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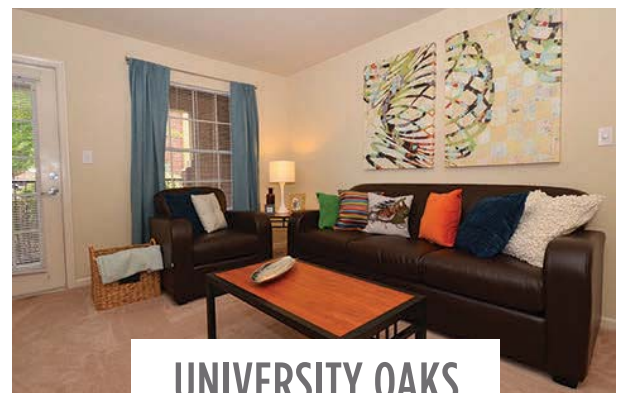
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Fall 2013 semester in review

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The fall semester, in many ways, served as a reminder of USC’s history, as the university recognized the 50th anniversary of its desegregation and made a new mark in its rivalry with Clemson.

In August, the largest-ever freshman class — of 5,034 students — moved onto campus to kick off the year, and many of them joined fraternities and sororities. More than 1,300 women — a university record — received bids from sororities.

August also saw the kickoff of a highly anticipated South Carolina football season. Fans packed Williams-Brice Stadium to watch the Gamecocks beat North Carolina 27-10 in what was the first college football game in the entire nation of the 2013 season.

In September, USC remembered its desegregation. Henrie Monteith and James Solomon Jr. walked down the steps of the Osborne Administration Building once more, 50 years after they became two of the first three black students to enroll at the university.

A week later, university President Harris Pastides celebrated his fifth year in office during his annual State of the University address. Pastides, whose tenure has been defined by state budget cuts and rising enrollment and tuition, offered state legislators a deal: no tuition increases for three years in return for more state money.

In October, the university and Columbia communities were jarred by the shooting of a USC freshman in Five Points. A stray bullet paralyzed Martha Childress, a first-year international business student, leading to numerous calls to action, including Pastides’ announcement that he no longer thought Five Points was safe late at night.

Also that month, the Gamecocks kept their Southeastern Conference championship hopes alive in a thrilling double-overtime win at Missouri; quarterback Connor Shaw rallied the team from a 17-point fourth-quarter deficit, although the Tigers would eventually win the division.

In November, Columbia voters re-elected Mayor Steve Benjamin by a wide margin, sending him to a second four-year term over challenger Moe Baddourah.

Earlier in the month, police responded to the shooting of former South Carolina running



Courtesy of USC Archives
The first black students at USC after Reconstruction walk through campus 50 years ago, on Sept. 11, 1963.

back Kenny Miles. The county sheriff later accused Miles of lying to deputies, saying Miles had shot himself.

On campus, Nev Schulman, the host of the popular MTV show “Catfish,” which explores the pitfalls of online dating, spoke at USC.

And to close out the month, Gamecock fans came back from Thanksgiving to watch the team set a record in the school’s rivalry with Clemson. South Carolina won its fifth-straight game over the Tigers, 31-17, in the series’ first top-10 matchup.

In December, an effort to change the city’s form of government to a strong-mayor system failed, as Columbia voters rejected the measure by a wide margin. The move would have given the mayor control over the city’s day-to-day operations.

In this special edition of The Daily Gamecock, we bring you excerpts of our coverage of USC and Columbia news from the Fall 2013 semester. To read the full articles, visit dailygamecock.com, where links to each are posted.

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Record numbers join sororities on Bid Day

More than 1,300 run down Horseshoe to new sisters

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Aug. 26 — Before the glitter, the balloons and the masses of painted faces, there was only the noise.

From Greene Street — and Bull and Sumter streets — all that could be heard was a washed-out cacophony of cheers and whistles.

Euphoric screams by McKissick Museum gave way to tears of joy nearer the Maxcy Monument, as more than 1,300 women ran across the Horseshoe on Sunday afternoon, on their way to be welcomed as new members of their sorority families at USC's annual sorority Bid Day.

Sarah Roof's mom was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha at USC.

Growing up, Roof was surrounded by her mom's sorority sisters and their children — "So I know

these friendships last forever," she said.

Joining a sorority was a natural choice for Roof, a first-year exercise science student from Chapin. In high school, she always wanted to get her toes into everything. And if she's not busy, she's bored.

