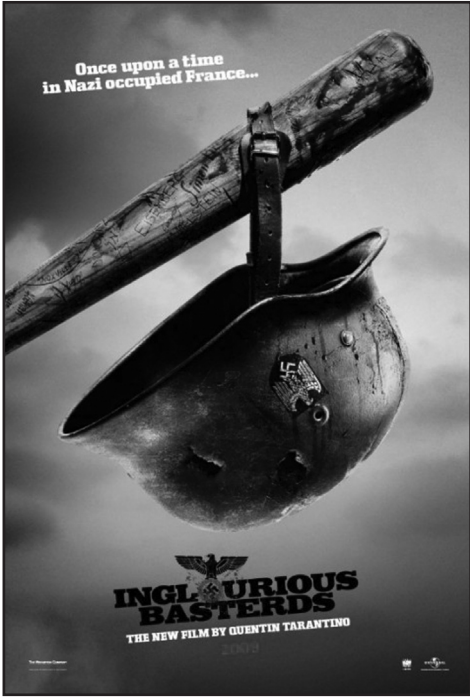
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Mix editor Colin Jones chooses his favorites for entertainment

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“Inglourious Basterds” stars Brad Pitt, and is showing in theatres now.



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DJ Dick not Richard and Peter A. will be playing eclectic dance music at the Art Bar tonight



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The Hunter Gatherer offers distinctive beers, gourmet meal selections, and live music in a comfortable atmosphere.

Film

“Inglorious Basterds”

Director Quentin Tarantino returns this weekend with his long awaited WWII epic helmed by actor Brad Pitt. The film follows a ragtag group of Jewish-American soldiers who are covertly led into France on a mission to kill as many Nazis as they can and bring down the Third Reich. For all his mastery of the narrative and dialogue, one can forgive Tarantino for fudging history a bit. Despite receiving mixed reviews from critics at the Cannes Film Festival, the violence-friendly director rarely disappoints, unless you count Jackie Brown. Playing at Columbia Area Theaters

Music

MIXXD DJ Dance Nite August 21

Get ready to get down this weekend after the first few days of classes at Art Bar. The artsy, bohemian bar presents a night of dancing and mixing with DJ’s Dick Not Richard and Peter A. Choices on the menu for the evening include 1980s favorites, funk, modern rock and new wave. The event begins at 8 p.m. and is free of charge.

Art Bar, 1211 Park St.

Food

Hunter Gatherer

This dimly lit and cozy brewery nestled on the edge of campus provides some of the best local beer and gourmet dining. You can either sit at the bar or at one the tables while enjoying meals that include specialty pizzas, spinach and feta chicken or the mix’s favorite, the crab cakes. Beers vary from porters to stouts to IPA’s. Fridays and Saturdays include live jazz or other local musical groups. This weekend features Columbia electronica group Astronaut Love Triangle on Friday and jazz on Saturday. Reasonably priced dishes, high quality micro-brewed beer and good live music are what make this restaurant what it is.

