USC welcomes inaugural Gamecock Gateway class

Colin Campbell & Caroline Baity dailygamecock.com

The Woodlands apartment bash makes ‘Tosh.0’ blog

Steven Payan dailygamecock.com

USC greets Gamecock Gateway with ‘Tosh.0’ blog

Caroline Baity dailygamecock.com

First day proves successful for bridge program students

Spencer Scott dailygamecock.com

Greek leaders to enforce rush policies

Fraternity Council mandates alcohol-free recruitment

Caroline Baity dailygamecock.com

The perfect storm for a wild party

‘The perfect storm for a wild party’

The Woodlands apartment bash makes ‘Tosh.0’ blog

The Woodlands, it seems, had quite the shining this weekend. Pictures and videos of hundreds of USC students at a rowdy, booze-soaked, ‘Girls Gone Wild’-esque pool party at the complex Friday popped up on YouTube over the weekend. By Sunday, one of the videos had gone viral and was picked up by Comedy Central comedian Daniel Tosh’s Tosh.0 blog.

The video first depicts a part of party—each scantily clad shoulder of a man—wreathing or “chicken fighting,” in a crowded pool of mostly men cheering them on. Then, enough, until the cheering becomes more of a chant—and that chant becomes a clearly audible demand that they remove their tops. Almost instantaneously, the women remove their bikini tops. Tame enough, until the cheering becomes a clearly audible demand that they remove their tops. Almost instantaneously, the women remove their bikini tops.

The Richmond County Sheriff’s department confirmed that officers were dispatched to 1059 Southern Drive, the Woodlands’ address, around 5:30 p.m. Friday. A report was not available at press peak hours. Determining the program’s demand and period with USC’s Vehicle Management Department was 15 minutes during a two-week trial run. They’ve been running shuttles every 15 minutes during a two-week trial period with USC’s Vehicle Management department.

“We have done a lot to ensure that our students are at ease as they navigate through two worlds, not just one,” said Denee Newton, Gamecock Gateway’s USC coordinator.

Their first few days on campus weren’t too unlike other students’, either. They were invited to First Night Carolina, they had two days of orientation, one of which was devoted to USC and they spoke to the student body president,” said Chris Presley, residence hall director for the Roost, where the Gateway students live.

USC’s been providing the transportation to Midlands Tech’s Airport Campus, as they’ve been running shuttles every 15 minutes during a two-week trial period with USC’s Vehicle Management department. Determining the program’s demand and period with USC’s Vehicle Management department was 15 minutes during a two-week trial run. They’ve been running shuttles every 15 minutes during a two-week trial period with USC’s Vehicle Management department.

“We hope new bros and sisters surrounding off-campus apartment complex, back at the time, this isn’t the only fragment of the ‘Sandstorm’-ing student male mob. Almost instantaneously, the women remove their bikini tops. They were invited to First Night Carolina, they had two days of orientation, one of which was devoted to USC and they spoke to the student body president,” said Chris Presley, residence hall director for the Roost, where the Gateway students live.

USC students at a rowdy, booze-soaked, ‘Girls Gone Wild’-esque pool party at the complex Friday popped up on YouTube over the weekend. By Sunday, one of the videos had gone viral and was picked up by Comedy Central comedian Daniel Tosh’s Tosh.0 blog.

The video first depicts a part of party—each scantily clad shoulder of a man—wreathing or “chicken fighting,” in a crowded pool of mostly men cheering them on. Then, enough, until the cheering becomes more of a chant—and that chant becomes a clearly audible demand that they remove their tops. Almost instantaneously, the women remove their bikini tops. Tame enough, until the cheering becomes a clearly audible demand that they remove their tops. Almost instantaneously, the women remove their bikini tops. They were invited to First Night Carolina, they had two days of orientation, one of which was devoted to USC and they spoke to the student body president,” said Chris Presley, residence hall director for the Roost, where the Gateway students live.