Her mom didn't pressure her to join a sorority or to become a Zeta, but she is excited that her daughter's getting involved so early, Roof said.

"I wanted to really get connected on campus," Roof said. "And the school's so huge, it's a good way to make it smaller and find a network of friends."

Brianna Castoldi came into the sorority recruitment process "completely blind," she said. She pictured sorority life to be a lot like "Legally Blonde" before coming to USC, because that was her only frame of reference.

A first-year public relations student from Boston who had been a cheerleader for most of her life, Castoldi was looking for a new kind of team to join.

"I don't regret my decision at all," Castoldi said. "I think I'm going to be happy."

Sunday afternoon, Roof and Castoldi were among



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New sorority members run down the Horseshoe on Bid Day.

the 1,313 women who received formal invitations to join one of USC's 11 Panhellenic sororities. Each sorority accepted a minimum of 117 new members.

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USC marks 50 years since desegregation

University reflects on racial past, present, future

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Sept. 11 — On Sept. 11, 1963, there were no riots. There were no federal marshals. There was no fight from the state government. Three new African-American students walked down the steps of the Osborne Administration Building, the first to do so since Reconstruction.

It happened only three months after Alabama Gov. George Wallace attempted to physically block African-American students from entering the University of Alabama and less than a year after white students at the University of Mississippi erupted into a deadly riot stemming from the

enrollment of its first African-American student.

Henrie Monteith, James Solomon Jr. and Robert Anderson quietly desegregated the University of South Carolina. But the calm of the event was carefully calculated.

WHERE WE'VE BEEN

"USC and Clemson did not want to see themselves as other southern universities saw themselves," said Valinda Littlefield, director of African-American studies and co-chair of USC's Desegregation Committee. "The university orchestrated this calmness. There were certainly people who were not happy about it."

The three students, especially Anderson, were often harassed by their white peers, and a cross was burned in

the yard of Monteith's aunt and uncle, Littlefield said.

"The line between peace and violence was a thin line. It came down to leadership," said university President Harris Pastides. "Had there been a single student or community member who threw a rock or a Molotov cocktail, it could have ended very differently."

Instead of the riots seen in states like Alabama, much of South Carolina's desegregation fight happened in court. Six months after an appeals court ruled that Clemson had to admit African-American transfer student Harvey Gantt, the U.S. District Court ordered Monteith be admitted to USC. Solomon and Anderson followed quickly with applications to the university.

"Segregation and, truly, apartheid was just as ingrained in South Carolina as anywhere else," U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-S.C., said. "But South Carolina displayed a certain degree of sophistication and enlightenment. South Carolina decided to take a much more measured role in its opposition to civil rights."

Earlier that year, outgoing S.C. Gov. Ernest "Fritz" Hollings asked the state General Assembly and people across South Carolina to accept the desegregation of the state's colleges and universities. "We have run out of courts," Clyburn remembered him saying.

"It was an acknowledgment that he was going to recognize this country as being a country of laws and not men," said Clyburn, a veteran of South Carolina's civil rights movement.

And, instead of taking an active role in efforts to fight desegregation like his Alabama and Mississippi contemporaries, Hollings "did not add fuel to the flames," Pastides said.

In the fight to allow white and black students to live and learn together, Hollings made all the difference, Clyburn said.

"It was very simple," he said.



Courtesy of USC Archives

USC's first black students since Reconstruction enroll in September 1963.

"South Carolina had more enlightened leadership."

WHERE WE ARE

In 2012, 7,274 African-American students were enrolled throughout the University of South Carolina system. But for many of those students, as well as faculty, obstacles remain every day.

"Many of them still do not feel as if they are totally integrated into the university. In talking to some of them, I certainly get that that is their perception," Littlefield said. "They still talk about racism. It's very much part of any institution. Some [African-American students] experience racism. Sometimes it's subtle, but sometimes it's very abrasive, and they do know when they experience it."

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Pivot Point

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Pastides' first 5 years

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Sept. 18 — Harris Pastides had been USC's president three weeks when the first cut came.

Another came in October. One more in December.

There were five budget cuts that year, worth \$36.9 million on the Columbia campus. More than 23 percent in a year.

South Carolina's tax revenue was falling in 2008, and politicians' talk of austerity grew. USC's cuts — real and rumored — formed a bleak backdrop for a budding presidency.

"Those were scary times," Chief Financial Officer Ed Walton said. "People did not know what was coming next."