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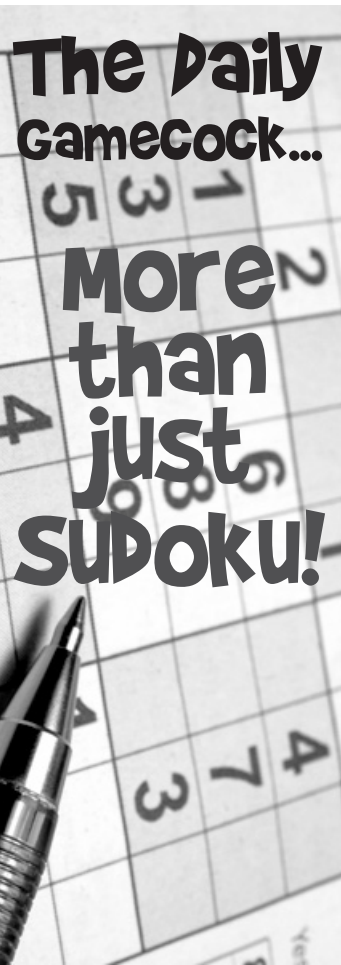
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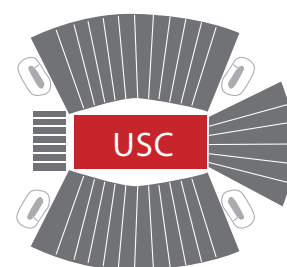
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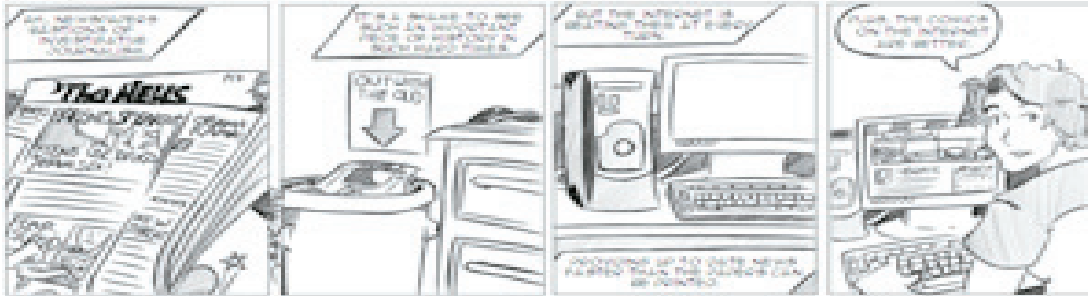
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TAURUS A loved one is about to make a big purchase with household money or a loan from you. Don't expect cash to be repaid.

GEMINI Conditions are frustrating. No matter what you do, it isn't good enough. You'll have to protect your self-esteem.

CANCER Something you read or hear doesn't sound right, but the source is reliable. The question is whether to believe it.

LEO A big payoff could fail to materialize. This could be expensive. Proceed with caution, and/or stall.

VIRGO The boss is unhappy, but it's not all your fault. There are bugs in the system you haven't found. Ask for more time.

LIBRA The outcome is confusing; the conflict may not have dissolved yet. Communications are important. Keep channels open.

SCORPIO Confusion could lead to additional opportunities for you. Wait until the dust clears before you make up your mind.

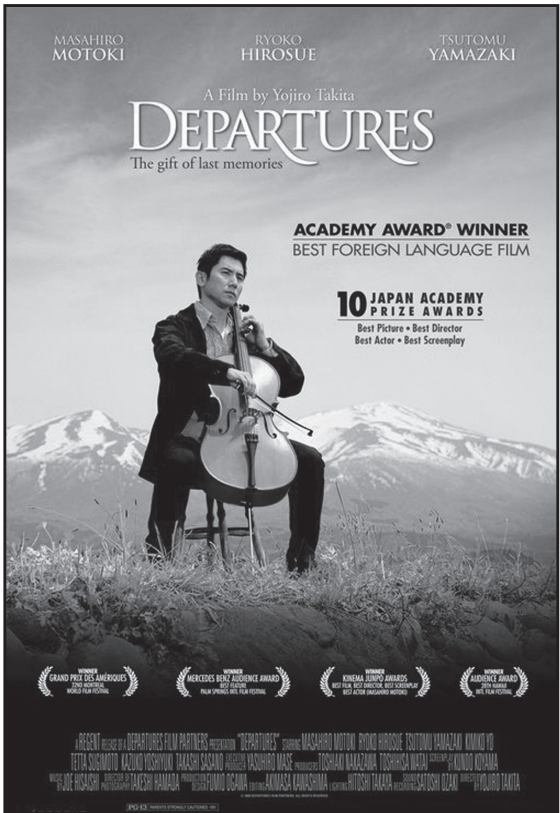
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CAPRICORN Somebody's stirring the pot again. Focus on work. Postpone travel and social activities until you've met deadline.

AQUARIUS A loved one is putting financial pressure on you. Suggest that he or she get a job to help cover expenses.

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Eddie Mann / THE DAILY GAMECOCK
Senior Blakely Mattern looks to lead a strong USC squad.

Senior Leads Charge For USC

MATTERN CARRIES GAMECOCKS IN FINAL SEASON

Chris Cox
SPORTS EDITOR

You name it, she's won it. First team All-SEC. First Team academic All-American. SEC Defender of the Year.