USC’s been providing the transportation to Midlands Tech’s Airport Campus, as they’ve been running shuttles every 15 minutes during a two-week trial period with USC’s Vehicle Management department. Determining the program’s demand and period with USC’s Vehicle Management department was 15 minutes during a two-week trial run. They’ve been running shuttles every 15 minutes during a two-week trial period with USC’s Vehicle Management department.

“The perfect storm for a wild party”

‘The perfect storm for a wild party’

The Woodlands apartment bash makes ‘Tosh.0’ blog

The Woodlands, it seems, had quite the shining this weekend. Pictures and videos of hundreds of USC students at a rowdy, booze-soaked, ‘Girls Gone Wild’-esque pool party at the complex Friday popped up on YouTube over the weekend. By Sunday, one of the videos had gone viral and was picked up by Comedy Central comedian Daniel Tosh’s Tosh.0 blog.

The video first depicts a part of party—each scantily clad shoulder of a man—wreathing or “chicken fighting,” in a crowded pool of mostly men cheering them on. Then, enough, until the cheering becomes more of a chant—and that chant becomes a clearly audible demand that they remove their tops. Almost instantaneously, the women remove their bikini tops. Tame enough, until the cheering becomes a clearly audible demand that they remove their tops. Almost instantaneously, the women remove their bikini tops.

The Richmond County Sheriff’s department confirmed that officers were dispatched to 1059 Southern Drive, the Woodlands’ address, around 5:30 p.m. Friday. A report was not available at press peak hours. Determining the program’s demand and period with USC’s Vehicle Management Department was 15 minutes during a two-week trial run. They’ve been running shuttles every 15 minutes during a two-week trial period with USC’s Vehicle Management department.

“We have done a lot to ensure that our students are at ease as they navigate through two worlds, not just one,” said Denee Newton, Gamecock Gateway’s USC coordinator.

Their first few days on campus weren’t too unlike other students’, either. They were invited to First Night Carolina, they had two days of orientation, one of which was devoted to USC and they spoke to the student body president,” said Chris Presley, residence hall director for the Roost, where the Gateway students live.

USC’s been providing the transportation to Midlands Tech’s Airport Campus, as they’ve been running shuttles every 15 minutes during a two-week trial period with USC’s Vehicle Management department. Determining the program’s demand and period with USC’s Vehicle Management department was 15 minutes during a two-week trial run. They’ve been running shuttles every 15 minutes during a two-week trial period with USC’s Vehicle Management department.

“We have done a lot to ensure that our students are at ease as they navigate through two worlds, not just one,” said Denee Newton, Gamecock Gateway’s USC coordinator.

Their first few days on campus weren’t too unlike other students’, either. They were invited to First Night Carolina, they had two days of orientation, one of which was devoted to USC and they spoke to the student body president,” said Chris Presley, residence hall director for the Roost, where the Gateway students live.

USC’s been providing the transportation to Midlands Tech’s Airport Campus, as they’ve been running shuttles every 15 minutes during a two-week trial period with USC’s Vehicle Management department. Determining the program’s demand and period with USC’s Vehicle Management department was 15 minutes during a two-week trial run. They’ve been running shuttles every 15 minutes during a two-week trial period with USC’s Vehicle Management department.

“We have done a lot to ensure that our students are at ease as they navigate through two worlds, not just one,” said Denee Newton, Gamecock Gateway’s USC coordinator.

Their first few days on campus weren’t too unlike other students’, either. They were invited to First Night Carolina, they had two days of orientation, one of which was devoted to USC and they spoke to the student body president,” said Chris Presley, residence hall director for the Roost, where the Gateway students live.

USC’s been providing the transportation to Midlands Tech’s Airport Campus, as they’ve been running shuttles every 15 minutes during a two-week trial period with USC’s Vehicle Management department. Determining the program’s demand and period with USC’s Vehicle Management department was 15 minutes during a two-week trial run. They’ve been running shuttles every 15 minutes during a two-week trial period with USC’s Vehicle Management department.
Career Center hosts Opportunity Knocks fair

For first-year biology major Dustin Praylow, it was a chance to scope out the field of options — and to land a few interviews. “It was a unique and eye-opening experience,” he said.