To compensate, the university froze hiring, losing 273 employees to retirement and other jobs. It brought in extra students: about 5,000 more in five years. It raised tuition: more than 22 percent for in-state students and nearly a quarter for everyone else.

Pastides, 59, is credited with navigating the Great Recession, improving key measures of academic quality and posturing it to improve more.

But staying afloat had consequences, and the university will feel them for years, officials say.

Five years later, USC is forced into a corner. It can't raise tuition any more, and an already-packed campus can't handle more students.

USC is at a pivot point: It faces big-picture questions of what it wants to be — and what it can afford.

How big should it be? How can it grow more? Whom does it serve?

And mostly, what's next?



Spencer Scott Nelson | The Daily Gamecock
President Harris Pastides faced sharp budget cuts in the first weeks of his presidency.

Pastides and his colleagues aren't shy about the luck of his timing.

"He got hit by a ton of bricks when he walked in," said Sandra Kelly, former faculty senate chair. "He didn't get much of a honeymoon," said Mark Becker, USC's provost at the time.

"Nine percent. Twelve percent. Eighteen percent. To the point where I said, 'You are kidding me,'" Pastides said. "This has got to be an April Fools' joke."

Pastides and his administration managed to steer USC through the recession without the layoffs, furloughs and department cuts many universities saw.

Becker, now president of Georgia State University, likened USC's reactions to the state cuts to surgery. It had to cut, but couldn't go too deep or lose vital functions. It couldn't use a Band-Aid.

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Pastides: Five Points not safe late at night

President outlines suggestions for area after student is shot, paralyzed

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Oct. 16 — Five Points, long a favorite shopping and bar district among students, is not safe for them late at night, USC President Harris Pastides said Tuesday.

Pastides said in a statement that the weekend shooting that paralyzed first-year international business student Martha Childress “must serve as a turning point” for the area.

“It is evident that Five Points after midnight is not currently a safe enough place for our students or for anyone,” Pastides said.

The statement outlines USC’s suggestions to make the area safer, including:

—Sending more city and county officers to patrol Five Points on weekend nights.

—Closing bars at 2 a.m. and enforcing regulations on drink specials more strictly.

—Making the area a pedestrian district by blocking roads on Friday and Saturday nights to ease crowding on sidewalks.

—Adding lights, call boxes and “other security infrastructure” in Five Points and bordering neighborhoods.

Pastides also said that USC will offer new “weekend night alternatives” to draw students from Five Points.

Alex Waelde, a USC student who owns a pair of Five Points bars and the popular Twitter account Drinking Ticket, said he largely agrees with Pastides. He supports blocking traffic, cracking down on cheap drinks and closing bars at 2 a.m., but he said he doesn’t think Five Points should be marked as unsafe.

“I don’t think the solution is to scare students,” Waelde said. “In my opinion, by saying Five Points is no longer safe, you’re saying, ‘They won. We lost it.’”

Mayor Steve Benjamin said on his campaign website that he would hold a community meeting to discuss crime at 5:30 p.m. today at the Columbia police PACE headquarters, 1001 Harden St.

Interim Columbia Police Chief Ruben Santiago could not immediately be reached Tuesday afternoon, but he has said this week that he doesn’t think police in Five Points could have done anything differently to prevent the Sunday morning shooting and that he would continue to send 10 to 20 officers on weekend nights.

Early Sunday morning, Childress and a friend were standing by the fountain waiting for a taxi when an argument broke out nearby and a man fired twice, a police report says. A stray bullet struck Childress, hitting vital organs and lodging in her spine.

Michael Juan Smith was arrested in connection with the shooting minutes later and faces five charges, including aggravated assault and battery, possession of a stolen pistol and possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a violent felony.

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Connor Shaw celebrates a comeback win in double overtime over Missouri.

Shaw leads comeback

South Carolina knocks off Missouri in double overtime after late, 17-point rally

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Oct. 28 — Connor Shaw wasn't supposed to play Saturday against Missouri. Neither was Kelcy Quarles.

But with South Carolina down 17-0 midway through the third quarter and struggling to avoid turnovers, coach Steve Spurrier went up to Shaw and asked him if he could play.

"Sure," Shaw replied.

What ensued was one of the biggest comebacks in recent Gamecock history, and both Shaw and Quarles played huge roles in it. Shaw led South Carolina to 17 straight points, all of them coming in the fourth quarter and the last of them coming on a two-yard touchdown pass to Nick Jones with 42 seconds left in regulation to tie the game and force overtime.