The accolades and awards keep pouring in for South Carolina women's soccer star Blakely Mattern, but the senior's focus remains intact.

"We have really big expectations for this year," Mattern said. "Our senior class is really excited; we've worked really hard and we think this is our year."

No, it's not the individual awards or All-Conference teams that Carolina's star is worried about — it's getting her team to the top of the Southeastern Conference, and of course, earning a third consecutive bid to the NCAA Tournament.

"She's a great teammate and a great person to be around," head coach Shelley Smith said. "She always has the right ideas in mind. She's kind of that coach's dream."

It came as a surprise that Mattern even found her way to Columbia to begin with. While leading the J.L. Mann Patriots in Greenville, it seemed like a certainty that the hometown Clemson Tigers would be able to pry the state's leading scorer to the Orange and Purple.

But, as destiny laid out for her, the friendly atmosphere of the Gamecock women's soccer program lured her away.

"Being in that area, there were a lot of Clemson fans," Mattern said. "So I was looking at both of them. I visited there first, and I liked it, but then I stepped on the campus here and met the coaches and girls and from that moment on I knew I was coming on."

Little did that fresh-faced girl from the Upstate know that she would soon embark on what would become one of the most impressive careers for a Gamecock soccer player.

Mattern started all 22 matches that season for the Garnet and Black, resulting in earning second-team All-SEC honors as well as being named to Soccer Buzz's second-team Freshman All-America squad.

"Honestly, no," Mattern said on expecting to earn any freshman awards. "I just wanted to get in, maybe fight for a starting position and contribute to the team and maybe win a couple of games."

As surprising as it may have been to Mattern, Smith seemed to know the capabilities and natural raw talent her defender possessed.

"She's obviously been dominating in the back and has

made a difference from the day she set foot on this campus," Smith said. "That's another difference in her as a player. That she could come in here as a freshman and make such a difference in this college program."

But she didn't stop there. Mattern quickly shot her way into the USC record books in her sophomore season as she became the first ever All-America selection in the history of the program as well as being named the SEC Defender of the Year.

Couple that with the usual All-Conference awards that she won last season, and one can make the case that Mattern will be one of the greatest to ever play Gamecock soccer.

"You put her up top, she's a threat to score goals. You put her in the midfield, and she has great vision and can find great passing lanes. You put her in the back and she's dominant," Smith said. "I think as an all-around player, yeah, she's probably the strongest player we've had here and that I've had an opportunity to coach."

But Mattern's practical perfection doesn't stop there. The senior has prided herself in being the epitome of a 'student-athlete,' as she's garnered numerous academic awards through her first three seasons at USC.

"I work really hard at it," Mattern said of her schoolwork. "I'm not the most gifted intellectually, but I work really hard, I study really hard. School is something that I enjoy. Just like soccer, I want to do the best I can."

"All she does is represent this program and our university well on and off the field and in the classroom," Smith said. "And to have such a great personality to add to all that, obviously everyone loves having Blakely on the team."

So what does Mattern want to do after her final season at Stone Stadium? Not even she knows the answer to that.

"I've always said that soccer is in me now for good," Mattern said. "I can't imagine in four months when the season is over that I'll be ready to hang up my cleats and say I'm done playing."

But she doesn't have to worry about that now. All she is worried about is finishing her career on a high note, and she's making a few guarantees along the way.

"We're going to Clemson this year and we're going to get the first win ever at [their stadium] this year," Mattern said. "I'm making a guarantee."

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USC hits practice fields in preparation for N.C. State

Coaches tinker with Garcia's footwork as Wolfpack draws near

Ben Salton
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

It was a hot first day of classes in the morning, and a rainy wet practice in the evening for the Gamecock football players as they prepared for the season's first game in Raleigh against N.C. State.

"Just a routine practice today, nothing too exciting happened," head coach Steve Spurrier said. "The defense looked good today, (Eric) Norwood was back, Nate Pepper was back, so in our offense verse defense, the offense didn't go very far today. We'll be as ready as we can be for N.C. State."

