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Palmetto College rollout set to accelerate

$5 million in state funds to bring more degree programs online in coming years

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Nagarkatti said. In June, USC’s vice president of student affairs, Prakash Nagarkatti, said $20 million more in state funds will allow the university to get more programs online faster.

That’s pretty much all we could afford on our own — we can get things moving much faster,” said Nagarkatti.

In April, Amiridis said his office planned to try out two Palmetto Programs degrees — in liberal arts and organizational leadership — and had gotten five more pitches, for degrees in criminal justice, conversion nursing, human services, business and “some type of education degree.”

The new money will also let the program grow its student services and hire more advisers.

Those advisers will work at USC’s regional campuses and will be available to meet with students in person about issues with classes, schedules or technology.

“Quite frankly, that’s what differentiates us,” Amiridis said. “No matter where you are in South Carolina, you’re roughly an hour, an hour...”

Federal grant to fund inflammation center

$10.1 million NIH award marks largest USC has received from agency

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The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has awarded USC a $10.1 million grant to establish the Center for Dietary Supplements and Inflammation.

That’s the largest single grant the university has received from the agency, which funds USC’s research with about $10 million in grants each year, said Prakash Nagarkatti, USC’s vice president for research.

The new center will continue previous research on the effects of chronic inflammation and how to prevent it. Inflammation contributes to the body’s fight infections, but can get out of control, too, and cause a range of health problems — from allergies to multiple sclerosis. Emerging research has begun to show that those problems can include diabetes, Alzheimer’s and cancer, as well.

The new center will work to advance that research by focusing on learning more about the inflammation process and how to prevent the wide range of diseases caused by it and on developing new medications to control chronic inflammation, Nagarkatti said.

Nagarkatti will also serve as a co-director.

According to Provost Michael Amiridis, that will allow the university to get more programs online faster.

Between five and seven degree programs will be rolled out next fall, Amiridis said, and Palmetto College will be able to add more programs each year after.

Previously, the university expected to add just one new degree program each year after its

Math library leaving LeConte College

Nearly 20,000 volumes headed to Thomas Cooper

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It’s only a few hours to move USC’s math library out of LeConte College — and that day is coming soon.

The library’s nearly 20,000 volumes will soon be moved to the fourth floor of Thomas Cooper Library.

“The department is disappointed,” said Anton Schep, chairman of the Mathematics Department.

Upkeep of the library costs between $50,000 and $75,000 per year, Dean of Libraries Thomas McNally said. And that’s too much, McNally said, as the library received only a few thousand visitors per year and was only open during the

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The victim turned around and reached out to shake one of the men's hands. That man grabbed his arm, took him to the ground and began punching him in the face, the report said. The other two men stood by and watched, she told police.

Police announced Thursday they were looking for three men they spotted in Five Points surveillance video. They appeared to be following the couple in the video, Columbia police spokeswoman Jennifer Timmons said.

“We can’t say 100 percent that these are the people who did it,” Timmons said.

The suspect is thought to be between 20 and 25 years old, with a shaved head, according to the report. He was last seen in a white T-shirt and blue jeans, the report said.

The victim was taken to the emergency room at Palmetto Baptist Hospital, who was treated for bruising and swelling on his left eye and was released, according to police.

Police are offering up to a $1,000 reward for tips submitted on Crimestoppers that help track down the perpetrators.

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Whether those estimates are the people who did it, the university expected that class sizes would grow yearly by 10 to 100 students, taking 22 credit hours each and paying $876 per hour. Whether those estimates will change under a new set of projections is unclear. How much revenues and expenses for the program will increase at the accelerated rate isn’t yet clear either.

The program, which will absorb the university’s regional, two-year campuses, also awaits the announcement of its chancellor.

Earlier this fall, Amiridis said that a search committee for the position had been formed and that the committee had put together a job description. The committee plans to conduct a nationwide search, Amiridis said, but he gave no estimated timeline for the search.

In the meantime, the program will start in earnest next month when its first group of students starts class. Those students are enrolled in Back to Carolina, an adult education program that allows students who once dropped out to come back and finish their degrees.
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USC to offer self-defense classes this fall

Workshops to prepare, empower women

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With a series of women’s self-defense workshops it’s offering this semester, USC hopes to help students, faculty and staff be prepared, feel empowered and find a voice.

