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Car dealer assistant Elder Rodriguez tears down an ad banner at the Felix Chevrolet Autos downtown Los Angeles Monday.

CARS jolts SC dealerships

Cash for Clunkers stimulus program boosts car sales in Columbia showrooms

Jonathan Battaglia
MULTIMEDIA DIRECTOR

The Car Allowance Rebate System, also known as Cash for Clunkers, ended Monday, but not before increasing sales for many Columbia-area car dealerships.

The Cash for Clunkers program was passed by the federal government to provide economic incentives to purchase new, more fuel-efficient vehicles when trading in older, less fuel-efficient ones. The program received an initial grant of \$1 billion from Congress, which was supposed to last from July 24 until Nov. 1. When the funds dried up by July 30, Congress approved an additional \$2 billion the next day, which was exhausted by Aug. 24.

New inventory sales increased an estimated 65 percent at Jim Hudson Pontiac GMC on Garners Ferry Road, according to general sales manager Larry Kalin.

"Overall it looks like it was a success," said Kalin, who has worked at the dealership since 1988. "It drove the market considerably and got some older, higher-mileage vehicles off the road and put some new ones on the

road."

For a vehicle to be eligible for federal credit, it had to be less than 25 years old and have an Environmental Protection Agency rating of less than 18 miles per gallon. A new car bought under the plan must have had a suggested retail price of no more than \$45,000 and a fuel economy of at least 22 mpg.

Eligible customers received a voucher for either \$3,500 or \$4,500 toward a new car, depending on the difference in fuel economy between the purchased vehicle and the trade-in vehicle. Kalin said the deal turned a predominantly used-car market into a new-car dominated market.

"Six months ago things were totally different," Kalin said. "Now, with Cash for Clunkers, we're seeing people look towards buying a new car a lot more."

But the program wasn't just a good deal for consumers and a boost for car dealerships. Scott Rhodes, general manager at Galeana Chrysler on Greystone Boulevard, said the federal money will be funneled into extra revenue for school districts and property and sales taxes.

"A lot of people don't realize that a lot of that money that these customers receive for their clunker goes right back to local and state school districts and to increase tax revenues," Rhodes said. "I think it helps the local communities, the state budgets,

county budgets, they're all a recipient of this money. It ripples throughout the economy."

Rhodes also said the program would help car manufacturers, and that they would be working full-force over the next 90 days to replenish emptied car lots nationwide. He appreciates the effort of the government to help struggling car dealerships.

"I think it's going to do a lot to be a very successful stimulus program," Rhodes said. "At the end of the day it's going to be one of the most successful things our government's done in a while."

In the past few days since the Cash for Clunkers program ended, Rhodes said sales at Galeana have unsurprisingly decreased.

"We're not selling at the rates before we were during the program," Rhodes said. "We kind of expected it to drop down to where we were before the program, which is about what we're doing."

But it's still going to be a while until car sales were back to pre-economic slump levels.

"I don't think it's fixed the economy yet," Rhodes said. "It's going to be a long time before the stimulus money gets down into the economy and car sales in general pick up."

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Students lag in financial knowledge

Business courses, parents provide bulk of information

Krystin Winch & Taylor Cheney
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

"I try to keep myself on a mental budget of sorts," says second-year broadcast journalism major, Angela Padgett.

A recent survey conducted by the Center for Economic and Entrepreneurial Literacy reported that many of America's college students are already credit dependent but do not understand the basics of borrowing and interest rates. Although she is an accounting student, second-year business student Jakari Pinckney does not do her own banking personally.

Lauren Allred, a fourth-year English student, finds making her rent is the biggest priority, so she spends wisely.

"Online banking makes things a lot easier, but I often lose track of the little things I buy, like a cup of coffee or Chap Stick," she said.

With the lack of personal finance classes in some high schools, 58 percent of students say the majority of their financial knowledge comes from their parents, according to CEEL's survey.

Having a father with a degree in economics and finance certainly has helped Padgett.

"My dad has taught me a lot ... but I have learned a lot just through the experiences of buying a car, paying my insurance, renting an apartment, paying for school, etc." Padgett said. "I think it's important now, more than ever, to be very careful about personal finances and keep a good check on your credit score because it affects you more than you might realize."

Mollie Torres, a second-year marketing and international business student, also benefits from the fiscal wisdom of her parents. Torres said that her mother has taught her valuable lessons about managing money. Since Torres did not purchase a meal plan, she's taking the advice to heart.

"Not having a meal plan this year has made me think a lot more about when and where I spend," Torres said. "I will probably be taking out a loan in order to study abroad this summer, which I'm a little worried about paying back."