Then, with the Gamecocks trailing 24-17 in the first overtime

and facing a 4th-and-goal from the 15, Shaw found junior wide receiver Bruce Ellington in the right corner of the endzone for a touchdown to force the second overtime.

Freshman kicker Elliot Fry gave South Carolina its first lead of the night when he nailed a 40-yard field goal to give the Gamecocks a 27-24 lead. Fry had missed a 40-yarder

earlier in the game.

It appeared that Missouri was going to force a third overtime when kicker Andrew Baggett went out to attempt a 24-yard chip shot field goal. But the kick went left, hitting the goal post and falling harmlessly to the ground to give the Gamecocks their first-ever overtime win while keeping their SEC East hopes alive.

"Thank God he hit that yellow field goal post at the end of the game," Quarles said.

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Families flood campus

More than 10,000 attend annual Parents Weekend

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Oct. 7 — A record number of parents and relatives converged on Columbia this weekend for USC's annual Parents Weekend. The more than 10,000 family members attended social events, mingled with university administrators and sat in on classes.

The weekend's first major event was a President's Reception from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, hosted by university President Pastides at his home on the Horseshoe. Parents and students also attended a Beach Bash from 8-11 p.m. at the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center.

"We went to the Beach Bash,

which was actually a lot of fun watching everybody dance," Ashley Zeger, a parent from Tampa, Fla., said.

On Saturday, the university held a Parents Tailgate in Gamecock Park from 5 to 7 p.m. before the football game against Kentucky.

"[The Parent's Tailgate was] fun just because you get to meet so many people," said Sharon Boucher, who came from Calabasas, Calif. "You greet them and tell they're freshman parents from their faces, they're so happy. They're so happy and proud to be here."

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The Gamecocks celebrate their fifth-straight win over archrivals Clemson this year.

USC wins 5th straight

Gamecocks beat Clemson Tigers in historic matchup

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Dec. 2 — In a season full of firsts for South Carolina football, perhaps the most memorable one came Saturday night when the Gamecocks beat Clemson 31-17 for the fifth consecutive time.

“It was a wonderful win for us,” head coach Steve Spurrier said. “We’re very fortunate, we know that. They’re a good team that continues not playing very well when they play us for some reason.”

Within South Carolina’s five-year run against the Tigers has been the career of senior quarterback Connor Shaw, who, with Saturday’s win, went undefeated against Clemson during his time in Columbia.

The game also served as Shaw’s last hurrah in front of a home crowd at Williams-Brice Stadium, an opportunity that he took advantage of as he was the engine that powered the Gamecock offense from start to finish.

Spurrier called Shaw the “best quarterback in school history” Saturday night.

“Especially coming from coach Spurrier — because he’s very critical — it means the world to me,” Shaw said. “I grew up idolizing him when he was at Florida, and it’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to come play for him.”

Shaw threw for 152 yards and a touchdown in the contest, and he also finished the game as South Carolina’s leading rusher on the day, racking up 123 yards and a touchdown on the ground.

The win over Clemson capped off a perfect 17-0 record at home for Shaw in his career at South Carolina.

“I’m so grateful to our fans, man. It’s been a hell of a ride in four years here,” Shaw said. “So thank you, to Gamecock nation.”

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Mayor wins 2nd term

**Benjamin cruises
to re-election, claims
30-point margin**

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Nov. 6 — They danced, they cheered and they celebrated, but while their candidate cruised to a second term Tuesday, Mayor Steve Benjamin’s supporters had their sights on a bigger prize.

Their real fight — a referendum to establish a strong-mayor form of government — was yet to come.

“This is phase one,” U.S. Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C., told the crowd. “We’ve got to suit up again.”

Benjamin held a nearly 30-point margin — 64 percent to 36 — over challenger Moe Baddourah, with 95 percent of precincts reporting results.

Benjamin said the margin gives his campaign momentum headed toward the Dec. 3 referendum, which would give the mayor power over the city’s day-to-day operations. The issue has already become a sticking point among city leaders.

“I take this as a sign that people want strong, bold, positive leadership,” Benjamin said. “The people of Columbia are generally good people, are positive people — people who support seeing a vision over division.”

Benjamin said that he believes it is essential for the mayor to have power to hire and fire the police chief; Baddourah repeated throughout the campaign that he thinks Columbia needs to hire a permanent chief.

“We owe it to the people of Columbia to make sure they understand not just that we support the strong-mayor form

of government, but that they fully understand why it’s important to have a mayor who wakes up in the morning thinking about how he can make this a better city and goes to bed at night thinking about how he can do just that,” Benjamin said.