The classes, co-sponsored by the Division of Law Enforcement and Safety and Student Health Services Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention and Prevention (SAVIP), were first offered last year and will be offered to women four times this fall. Spring dates have not yet been announced.

Lt. Teena Gooding, of Law Enforcement and Safety’s operations bureau, one of the instructors, said each four-hour class teaches women physical-defense techniques and distraction methods. The classes also offer strategies for finding your voice in uncomfortable situations and being an accountable bystander, she said.

“Most people think that they are going to help if something happens, and unfortunately, that’s not the case,” Gooding said. “Women need to know how to protect themselves and be OK if that happens, and they need to know how to support others in the same position or even others who were most likely to attack you.

“Did you leave (the class) feeling like, ‘I can prevent a situation like this from happening?’”

The defense tactics were great, but what I really took away from this class was how to avoid getting yourself in situations where I would have to use those techniques,” Moran said. “I found that the most helpful part was having a series of women’s past experiences. It helped in learning who was most likely to attack you or what you could do if you found yourself in the same position or even how to prevent a situation like this from happening.”

Statistics from SAVIP showed there were 68 reported instances of harassment, stalking, sexual assault and relationship violence on campus and in public areas near campus in 2010.

Eichelberger said freshmen and sophomores are at the highest risk for interpersonal violence, and the majority of crimes reported to SAVIP involve alcohol use.

“It’s also more common for victims to be attacked by someone they know,” Eichelberger said.

“Typically, growing up, your parents train you to be afraid of the stranger,” Gooding said. “They never really train you to be concerned about somebody you know.”

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The new funding, which will go towards providing this funding for all new degrees to Palmetto College students as well as a variety of other students, is a technology staff. With these advisors, students will be able to seek help which would complement the personal experience for students, despite the fact that the change is imminent.

Of course, for any program in which education is concerned, quality is just as important as quantity — we thank the state for recognizing this.

Is there a way to turn global issues into spectator sport? The overarching problem is not passionate about and if we do find one, then we must be able to expose us to goings-on watching the action as spectators on the sideline. The law as being between a man and a woman. These laws have passed with a majority vote in each of those states.

The overarching problem is not that of an outdated Bible, but a humanistic ideology purported by social media has enabled...
Small but enthusiastic crowds rocked to Friday Park this weekend for the inaugural Famously Hot Music Festival, three days worth of live music in the capital city.

Local music advocates lauded the festival for bringing acts to a struggling scene often passed over by tour managers in favor of larger southern markets.

“This is one of those opportunities where people who complain that there (are) not enough cool shows in Columbia can step up and say, ‘Now we are going to support live, local music,’” said Kelly Nash of WCOS-FM. “A lot of shows end up going to Charlotte or Greenville and Columbia often gets overlooked.”

Dave Stewart, owner of SS Productions, founded the event with the intent of providing Columbia residents with an entire weekend of fun, enjoyable music the likes of which the city hasn’t seen since the Three Rivers Music Festival in 2006.

“We haven’t had a festival in Columbia for quite a while, and I thought we would be hit by the horns and give it a try myself,” Stewart said.

Indeed, while several Columbia residents came out to hear the tunes, the festival had several flaws. For $37 per day, local music fans could take in a variety of genres from electronic to ’90s rock to country, but the quality of talent wasn’t worth the ticket price.

Several of the acts on the bill had played Columbia before, and only a handful of the musicians have new songs on the radio.

Each hand was given an hourlong set, which was OK for some groups but dragged on when others took the stage, driving away fans who may have otherwise stayed all day.

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Famously Hot Music Festival warm, at best

By Brian Almond

The Famously Hot Music Festival drew sparse crowds throughout the weekend at Finlay Park. The event featured EDM, rock and country.

On Saturday, cheers could be heard from two blocks away when Eve 6 took the stage at 2:45 p.m. Their male counterpart, of every age, packed their shirts off at the bands jampacked in front of them; the eclectic crowd displayed a myriad of chest and neck tattoos and body piercings.

The music was the feeling, too.

“A couple hundred thousand dollars was spent to bring international acts to the city,” said Jason Ross, Seven Mary Three and Filter manager.

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There’s always a list of songs that define the summer. Some are overplayed, and some are undiscovered, but each adds a melody and memory to the three months of sun, sand and afternoon naps.