But the Career Center, which hosted the event, offers other resources for students looking for a job, too.

Its JobMate database lists a number of on- and off-campus openings, both full- and part-time, for current students and USC alumni. Students can upload résumés and search through a variety of opportunities on the site, which is updated regularly.

The center also maintains a website full of tips and instructions on how to write a resume, find a job, transition into the workforce after graduation and gain experience beforehand.

The Career Center has two offices on campus: one on the sixth floor of the Business Administration Building and one on the first floor of the Swearingen Engineering Center. As of this office, the center holds daily on-call hours from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday during which students can speak with a career counselor without needing an appointment. If they need more assistance, students can also schedule an appointment.

Students can also sign up for a resource the Career Center maintains or follow it on social media. The Career Center is on Twitter @UofSCCareers and Facebook.com/UofSCCareers.

The Career Center is on Facebook at Facebook.com/UofSCCareers.
CALENDAR LAUNCH PARTY

FEATURING: COCA-COLA, CAROLINA DINING AND A PERFORMANCE BY MOTOR MOUTH MIKE

WEDNESDAY 11 AM – 2 PM
AUGUST 29 GREENE STREET

CHECK IT OUT TO PICK UP YOUR FALL CAROLINA PRODUCTIONS CALENDAR!

FIND OUT WHO THE FALL CONCERT ON OCTOBER 4TH WILL BE!

USC v. Vandy Tailgate
Kickoff at 7 pm Russell House
Movies will resume on Friday

ILLUSIONIST. ENTERTAINER. MAGICIAN

SEP 5 • KOGER CENTER • 8PM

FREE TO STUDENTS, FACULTY & STAFF WITH CAROLINA ID.

TWITTER.COM/USCCP FACEBOOK.COM/USCCP
CARNIVAL

SOPHOMORE CARNIVAL

What:
FREE FOOD and fun on some inflatables!

When:
Tuesday, August 28th from 11AM-3PM

Where:
On Greene Street in front of Russell House

Brought to you by the Office of Student Engagement
www.sc.edu/studentengagement

Student Engagement at the University of South Carolina @OSE_USC

FOOTBALL

FOLLOW US!

Our schedule includes "touchy and embarrassing" and "disgraceful."

Hamish Mason, a third-year chemistry student, recalled "I was embarrassed to watch this."

In an interview last Monday evening, Mason said he’s heard that the Woodlands has a reputation for partying, but that he thought the events in the video were unprecedented.

“I know that pool parties at the Woodlands get a little crazy,” Mason said “I’m all for a little crazy, but that was just taking it too far. I think it’s extremely disgraceful to this whole campus.”

But Brewer said, “I don’t think one party will affect USC’s reputation.

“I don’t see it as so much of a bad image,” he said. “It was a Friday after class. It was a welcome back party. I don’t think we’re being portrayed as this wild school that doesn’t care about school, because we definitely care about school.

“It was a once-in-a-year kind of thing. This is my third year and I’ve never seen a party like that. It had all the right conditions, the perfect storm for a wild party. But it’s definitely not something you’re going to find here on any given weekend.”

Assistant News Editor Amanda Coyne contributed reporting to this story.
Recent violence necessitates stricter gun laws

Within the past week, there have been two heated issues affecting the USC community: Maxcy College and the Pool party. Maxcy College was, needless to say, unnerving. State Building and Chicago shootings have made many crimes involving guns. Last year, we were is the highly disputed gun control conundrum.

State Building and Chicago shootings have made many crimes involving guns. Last year, we were

is the highly disputed gun control conundrum.

State Building and Chicago shootings have made many crimes involving guns. Last year, we were

is the highly disputed gun control conundrum.

State Building and Chicago shootings have made many crimes involving guns. Last year, we were

is the highly disputed gun control conundrum.

State Building and Chicago shootings have made many crimes involving guns. Last year, we were

is the highly disputed gun control conundrum.