While quarterback Stephen Garcia apparently had a strong showing in Wednesday night's scrimmage, the coaches have decided to restrict his running capabilities in order to capitalize in large offensive gains.

"He's no longer allowed to run outside the hashes," quarterbacks coach G.A. Mangus said. "When you complete 14 of 16 balls that's a good night, but there were a couple times when he hit completions that possibly could have hit a bigger play."

Garcia threw for 150 yards and a touchdown, along with 22 yards and a touchdown running the ball during the scrimmage at Williams-Brice Stadium.

"He had a pretty good practice here, but he's still got a ways to go," Mangus said.

Despite the strides Garcia still needs to make, the first-year coach is still optimistic about the future of the team, especially in the wide receiver spot, which will only assist Garcia as he attempts to take the reign of Spurrier's offense.

"We have a bunch of them that we've been throwing to and we're just so young," Mangus said. "We have so many young kids on the offensive side of the ball it makes it fun, those young receivers have a lot of talent but they're just like the

young quarterbacks, they have a lot to learn."

While Garcia has remained a constant throughout fall camp, the Gamecocks received a break when All-America candidate Eric Norwood returned to practice following the a hand sprain during last week's practice.

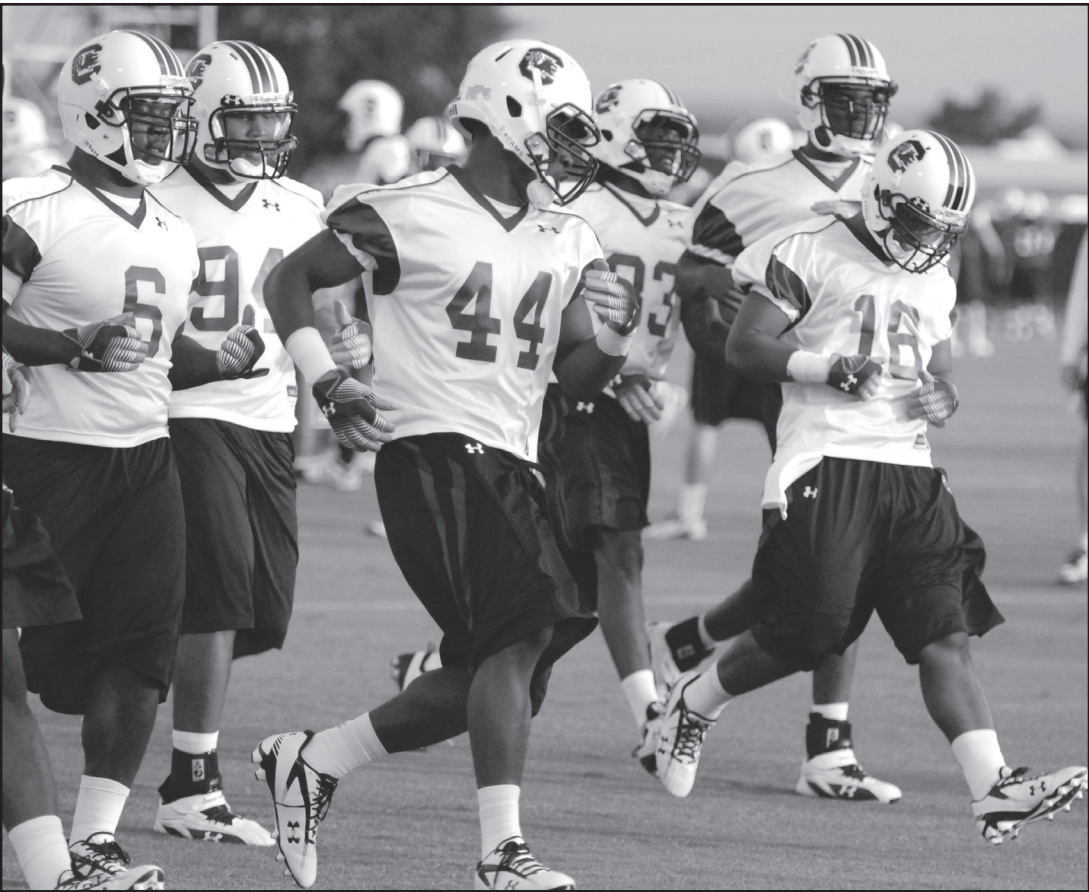
"[The hand feels] great, went full practice today, had the cast on for a day and a half but there wasn't a reason to have it on," Norwood said. "It didn't give me any problems, it's just a big glove."