Benjamin’s party packed the Sheraton Convention Center on Washington Street with supporters including Clyburn, former Democratic Gov. Jim Hodges and former Republican state Sen. Jake Knotts. Even men’s basketball coach Frank Martin, Benjamin’s neighbor, showed up.

Clyburn called Benjamin a “very bold visionary.” Knotts praised his “ability to look forward and predict the future.” Both said they supported the strong-mayor push.

“There needs to be somebody that lays out a future and rallies people around it,” Clyburn said. “It’s kind of hard to have four or five different people come up with a vision.”

The mood was more somber at Andy’s Deli in Five Points, where Baddourah watched results come in with his family.

After conceding the race, Baddourah, a city councilman, said he looked forward to keeping his seat. He would need to sit down with his family to talk about his future in politics, he said.

Baddourah’s wife, Carrie, said she was proud of her husband despite the loss.

“He worked so hard,” she said. “If the election were based on hard work versus campaign dollars, he would definitely win.”

Baddourah said he hopes to make City Council work better and that he looks forward to working with Benjamin.

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Gamecocks top Tar Heels

South Carolina starts 2013 season with 27-10 victory

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Aug. 30 — Quarterbacks Connor Shaw and Dylan Thompson picked up right where they left off last season as the Gamecocks opened their highly anticipated 2013 campaign with Thursday night's battle with North Carolina.

On the third play from scrimmage and on his first pass attempt, Shaw found sophomore wide receiver Shaq Roland streaking down the middle of the field for a 65-yard touchdown. It was the beginning of big plays for the Gamecocks as they routed the Tar Heels 27-10.

"In the first half, we only had five possessions, and we scored on four of them," coach Steve Spurrier said. "So that's not too shabby. We had a good little running game going, but the game could have been a lot closer."

After South Carolina tacked on a field goal by freshman Elliot Fry to bring their lead to 10, Shaw and sophomore tailback Brandon Wilds again led the Gamecocks down the field. After Shaw found receiver K.J. Brent for a 9-yard completion to the North Carolina 29, Thompson stepped in.

On his first and only pass attempt, Thompson found receiver Kane Whitehurst, a walk-on who transferred from Arkansas, for a 29-yard touchdown in the corner of the end zone to give the Gamecocks a commanding 17-0 lead at the end of one quarter. Whitehurst is the younger cousin of former Clemson star quarterback Charlie Whitehurst.

The 17 points South Carolina scored in the first quarter were the most in an opening game since 1996, when the Gamecocks put up 23 in their first quarter against Central Florida.

The Gamecock defense stymied the Tar Heel offense until North Carolina quarterback Bryn Renner connected with receiver Quinshad Davis, a South Carolina native, for a 4-yard touchdown pass to cut the lead to 17-7.

But Fry pushed through a 26-yard field goal a few minutes before halftime to give the Gamecocks a 20-7 lead at the break. South Carolina had 260 total first-half yards to North Carolina's 121.

"I was encouraged," Shaw said. "I had some fun out there; I think we all did. It was fun to get me and (Thompson) in there and get the offense clicking."

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Rain soaks move-in weekend

Aug. 22 — A rainy move-in weekend might have soaked a few moving boxes, but the weather actually helped regulate the flow of thousands of students and their families on campus, University Housing Director of Administration Joe Fortune said.

"Things just went really well for us," Fortune said.

For the first time, dorms opened early this year to accommodate about 1,600 students arriving to campus Wednesday for sorority recruitment and marching band activities.

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'Catfish' comes to USC

Schulman discusses online dating at campus event

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Oct. 2 — Dating is different in the 21st century.

Students and adults alike are no longer meeting cute girls and boys in soda shops, asking them on dates and falling madly in love. Instead, this is a generation of people creating online profiles and molding their dating lives into whatever they like.

Without the shift to online dating, Nev Schulman would not be where he is today.

"It was not planned. I made mistakes," Schulman said about experiences.

The New York City native, who

first gained fame with his 2010 film, "Catfish," which documented his experience with an online relationship with an unexpected twist.

Schulman is now the host and executive producer of the movie-turned-MTV-show. The show has become a television sensation, as Schulman and his friend and filmmaking partner Max Joseph document the lives of people in online relationships as they discover the hidden truths of their virtual partners' true personas.