David Moody, a first-year business student, appreciates the convenience of banking online because he can keep track of his finances in a hassle-free environment.

"I just got a debit card right before college started," Moody said. "Luckily I don't have student loans, so I'm not really worried about that."

As a parent of a college student and director of student financial aid and scholarships at the University, Edward Miller stresses the responsibility of thinking ahead and realistically planning your college budget in advance.

"There are a lot of unexpected costs in college, and what a lot of students do not realize is that these are not only direct costs, such as tuition, books and meal plans, but also a lot of miscellaneous and recreational expenses that



Your Summer: Malia Griggs

Josh Dawsey
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

While spending part of her summer studying abroad in France, Malia Griggs ate at a French restaurant with one of her best friends.

For the entire course of their meal, they listened to a nearby table of girls speak fluent English, and they were entertained by the conversation.

So they turned to introduce themselves, and what they found was quite coincidental.

"We asked what school they were from, and the girl replied that they graduated from USC," said Griggs, a third-year French student. "We were all shocked and it turns out we have mutual friends. It was very strange, but what a small world!"

Griggs went overseas for four weeks this summer to immerse herself in French culture and complete her mastery of French. What she got was a trip that was much more.

"Many of the students were able to live with families and learn about how the French live," trip sponsor and USC professor John Duffy said. "I hope they made friends with people living in a society that in many ways is different than ours. And the food is great too."



Photo provided by Malia Griggs

Malia Griggs visited Versailles while studying in France.

CALENDAR

What: Preaching
When: 11 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Where: Russell House Patio

What: Organ Rehearsal
When: 1 — 3 p.m.
Where: Rutledge

What: ALD Chapter Meeting
When: 3:30 p.m.
Where: RH Theater

What: CRU Information Table
When: 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Where: Patterson Hall Lobby

What: The Soloist
When: 6 p.m.
Where: RH Theater

What: Fun Night with The Navigators
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: The Golden Spur Game Room

SPORTS SCHEDULE

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Charlotte Stone Stadium
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7 p.m.

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Sept. 3
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LOCAL & WORLD NEWS

LOCAL

Sanford calls probe outrage

GREENVILLE — South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford said Thursday that a state senator shouldn't single him out by investigating his travels after other governors bought pricey flights for years.

Sanford once blasted state officials for taking expensive flights as he built an image for himself as a frugal conservative. But he used his predecessors' travel habits to defend himself in a letter to the lawmaker, which points out hundreds of expensive airline tickets bought under three previous administrations.

Sanford's travels and use of state aircraft have come under greater scrutiny after he disappeared for five days in June and returned to confess an affair with an Argentine woman.

"There's something wrong with selective outrage," Sanford told reporters at a news conference Thursday. "Let's look at all the facts. Let's lay them out. That will be a good thing. But let's not have what we have right now, which are a whole host of different agendas being served."

At a podium placed across the street from Sen. David Thomas' law office, Sanford said the lawmaker's political ambitions were fueling a probe by the budget subcommittee that Thomas chairs. Thomas, R-Fountain Inn, is running for the U.S. House.

NATIONAL

Wisconsin to phase out tests

MADISON, Wis. — A 17-year-old statewide test used to comply with the federal No Child Left Behind law will be replaced with a broader approach to judging how well Wisconsin students are performing, state superintendent Tony Evers said Thursday.

Education leaders heralded the move as a step toward more accountability. It may also help put Wisconsin in a better position to compete with other states for \$4.35 billion in federal education stimulus money under the government's "Race to the Top" reform program.

"It's very good news," said Miles Turner, executive director of the Wisconsin Association of School Districts. The announcement also drew praise from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and the largest teachers union, the Wisconsin Education Association Council, which has long argued for moving away from a single test to measure student achievement.

Those groups have criticized the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exams as being ineffective at measuring how well students are performing. The tests will be replaced over the next two to three years with a system that combines state, district and classroom assessments, Evers said in a statement.

INTERNATIONAL

Israel gets Auschwitz layout

BERLIN — Sketched on yellowing parchment, the 29 blueprints presented to Israel's prime minister Thursday lay out the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz in chilling detail, with gas chambers, crematoria, delousing facilities and watch towers drawn to scale.

"There are those who deny that the Holocaust happened," Benjamin Netanyahu said as he accepted the documents as a gift to Israel's Holocaust memorial, where they will go on display next year.

"Let them come to Jerusalem and look at these plans, these plans for the factory of death."