State Building and Chicago shootings have made many crimes involving guns. Last year, we were

is the highly disputed gun control conundrum.

State Building and Chicago shootings have made many crimes involving guns. Last year, we were

is the highly disputed gun control conundrum.

State Building and Chicago shootings have made many crimes involving guns. Last year, we were

is the highly disputed gun control conundrum.

State Building and Chicago shootings have made many crimes involving guns. Last year, we were

is the highly disputed gun control conundrum.
River City Extension, an eight-piece band out of New Jersey, will bring their instrument-heavy, mandolin-infused folk music to New Brookland Tavern tonight at 7:30.

Eight-piece folk band extends sound to SC

Do's and Don'ts: 'Tis the season for tailgating

River City Extension plays New Brookland Tavern tonight

Remember to Eat

One of the best parts of tailgating? Almost everyone brings alcohol. One of the worst parts? Almost everyone brings alcohol. With the exception of a few Beanz-ology's wraps scattered on the ground and chicken wing bones poking through the grass, you'll be hard-pressed to find decent stacking among the USC students. So unless you're planning on crashing your uncle's best friend's four-star cuisine catered tent, try and pick something to eat on the way down. You'll be glad when you're not standing outside the stadium at halftime chomping down three beef burritos from Moe's, grease and beans dripping seductively from your chin. And no matter how much you may try and talk yourself into it, remember two things: 1. Seas Beach Lights does not a meal make. And no, drinking a case doesn't work either. 2. Just because you mix your cocktail with **100% real fruit juice!** doesn't mean you're healthy. That's like dumping fifty beans, marshmallows and chocolate syrup on a bed of lettuce and still calling it a salad.

Drink Too Much

Long before Drake warned us about drinking so much we forget our name, Gamecock revelers have been drinking so much they forget the game. In case you didn't heed the first tip and decided to chug on a solo stomach, for the love of Spirituality please don't be that person. We all know who I'm talking about. Remember that USC took down Alabama in 2000? Bad news, bro's: you're that person. Don't get me wrong — we've all supposed to get a little rowdy before the Cock take the field. Heck, listen to "Sandstorm" blaring — it's encouraged. But unless you want to take a trip in a squad car or in an ambulance (or meet drunken stupor's ugly relative, Uncle Blackout) it's better to stay safe and pace yourself. Common alcohol-induced misgivings include:

1. Thinking you're charming. You're not. Remember that next time you're slurring out drunken invites to the cheerleaders, band members with tubas, stop signs, arresting officer. 2. Alcohol does not enhance nor supercharge your ability to do things you can't do sober. So don't try and pick up something to eat on the way down. You'll be glad when you're not standing outside the stadium at halftime chomping down three beef burritos from Moe's, grease and beans dripping seductively from your chin. And no matter how much you may try and talk yourself into it, remember two things: 1. Seas Beach Lights does not a meal make. And no, drinking a case doesn't work either. 2. Just because you mix your cocktail with **100% real fruit juice!** doesn't mean you're healthy. That's like dumping fifty beans, marshmallows and chocolate syrup on a bed of lettuce and still calling it a salad.

Don't

Wolt Gamecocko, that time of year is finally upon us. No, it's not the magic moment where the reporting heat reaches its breaking point and settles into low sweat-inducing temperatures — yes, this weekend was pleasant but trust me, it was just a trick. "This is the season of Carolina football," but again we break out the garnet tie and pull out our finest drawers and dust off that Cocky-shaped hat that sits poised on the desk lamp. Since many of you will be making your first trek down to the sacred tailgating territory, there are a few politics of the Gamecock stomping grounds that everyone (even a seasoned pro) should know about. River City Extension's gigs are filled with tracks off the group's new album as well as past discs "Nautical Sublime" and "The Unconquered Man."