In Schulman's appearance at the Koger Center for the Arts Tuesday, he not only discussed his experiences filming the movie and show but the even more important life experiences that have led him to be the person he is today, advice on friendship and his

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Nev Schulman, creator of the MTV show "Catfish," speaks at USC in November.

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impressive display of chest hair.

"I want to take a trip back in time and bring the audience on a bit of a ride," Schulman said before the show. "Take them through all of the mistakes, life lessons, discoveries and eventual triumphs that I've been fortunate enough to experience."

During the show, he talked about his interactions with friends, moments of low self-confidence, multiple experiences getting kicked out of school and self-discovery they have led him to.

His multimedia approach incorporated the short films, favorite quotations and pictures of his life that helped him to explain to the audience what he has learned about the meaning of friendship and how unpredictable life is.

"You want to be friends with people completely honest with you," he said.

Aside from his words of advice and interesting life experiences, going from rebel teen to motivated adult, Schulman made sure to answer the question on everyone's minds: What does Catfish mean?

He described his first meeting with the woman he had an online "relationship" with in his documentary, and although he was

astonished by the fact that this beautiful woman he had fallen for was a middle-aged married mother, he remembered a story her husband told.

Her husband explained that when live bass and cod were shipped from Asia, the fish would arrive mushy and bad tasting because they were inactive, so fishermen put catfish in the tanks to keep the other fish moving.

Schulman remembered him saying, "I thank God for the catfish," and so the title came to be.

But for Schulman, the title has a very different meaning.

"A catfish to me is someone who thinks outside the box and goes against the norm," he said. "As you choose your friends, think of that also. You don't want to be all the same."

Now proudly living as a catfish, he said the unpredictable nature of his life has been the most important thing to him. As he reminisced on his life, he said that if he had never met the woman online, he would have never made a film, so he would have never had a television show, and he wouldn't have been at USC Tuesday night.

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Sheriff: Miles shot himself

Authorities say former running back lied to police

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Nov. 13 — Former Gamecocks running back Kenny Miles shot himself in the forearm in an Irmo office park last week, Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said Tuesday.

Miles will be charged with filing a false police report and could face jail time or a large fine if convicted.

Miles told sheriff's deputies last week he was shot by an unknown man in an armed robbery attempt. The next day, Lott announced that was not the case.

Lott would go into detail about the circumstances of the shooting.

Miles released a statement Tuesday

through his lawyer, Neal Laurie:

"Last week I made a big mistake by not being up front about how the shooting occurred. I was not involved in any criminal activity. However, I was scared and worried how my actions would be perceived. I only made matters worse by not telling the truth. I make no excuses for my behavior.

"I would like to apologize to: Sheriff Leon Lott and the entire Richland County Sheriff's Department; my employer, The Office of the Attorney General; my teammates and coaches; the University of South Carolina community; friends; family; fans; and anyone else that I've disappointed."

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Columbia voters nix strong-mayor proposal

City to keep current government system after referendum fails

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Dec. 4 — Just before he conceded defeat in the strong-mayor referendum Tuesday night, Mayor Steve Benjamin looked to the future.

“My parents told me that you win some, you lose some,” Benjamin said, calling the election’s result a “missed opportunity” and said he would continue to work hard for the city of Columbia under the current system.

The referendum was a key point of Benjamin’s re-election campaign over the past year and would have overhauled the current form of local government. Had the referendum passed, Benjamin would have gained more power and authority in the city government.

But the referendum failed as nearly 57 percent

of voters rejected the change. With 96 percent of precincts reporting, 6,684 voters had voted “no.”

Benjamin said he didn’t think that rain played a factor in the low voter turnout Tuesday but that he wants to make sure that future elections will be held in November.

Dennis Lambries, a USC professor who works with the Institute for Public Service and Policy Research, said that the strong-mayor form of government has both positive and negative aspects.

“It would make the elected official more involved and let him speak with authority,” Lambries said. “However, on the downside, a strong mayor could move the city in a direction that not everyone wants.”

Lambries said that with a strong-mayor system, the mayor would be more accountable to the people, could get things done more quickly and would serve as a true leader in government. However, with that power would come the possibility for the mayor to act in a more political

manner to serve his own interests.

“Hypothetically, with the absence of guidance from council, his decisions could be of a purely political nature,” he said.

It was important for voters to look at other South Carolina cities and weigh their successes with the two different forms of government, Lambries said.

“If you look at Charleston, you can see the successes of Mayor (Joe) Riley and the strong mayor system,” he said. “But Greenville has a council-manager form of government, and they’ve had lots of growth and a dynamic downtown area.”