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“Expendables” sequel packs action, not plot
Film brings exactly what’s expected: one-liners, big guns, explosions

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No other franchise has gathered as large a group of action stars as “The Expendables” has. And as a movie with such a huge, testosterone-ﬁlled cast, the franchise doesn’t need much room for character development or plausible storytelling.

Then again, “The Expendables 2” really isn’t the type of ﬁlm to prompt high expectations, especially since there is some joy to be found as the movie ponders with mind-numbing action. Whereas the ﬁrst “Expendables” (2010) took itself way too seriously, the sequel is a slight improvement with its more cartoonish action.

Though it is horribly written and barely acted at all, the action scenes are better staged with Stallone not behind the cameras this time, and more humor can be found, though it isn’t as self-mocking as it could have been.

Stallone returns as Barney Ross, the grizzled veteran and leader of the Expendables team. The rest of the team returns, except for Mickey Rourke, as well as in new blood in the form of Liam Hemsworth as Billy the Kid and Nan Yu’s Maggie, who brings a bit of estrogen to this testosterone fest.

The movie begins in the very way that is expected — with a 15-minute action-palooza involving the rescue of a Chinese businessman that has nothing to do with the overall story, serving only to give audiences what they paid to see.

The movie then turns into a mission involving the Expendables team seeking revenge against a guy whose name sounds borrowed from a James Bond movie. The villain, Jean Vilain (Jean-Claude Van Damme), is the leader of an opposing team of mercenaries who ﬁnds some weapons-grade plutonium and means to sell it on the black market.

Most of the humor found comes from a set of pretty clever one-liners, providing a couple of priceless moments from the more seasoned action veterans. Willis lets out a “This time I’ll be back,” referencing Schwarzenegger, while Schwarzenegger offers a “Yippe-ki-yay,” referencing Willis. Chuck Norris even gives himself a self-referencing joke, talking about how “a king cobra bit his arm and died after ﬁve days of agonizing pain.”

Under the direction of Simon West (“Con Air”), the action isn’t as incoherent as the ﬁrst ﬁlm. There’s no shaky cam like in “The Expendables,” so the action scenes come out clearer. There’s enough gunﬁre, explosions and even hand-to-hand combat to make this movie stand above its counterpart.

True, a logical story isn’t expected, but just because not much of a story is expected doesn’t mean it’s not an issue. West begs forgiveness for this nonsensical plot by giving every good guy in this ﬁlm his own hero moment, as well as giving Willis and Schwarzenegger more to do than in the ﬁrst ﬁlm.

There really isn’t much to write about “The Expendables 2” other than to repeatedly say it is all about the action and nothing else. This is a basic throwback into ’80s action ﬁlms for those needing an escapist fantasy of male camaraderie and explosions. If you expect anything else, spend your money elsewhere.
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Anyone on the South Carolina football explanation, the Carolina coachGrady Brown, said how many days
there are until the season-opener against USC, senior safety D.J. Swearinger is sure to
remind them.

Swearinger said he’ll constantly tell the team they will be “five” in four days, that Thursday
night is the first night of college football, and that the group needs to start the year off right.

Keeping the team motivated as the long offseason winds down is just one of the roles
Swearinger has taken on as a senior leader. Though he said he didn’t do anything differently,
Swearinger said things did change for him from last year to this one, at least in the figurative sense.

“I was a tremendous leader last year, but me being a senior, I’ve got bigger shoes to fill and I’m
definitely taking that role,” Swearinger said. “Being a senior is a different responsibility.

Part of that responsibility in getting those around me to the right mindset, to being motivated
and communicating, even if it’s something as simple as just saying certain things and
swearinger, saying that next three or four days. It’s got to be focus, focus, focus, film, film, film, and staying in my playbook. When Thursday comes, that emotion will kick in.”

Swearinger transfers:

Redshirt freshman Sheldon Royerer will transition from the program, coach Steve Spurrier said,
in accordance with the practice schedule.

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Auguste and tailback Brandon Wilds are the only two major injuries on the team, with Auguste projected to miss four to six weeks with a groin injury. Spurrier said Wilds will be on
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Vercillo consistent as keeper for Gamecocks

Senior shines in temporarily replacing sophomore D’Angelo

Paulina Berkovich

Daron Vercillo walked off the field Sunday with one ice pack on her ankle and another on her thigh. The senior goalkeeper, who will graduate in December, injured herself during the soccer team’s preseason match against Duke. But since then, she hasn’t missed a beat.