Remember that USC took down Alabama in 2000? Bad news, bro's: you're that person. Don't get me wrong — we've all supposed to get a little rowdy before the Cock take the field. Heck, listen to "Sandstorm" blaring — it's encouraged. But unless you want to take a trip in a squad car or in an ambulance (or meet drunken stupor's ugly relative, Uncle Blackout) it's better to stay safe and pace yourself. Common alcohol-induced misgivings include:

1. Thinking you're charming. You're not. Remember that next time you're slurring out drunken invites to the cheerleaders, band members with tubas, stop signs, arresting officer.

2. Alcohol does not enhance nor supercharge your ability to do things you can't do sober. So don't try and pick up something to eat on the way down. You'll be glad when you're not standing outside the stadium at halftime chomping down three beef burritos from Moe's, grease and beans dripping seductively from your chin. And no matter how much you may try and talk yourself into it, remember two things: 1. Seas Beach Lights does not a meal make. And no, drinking a case doesn't work either. 2. Just because you mix your cocktail with **100% real fruit juice!** doesn't mean you're healthy. That's like dumping fifty beans, marshmallows and chocolate syrup on a bed of lettuce and still calling it a salad.

Do's and Don'ts: 'Tis the season for tailgating

DO

Remember to Eat

One of the best parts of tailgating! Almost everyone brings alcohol. One of the worst parts? Almost everyone brings alcohol. With the exception of a few Beanz-ology's wraps scattered on the ground and chicken wing bones poking through the grass, you'll be hard-pressed to find decent stacking among the USC students. So unless you're planning on crashing your uncle's best friend's four-star cuisine catered tent, try and pick something to eat on the way down. You'll be glad when you're not standing outside the stadium at halftime chomping down three beef burritos from Moe's, grease and beans dripping seductively from your chin. And no matter how much you may try and talk yourself into it, remember two things: 1. Seas Beach Lights does not a meal make. And no, drinking a case doesn't work either. 2. Just because you mix your cocktail with **100% real fruit juice!** doesn't mean you're healthy. That's like dumping fifty beans, marshmallows and chocolate syrup on a bed of lettuce and still calling it a salad.
**DO**

You can tell a lot about people by what they wear to a football game. For instance, you can spot the difference between those raised down south and the ones from "up there" just by their tailgate attire. Northerners tend to keep things casual with Gamecock tees and shorts; Southerners tend to look like we're dressed for church.

There's really no wrong way to dress (as long as you're not wearing orange) but bear one thing in mind: it is HOT. Tailgate temps can sometimes swelter into the high 90s, and when you spend hours in the toasty Columbia sun, you're not going to glisten; you're going to sweat.

Unfortunately, black is one of the primary colors for a true Gamecock, so you may have to suck it up. Check the day's weather and choose your outfit based on that. And don't wear anything you are too scared to get sweaty or even a little bit dirty.

After all, you will be spending four quarters tightly squeezed in between thousands of your closest friends jumping up and down to "Sandstorm" at least six times.

**DON'T**

Forget You're a Carolina Gamecock

It’s inevitable: at one point (or several) during the day, some fan is going to say the wrong thing to the wrong person and hell is going to break loose. Fists will be thrown, words shouted and before you know it, everyone and their grandma is knocking teeth out. It’s easy to get pumped up before a game and stay a little cocky when the Gamecocks take home the win. Besides, trash-talking is a part of football culture — we even have the T-shirts to prove it. But there’s a way do to it and a way not to.

And if it involves seriously injuring someone else, it’s never the right way.

Take pride in your team and take pride in yourself. No one wants their face plastered on the nightly news for getting too drunk and trying to scale the new video board in their underwear or a brawl with a rival that ended in jail time. Stay safe and stay sane and this really will be the year of the Gamecock.

**TAL:GATING**

**Continued from 7**

Comments on this story? Visit dailygamecock.com/mix

"It’s all original music, and it’s usually a pretty set set," Michelini said.

The band promises to deliver a genuine, honest performance in every city.

"The most important thing about our live show ... is the fact that we come on stage and [are] who we are," Michelini said. "You can expect us to be who we are off stage, on stage, at home, wherever."

Doors open at 7 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. show. Tickets are $10. New Brookland Tavern is located at 122 State St.