As for his personal opinion on the matter, Lambries said either system could be successful, but it depends on the political skill of the mayor elected.

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CANDIDATES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The University of South Carolina wants to ensure that all degree candidates may participate in the commencement exercises. Degree candidates who have special needs, including mobility impairments due to health conditions, or who are unable to walk moderate distances are encouraged to contact the commencement staff of the Office of the University Registrar at 777-5555. A sign language interpreter will be provided for the hearing-impaired. The interpreter will be positioned on the platform, and may be viewed on the large overhead video screen. If you need a copy of the commencement book in braille or large print or in digital format, please contact the Office of Student Disability Services at 777-5339.

NAME CARDS

Degree candidates will have a tube at their seat containing a letter from President Harris

Pastides. Attached to the tube will be a card. Candidates need to pay special attention to this card, as they will need to give it to the announcer who calls out each name. The University of South Carolina is one of the only universities left in the country that recognizes candidates individually by name.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Professional photographers will photograph each degree candidate being greeted by the university president and the dean. Complimentary photograph proofs may be sent to the degree candidate within 30 working days after the commencement exercises. Additional photographs may be purchased upon receipt of the proof. No prior arrangements are necessary for this service; all degree candidates will be photographed during the ceremony. There is absolutely no obligation to purchase any photographs. Families and guests will not be permitted on the event floor during the ceremonies.

There will also be a professional photographer available to take posed cap and gown photographs of the degree candidates with family members and guests. Photographs may be taken before or after the commencement exercises. This photographer will be located on the concourse level of the Colonial Life Arena.

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SEATING

There are no tickets for the event. All open seats are on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors will open two hours prior to the ceremony, so large groups are advised to show up early. Sections 211-219, which are located behind the platform, are

closed to the public.

Premium seating: Suites may be available for rental during the Baccalaureate, Master's and Professional Commencement Exercises. The suites provide a private venue for seating of up to 12, as well as restrooms. There are a limited number of suites still available. For more information, contact the Colonial Life Area at 803-576-9200.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All bags may be searched so allow time for this security procedure. Seating for family members and guests with special needs will be available

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A sign language interpreter will be provided for the hearing-impaired. The interpreter will be positioned on the platform, and may be viewed on the large overhead video screen. If you need a copy of the Commencement Book in Braille or large print or in digital format, please contact the Office of Student Disability Services at 777-5339.

Commencement programs can be found on tables along the



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Colonial Life Arena will play host to this year's commencement ceremonies.

concourse. Degree candidates are listed by college and degree earned. Additional programs can be requested after the ceremony if additional copies are needed.

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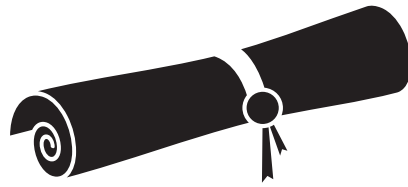
Commencements are a time-honored tradition in academia and honor the achievements, learning, and rigorous work of undergraduate and graduate students. USC held its first commencement ceremony in December 1807 in Rutledge College, the University's first building, which currently serves as the University's chapel on the historic Horseshoe.

University of South Carolina President Harris Pastides will preside at each of the commencement exercises. The commencement exercises will include the University's traditional ceremony, a ceremony whose style stretches back to the earliest origin of the University of South Carolina, honoring each degree candidate individually. The President will join the dean of each college or school to greet each candidate individually as his/her name is called.

The ceremonies will begin with a series of academic processions including representatives of the University faculties, University officials and deans, members of the Board of Trustees and distinguished guests.

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The University of South Carolina seal quotes the Latin poet Ovid, "Emollit Mores Nec Sinit Esse Feros", which is translated, "Learning humanizes character and does not permit it to be cruel." Beneath this motto on the University seal stand the figures of Liberty and Minerva, the goddess of Wisdom. Though clothed for battle, they hold their weapons at rest and shake hands. Liberty and wisdom share common ground. The University must be that special