In Sunday’s match against Jacksonville, Vercillo recorded her third shutout of the season. There are four keepers on South Carolina’s roster, but Vercillo has been the team’s No. 1 while sophomore Sabrina D’Angelo competes for the Canadian national team at the U-20 World Cup.

“All our goalkeepers are training hard and pushing each other,” said coach Shelley Smith. “It’s something that we needed out of them in Sabrina’s absence, but they’re capable goalkeepers, and it’s been nice to see us be able to handle the pressure we’ve faced without Sabrina here. That’s what you expect out of a senior goalkeeper.”

Vercillo was on the team during her freshman and sophomore seasons but did not play until the 2011 season. She earned the first start of her career against UNC Wilmington after D’Angelo was injured in USC’s matchup with Clemson.

“You have to be ready at all times,” Vercillo said. “Regardless of who’s on the field, anyone could get hurt anytime. You have to have the mindset that you can go in no matter what. Having that mindset has helped me play this year.”

While the senior has enjoyed her additional playing time, she is looking forward to D’Angelo’s return later this month.

“You work hard every single year, and you work to play,” Vercillo said. “That’s the ultimate goal. There’s such a healthy competition between me and every single keeper on this team. It’s amazing to play, but I’m also ready for [D’Angelo] to come back.”

Asked what her role on the team will be once D’Angelo returns, Vercillo never used the word backup.

“I think my role on the team is going to be exactly the same as it is now — to do my absolute best,” she said. “I think everyone’s

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goal is to do their best, and from that point the coaches can choose who they play. It’s her, that’s great. It’s her, that’s great. It just depends on the day and who’s ready.”

Vercillo credited the team’s coaches with implementing a system that has enabled USC to hold opponents to just two goals in four regular-season games. “Our system, and associate head coach Jamie Smith, has enabled the team to keep shutouts. That’s every keeper’s goal. If I can keep all shutouts until Sabrina gets here, I’m doing my job.”

Vercillo is a psychology student, but upon graduation she will remain in Columbia working on an internship in design. During her last season as a Gamecock, she will look to anchor the defense and continue her streakless streak.

“My ultimate goal was just to keep shutouts. That’s every keeper’s goal. If I can keep all shutouts until Sabrina gets here, I’m doing my job.”

“We have a very strong defensive system, and coach Jamie Smith teaches us a lot of things,” Vercillo said. “Listening to everything that Jamie has to offer has been our biggest strength to everything that Jamie has to teach us a lot of things.”

“We’re not waiting for things to happen,” she said. “We’re creating. That’s what we have to do. You’re not going to score goals unless you’re proactive, so it’s been a much more aggressive offense these last two games than the first.”

The Gamecocks got on the board just eight minutes into the game on a long shot from outside the penalty box by freshman Coryn RJane — the forward’s third goal of the season. “That always makes the difference in the game,” Smith said. “It was nice to see us come out and play to start the game. It’s always an advantage when you get that first goal to break through and not wait too long to finish your chances. That was a great way to come out [Sunday].”

USC added to its lead in the 28th minute, when freshman Courtney Angotti-Smith, who had been substituted into the game just moments before, scored off a corner. Freshman Stevi Parker rounded out South Carolina’s scoring with a goal in the 53rd minute. It was her first career goal for USC.

South Carolina’s starting lineup featured three freshmen, including Bajema, Parker and Carly Ray, who played 7 minutes on defense.

“Obviously we’ve impressed by what [the freshmen] have done to transition, come in and jump right into the college game,” Smith said. “They’ve earned their starting roles because of how they’ve come in and how they prepared and stood up to the challenges.”

Goalkeeper Darien Vercillo, filling in for Sabrina D’Angelo while she plays for the Canadian U-20 World Cup team, said the freshman class will continue to carry the team throughout the season. “I think they have so much talent,” Vercillo said. “The second we click together and get used to each other, it’s going to be an amazing year.”

Two other freshmen, Raina Johnson and Carly Ray, also saw time in Sunday’s match. Johnson had a shot on goal during her 12 minutes of play, and Ray added 35 minutes as a defensive substitute.

“We always have some freshmen come in and do great things, and there are a few who have done that right away,” Smith said. “And there are more that are coming in and are going to do great things. I’ve been pleased with how they’ve responded.”