Comments on this story? Visit dailygamecock.com/mix
WHEN IT COMES TO SAVING YOU MONEY, WE NO BEST.
WE’LL BEAT ANY TEXTBOOK PRICE BY 10%. NO QUESTIONS ASKED.¹

NEEBO NO RISK RENTAL

NO SHIPPING COSTS NO SECOND GUESSING NO HIDDEN FEES
PART OF OUR BEST PRICE PROMISE

SOUTH CAROLINA BOOK STORE

801 Main Street
neebo.com/sc

SAVE UP TO $20 ON YOUR TEXTBOOKS³
Text “USC2” to 22022

¹Final or locally or online for less and we’ll beat it in store by 10%. Excludes peer-to-peer marketplace offerings. Some restrictions apply. See store for details. Text shows for details.
Today
River City Extension, Kemp Ridley, Cromwell
7 p.m., $8 advance / $10 day of show
New Broadloom Tavern, 122 State St.

Tomorrow
Lawnday, Daddy Lou, Jp Melendez
7:30 p.m., $10 cover / $5 after 21
China Palace in Camden

Florida Georgia Line
7 p.m., $5
Tom Fool, 922 Senate St.

Saturday

Tombo Grille is looking for Hostess / Servers Needed. Must be available to work dinner shifts. Experience applicants preferred, but not necessary. Applicants will be responsible for greeting guests, taking orders, clearing tables, and preparing tables. Call/text (803) 782-9665 or email willi657@email.sc.edu for details.

Today "Cultural Resistance"
6:30 p.m. door / 7 p.m. show, free
Concordium Music Hall
626 Meeting St.

Concordium Jazz Sessions
9 p.m., $3
Concordium Music Hall
626 Meeting St.

Columbia Shuttle Service
4517 Forest Dr. (803) 782-9665

We have hundreds of houses available. CALL US FOR A PRICE! 3, 4, and 6 BEDROOMS around $400-$1500/ month. Full amenities. Pick up/drop off at all USC locations. 24 hour access. Call/text (803) 782-9665 or email willi657@email.sc.edu

Dorms are available to rent for upperclassmen and their admitted students and their parents. Applicants should be ready to demonstrate their work ethic, character and communication skills. Students and parents should be ready to demonstrate their work ethic, character and communication skills. Students will be responsible for general office duties. Must be available for work during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Competitive salary with mileage reimbursement and paid parking. Must possess strong communication skills and a professional appearance. Business casual attire.

For more information, please call Fernando Barros at (803) 777-9007.

TOMBO GRELL
Tombo Grille is looking for Hostess / Servers Needed. Must be available to work dinner shifts. Experience applicants preferred, but not necessary. Applicants will be responsible for greeting guests, taking orders, clearing tables, and preparing tables. Call/text (803) 782-9665 or email willi657@email.sc.edu for details.

Florida Georgia Line
7:30 p.m., $5 over 21 / $8 under 21
FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE
7:30 p.m., $5
China Palace in Camden

The Charlotte Airport Just Got Closer
64 Storage areas
60 Part of a yr.
61 Licorice-flavored
62 64 Storage areas
63 Fallen orbiter
62 Storage areas
60 Part of a yr.
61 Licorice-flavored
62 64 Storage areas
63 Fallen orbiter
62 Storage areas
60 Part of a yr.
61 Licorice-flavored
62 64 Storage areas
63 Fallen orbiter
62 Storage areas
60 Part of a yr.
61 Licorice-flavored
62 64 Storage areas
63 Fallen orbiter
62 Storage areas
60 Part of a yr.
61 Licorice-flavored
62 64 Storage areas
63 Fallen orbiter
62 Storage areas
60 Part of a yr.
61 Licorice-flavored
62 64 Storage areas
63 Fallen orbiter
62 Storage areas
60 Part of a yr.
61 Licorice-flavored
62 64 Storage areas
63 Fallen orbiter
62 Storage areas
60 Part of a yr.
**Spurrier amuses at press conference**

Coach Steve Spurrier has been more talkative with the success of South Carolina's football program. Spurrier said coaches of winning teams naturally have more to say.