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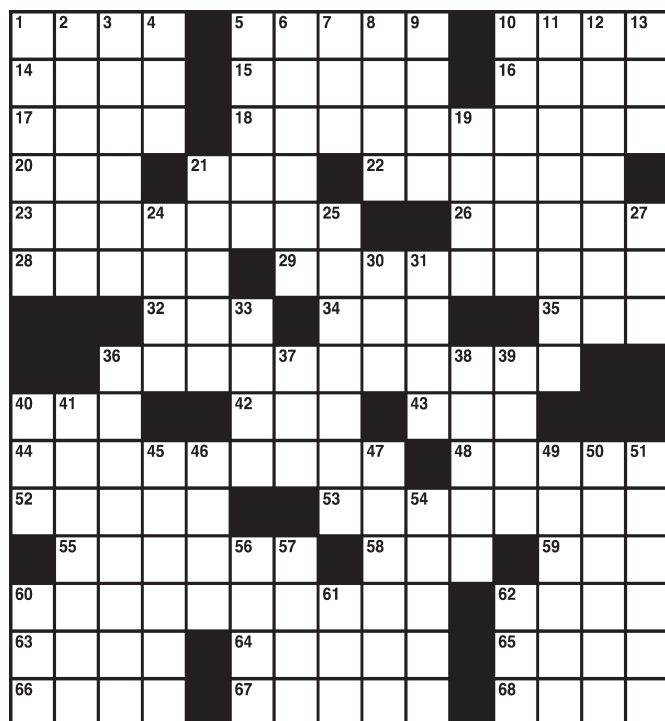
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ACROSS

1 Family nickname
 5 Turkeys
 10 Together, in scores
 14 Say and mean
 15 "Star Wars" name
 16 Locks that are hard to manage
 17 Shed tool
 18 Restraints to prevent the eating of forbidden fruit?
 20 "Who am ___ judge?"
 21 ID theft target
 22 Eastern faith
 23 Crooned while tipsy?
 26 Sleep: Pref.
 28 Present in court
 29 Resistant to punches?
 32 Officiate
 34 Word often ignored in alphabetizing
 35 Golfs, e.g.
 36 Scary place to pray?
 40 Thickness
 42 Wide size
 43 Big-league
 44 Actor Holbrook under the weather?
 48 Island mentioned in the Beach Boys' "Kokomo"
 52 At ___: in one go
 53 Underwater menace?
 55 Doha resident
 58 Patience-virtue link
 59 Regulus's constellation
 60 Rooster that doesn't wake you up?
 62 End of school?
 63 Rhode Island senator for whom an education grant is named
 64 Struggling with
 65 Community service org.
 66 Escaped
 67 "Then ..."
 68 One good at takeoffs



DOWN

1 Model/actress Berenson
 2 Online image
 3 Vietnam's ___ Delta
 4 Exist
 5 Met villains, perhaps
 6 Round gaskets
 7 McKinley, e.g.: Abbr.
 8 Leader
 9 Junior-to-be
 10 Key related to C
 11 Cop's order
 12 Thus far
 13 Twisting shape
 19 Struggle with sassafras?
 21 Absolute
 24 Sage
 25 Restaurant pots
 27 They might happen
 30 "The Motorcycle Diaries" subject
 31 McCain : Palin :: Dole : ___
 33 Went up
 36 One of seven in this clue
 37 Casual "Sure"
 38 Italian luxury label

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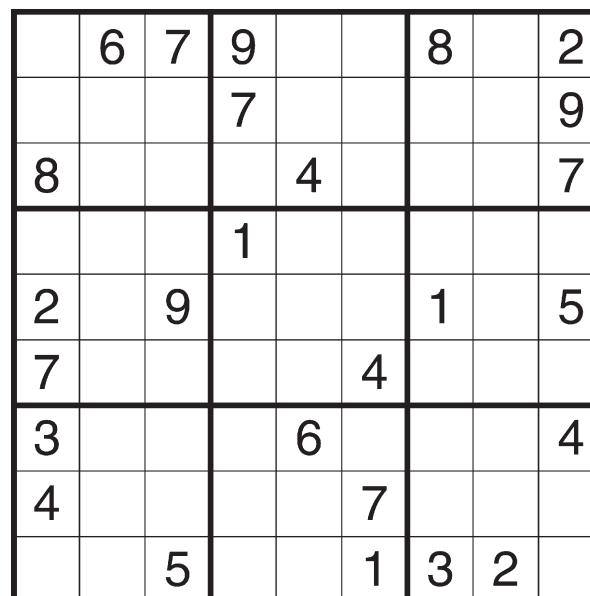
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 41 Strong finish?
 45 Younger, as a sister
 46 Play-of-color gem
 47 Camera store choices
 49 Tanning booth item, briefly
 50 "The Devil's Dictionary" author
 51 12-time All-Star Roberto

54 Invite as one's date for
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 60 Basker's abbr.
 61 A little off
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