Norwood is well aware of the wear and tear of playing football, even in practice.

"It's still physical, and you'll still get your head taken off."

When asked if the first day of school or the first day of camp is easier, Norwood grinned and replied without hesitation, "First day of class."

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The South Carolina football team practiced in rainy weather Thursday afternoon.

Upcoming Football Practice Schedule

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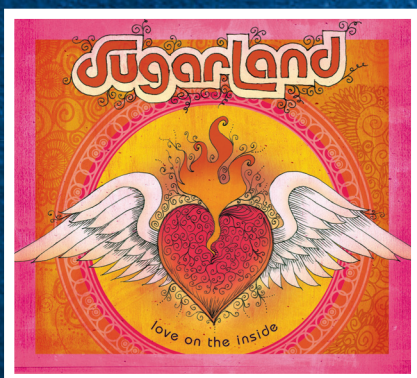
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Basketball debuts schedule

Tough SEC slate highlights rigorous 2009-10 season

James Kratch
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

South Carolina men’s basketball turned a corner last season, and the national media clearly took note.

USC will have all 16 of its conference games televised this winter, seven of them on the ESPN family of networks, the SEC announced Thursday with the release of the 2009-10 conference schedule.

“Southeastern Conference basketball will have unmatched national coverage this season, which will give us as a league the most visibility we’ve ever had,” said USC coach Darrin Horn. “We’re excited about the opportunity to have seven nationally-televised contests, but we’re also happy that Gamecock fans around the state and the country will have the chance to watch every one of our conference contests on television this season.”

The Gamecocks once again open the conference season against Auburn on

Jan. 9, but this year on the road. After the Tigers, the Gamecocks return home for a two-game homestand against LSU and an improved Vanderbilt team.

Carolina’s first ESPN game will be at Florida on Jan. 23. USC’s lone appearance in primetime on the worldwide leader’s “Super Tuesday” broadcast will be a home tilt against Kentucky and new head coach John Calipari on Jan. 26.

USC closes out the regular season with four straight ESPN games: at Kentucky on Feb. 25, home against Mississippi State on Feb. 27 and Alabama on March 3, before finishing the year at Vandy on March 6.

The Gamecocks also have a difficult non-conference schedule awaiting them this winter. The Clemson Tigers once again are on the slate for the annual battle of the Palmetto State, but USC will also travel to ACC power Boston College, host rising Big Twelve program Baylor, and participate against several BCS conference teams and heralded mid-majors such as LaSalle and Davidson in the second annual Charleston

Classic.

“We are pleased with the way our non-conference schedule finalized for our second year at South Carolina,” Horn said. “The structure of the schedule, along with the caliber of teams we are playing fit very well into our scheduling philosophy. The non-conference schedule will help us prepare for the SEC portion of the season, which will be as competitive as it’s ever been.”

In addition, Horn’s squad is set to face off against the coach’s old program in Western Kentucky, which has made back-to-back appearances in the NCAA Tournament. The game marks the first of a four-game series between the two schools.

USC, which went 21-10 last year, finishing 10-6 in the league for a share of the Eastern Division crown, returns four starters and eight letterwinners, figures to be a contender for the league title again this season in the improved SEC.

“We look forward to the challenge,” Horn said.

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Kara Roache / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

USC head coach Darrin Horn enters his second year at the helm of the Gamecock basketball program.