**Coach attributes jokes to USC’s recent success**

Paula Berkovich

South Carolina's winning ways have brought back the spit-firing Steve Spurrier of old. During his weekly press conference on Monday afternoon, the coach said his sometimes funny, sometimes controversial comments come with the territory of a more successful team.

"Any coach that wins a lot — we won a lot last year — talks a little more freely than when they lose a lot. That's just human nature," Spurrier said. "Coaches that go 7-6 or 6-7 usually don't have too much to say. ... That's probably the only thing I've done a little differently."

Spurrier scattered comical comments throughout the press conference, especially when he unleashed South Carolina's plan to have both punters wear No. 13, an idea he attributed to special teams coordinator Joe Robinson. He explained that such an arrangement is not against the rules as long as they are not on the field at the same time.

"We don't want the other team to know which one is in there," Spurrier said. Asked why, he said, "One looks a little higher than the other."

Spurrier went on to joke that USC's quarterbacks should wear the same number and suggest that other teams should copy the idea.

"We have 10 guys. Someone's got to double up and you can only have one punter out there at a time," Spurrier said. "This may start a new trend around the country. You may see five punters all wearing the same number."

The laugh Spurrier drew wasn't limited to his comments about the new numbering scheme. While commenting on the progress junior guard Ronald Patrick has made since his eye surgery, he said, "If someone's not yelling at him for messing up, you know he must be doing his job pretty well."

Asked whether he expected a difficult game against Vanderbilt, he said, "We have a difficult game with Wofford every time we play them ... We have a lot of difficult games."

Instead of talking about which seniors can help his team to be prepared for the tough SEC schedule down the road.

"To me 'senior team' says that there's going to be some very experienced, probably professional players on that team that are going to really challenge us," he said. "I told our guys, they could come in and walk all over us, but it's going to be a good experience. They need to know what it's like to play (SEC, powerhouses) Tennessee, Florida or Kentucky. A game with Wofford will be a closer indication of the top teams in the SEC."

Swanson said that he really didn't know what to expect from the team itself, not having seen any footage or tape on Slovenia.

"It's nothing that we really have tape on, and that's why it's just an exhibition," he said. "They get to see a bunch of universities and enjoy their trip, it's mostly a cultural experience for them, and we're going to get to play some great competition."

The Gamecocks have had strong early season offense from outside hitters Juliette Thévenin, Megan Kent and Bethanie Thomas. Thévenin leads the team with 57 kills, followed by Thomas with 55. The blocking over the weekend was headed by middle blockers Christina Verb and Cara Howley. Howley leads the team with 11 blocks on the season, but she has also contributed on offense with 10 kills. Verb is the team leader with nine blocks.

Defensive play is anchored by Iskiero Paige Wheeler, who has led the team in digs thus far with 17. Setter Taylor Bruns currently leads the team in assists, racking up 92 in the early season for South Carolina. She has also played a role on defense, as her 30 digs are tied for third on the team.

**Volleyball team welcomes Slovenia for exhibition match**

International contest to prepare Gamecocks for difficult conference schedule

Matt Mascon

Coming off a 4-0 weekend hosting the Gamecock Invitational, the South Carolina women's volleyball team will face international competition Wednesday night when they host the Slovenian national team in an exhibition match.

According to coach Scott Swanson, a company called Bring It Promotions sponsors college volleyball teams in the United States to tour Europe and also brings teams from Europe to tour the United States. Slovenia is currently doing a tour of the southeastern U.S., playing Duke, North Carolina, Clemson and Georgia Tech.

The Slovenian senior and junior teams are both coming, but South Carolina will play the senior team.

Swanson said that he expected to be playing some very powerful players but noted that the experience of playing such a team could really help his team to be prepared for the tough SEC schedule down the road.

"To me 'senior team' says that there's going to be some very experienced, probably professional players on that team that are going to really challenge us," he said. "I told our guys, they could