The Gamecocks have almost a full week to prepare before hosting Clemson on Sunday, and Smith expects the team to continue to get better.

“They’ve been working hard toward putting things together that they’ve learned in film sessions and what we’re working on every day in practice,” Smith said. “I’m happy with the way they’re improving.”

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Volleyball sweeps invitational

The South Carolina volleyball team swept UNC Asheville on Saturday night in front of nearly 700 fans at the Volleyball Competition Facility to cap an unbeaten weekend hosting the Gamecock Invitational.

Outside hitters Juliette Thévenin and Bethanie Thomas both had big nights for the Gamecocks. Thévenin, a junior from Belgium, had 14 kills and 8 digs, while Thomas had 10 kills and 8 digs. Senior setter Taylor Bruns led South Carolina in both assists and digs, posting 22 and 10, respectively.

UNC Asheville and South Carolina tied in blocks, but the Gamecocks won all other statistical categories, most notably in kills, with a 51-29 advantage. Redshirt sophomore Cara Howley won the tournament award for most valuable player, and redshirt freshman Christina Verbo and junior Paige Wheeler also made the all-tournament team. Coach Scott Swanson, starting his second season coaching the Gamecocks, exerted the importance of getting through the tournament unbeaten by his young squad’s morale.

“I think it’s a great confidence builder for us,” he said. “We’re playing a lot of young, inexperienced players that are learning on the fly... I feel really good about where we’re at with giving lots of different people playing time and looks at different positions. I think it’s all about confidence and the more we can keep repeating what we’re doing well, the more it’s going to become a habit, and hopefully winning becomes a habit this year.”

Swanson praised his outside hitters’ resiliency, in particular Thomas, who had six of her 10 kills in the final frame to help seal the victory.

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“They’re just savvy, good volleyball players,” he said. “They carry us, they play six rotations so they have to do everything. They probably get the same wear and tear so it’s awesome that they can do that at the end of a four-match weekend.”

Swanson said he knew this weekend did not feature the type of competition the Gamecocks would face later this season, particularly in SEC play, and stressed a few areas he felt need improvement before his team faces more polished teams.

“There’s so much we need to work on,” he said. “This was a warm-up tournament. We scheduled some teams who were not the same caliber of the SEC. We have a few things we need to work on, and blocking is one. We miss too many serves, and I’d like defense and communication to be better. But that will all come with experience and playing together. I’m looking forward to it.”

In the other action in the invitational over the weekend, the Gamecocks rallied on Saturday afternoon for a 3-2 victory over East Tennessee State, winning the first two frames, losing the next two and notching a 15-9 victory in the deciding set. Junior middle blocker Megan Kent had a career best 13-kill performance.

Thévenin and Thomas both had double doubles, with Thévenin scoring 15 kills and 11 digs, and Thomas scoring 10 kills and 14 digs. On Friday night, the Gamecocks swept Akron. Once again the one-two punch of Thévenin and Thomas was unstoppable, the two combined for 19 kills. Libero Wheeler played a big role in a well-played defensive game by South Carolina, with 17 digs. On Friday afternoon, the Gamecocks opened their season with a sweep of Temple. Thévenin had 12 kills and Bruns had a double double with 17 assists and 10 digs. Wheeler once again led the team in digs with 12. The Gamecocks as a team had 11 blocks.

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defender Kevin Stam blocked
the shot with his knee, stopping
College of Charleston’s best
scoring opportunity of the
match.

“Kevin is a leader for us in
the back,” Berson said. “He’s a
veteran and has won two
conference championships, so
he knows how to win. I thought
the (defenders) did a great job of
controlling C of C’s forwards,
their fair share of mistakes,
Berson believes that his team
will get better as the season
progresses and see’s the shutout
victory as a good start to the
2012 season.

“It’s like baseball,” Berson
said. “Baseball is not the same
in the early season as it is at
the end when the players get
in their rhythm. I thought as
the game went on, we showed
improvement already. If we
continue to see an opponent,
who the problem, keep the ball
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said both will likely play Thursday
night in the season-opener at
Vanderbilt.

Brown also praised true freshman
T.J. Gurley, who can play at either
safety or cornerback. Brown isn’t
sure if he’ll redshirt Gurley this
year.

“I feel like it’ll be hard to keep
T.J. off the field,” Brown said.
“He’s a really good player. He’s
learning fast. He’s a physical guy.
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