Men’s 2009-2010 Basketball Schedule

- Nov. 13: vs. Alabama A&M
- Nov. 16: vs. Georgia Southern
- Nov. 19-22: Charleston Classic
- Nov. 27: vs. Jacksonville
- Dec. 2: vs. Western Kentucky
- Dec. 6: @ Clemson
- Dec. 16: vs. Richmond
- Dec. 19: @ Wofford
- Dec. 21: vs. Furman
- Dec. 30: @ Boston College
- Jan. 2: vs. Baylor
- Jan. 9: @ Auburn
- Jan. 13: vs. LSU
- Jan. 16: vs. Vanderbilt
- Jan. 20: @ Ole Miss
- Jan. 23: @ Florida
- Jan. 26: vs. Kentucky
- Jan. 30: vs. Georgia
- Febr. 6: @ Tennessee
- Febr. 10: vs. Florida
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- Febr. 20: vs. Tennessee
- Febr. 25: @ Kentucky
- Febr. 27: vs. Mississippi State
- March 3: vs. Alabama
- March 6: @ Vanderbilt

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Carolina stretches overseas

University should be lauded for global mindset

The figurative size of our world is getting smaller, our lives increasingly more globalized and connected with lands outside our borders and overseas. The world of collegiate athletics is no different, and USC has recognized that fact.

USC deserves kudos not just for tonight’s exhibition between the women’s soccer team and the Mexican National squad, but for their proactive adaptations to the changing setup of college sports.

USC has 24 foreign athletes in 12 sports, and many of them have had big effects on their respective teams.

Senior Diego Cubas, a Brazilian, had the men’s tennis team’s lone win at nationals this past June.

Senior swingman Evka Baniulis of Lithuania has been a valuable player for the men’s basketball team.

Senior Bénédicte Toumpsin, a native of Belgium, placed second at this past April’s SEC women’s golf tournament.

Junior diver Taryn Zack, who hails from Alberta, Canada, has gone to the NCAA championships for two consecutive years.

Ivana Kujundzic, who came from Serbia to play volleyball, was recently named to the preseason All-SEC squad.

The limited success of USC athletics over the years has been documented ad nauseum. However, instead of dwelling on the difficulties in competing with the Floridas of the world, recruiting overseas allows schools like USC to narrow the gap separating them and more traditional powers. USC has been wise to think outside the box and to think globally, and it has definitely paid off.

Tonight’s game is yet another step in what has become a process that the USC community at large should be proud of. The globalization of the school is a good thing. Someday soon, this international approach may lead to unprecedented success, and maybe even championships.



James Kratch
Second-year English student

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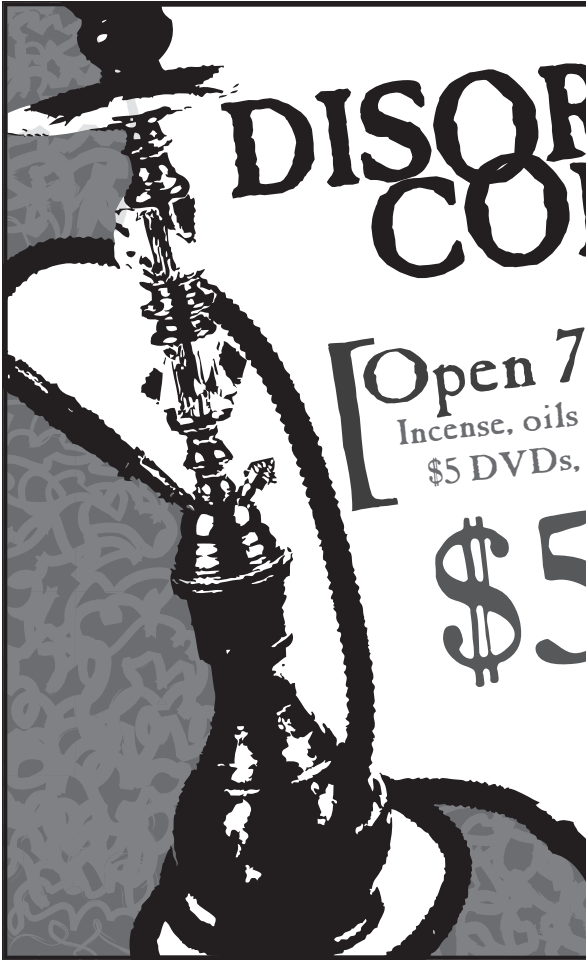
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