Netanyahu lingered over the large sheets spread on a table. Stamped with the Nazi abbreviation for concentration camp ("K.L."), Auschwitz was one of the largest featured multi-colored sketches, with barracks and even latrines drawn in detail. Other smaller sheets showed architectural designs of individual buildings, drawn from various angles.

— *The Associated Press*

PIC OF THE DAY



David Walters / *The Daily Gamecock*

Sale of clove cigarettes was banned Aug. 2 by President Barack Obama. Made in Indonesia, they are composed of a special blend of cloves and tobacco.

CRIME REPORT

Compiled by Sierra Kelly

SATURDAY

Burglary/Petit Larceny, 4:30 p.m.

820 Main St., Wardlaw College
The complainant, 61, said an unknown person forced entry into a room in Wardlaw College and removed three flash drives.
Estimated Cost: \$30

Larceny/Larceny of bicycles, 2 p.m.

Between Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. and Aug. 22 at 2 p.m.
Thomas Cooper Library, 1323 Greene St.
The victim stated that he locked his bike to a rack outside the library on Aug. 21 and found it missing the next day. The bike was secured by a cable lock.
Estimated Cost: \$500

Reporting officer: Brent Baker

FRIDAY

Minor in possession, purchase, consumption of an alcoholic beverage, assistance rendered Between 10:41 — 11:20 p.m.

1423 Whaley St.
An officer was dispatched on claims of a minor being intoxicated. The officer found the suspect, 16, lying on a bench, vomiting and unable to sit up. EMS was contacted and determined that the suspect needed to be transported to Baptist Memorial hospital.

Reporting Officer: Chaz Carrington

TODAY IN HISTORY

Information compiled from history.com

1955:

While visiting family in Money, Mississippi, 14-year-old Emmett Till, an African American from Chicago, is brutally murdered for flirting with a white woman four days earlier. His assailants--the white woman's husband and her brother--made Emmett carry a 75-pound cotton-gin fan to the bank of the Tallahatchie River and ordered him to take off his clothes. The two men then beat him nearly to death, gouged out his eye, shot him in the head, and then threw his body, tied to the cotton-gin fan with barbed wire, into the river.

1963:

On the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., the African American civil rights movement reaches its high-water mark when Martin Luther King, Jr., speaks to about 250,000 people attending the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

1968:

Thousands of Vietnam War protesters riot in the streets of Chicago at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. The riot was known as the "Battle of Michigan Avenue."

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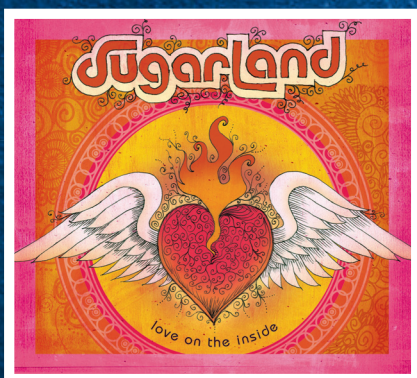
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USC gets high marks for service

Students contribute thousands of hours in programs, events

Derek Legette
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Last year, the University proved it is all about community service.

In the 2008-09 school year, many students, faculty and staff engaged in numerous acts of selfless service. A total of 18,829 USC volunteers are estimated to have completed a sum of 302,921 service hours.

Some student organizations involved were the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, the Anthropology Student Association, American Red Cross and the Carolina Service Council. Rasheika Robinson, president of Alpha Phi Omega, feels very passionately about doing community service.

“Our basic foundations are leadership, friendship and especially service. Service is a key factor, which is why all members do a minimum of 30 hours of volunteering,” said Robinson, a fourth-year experimental psychology and history student

Although she works with other groups, Robinson is mainly committed to Alpha Phi Omega.

“I’m a full-time student, a full-time worker and a full-time president,” she said.

Other service programs include the Service Opportunities Fair, America Reads and the Service Saturday program. The Service Opportunities Fair has 40 diverse non-profit organizations and takes place Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. — 2 p.m. America Reads, a federal



Keri Goff / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Student Body President Meredith Ross stands in a make-shift jail cell on Greene Street last fall for Jail-n-Bail, which raised money for the Children’s Miracle Network.

work study program, sends 27 USC students to five different elementary schools. The Service Saturday program allows volunteers the chance to work at 28 different sites with 20 non-profit agencies.

During the last school year, 892 participants were at six monthly events, which accumulated 4,460 hours of service. Carolina Cares also donated 1,500 stockings, a 12 percent increase from 2007.

Carolina Service Council designed a volunteer project at Harvest Hope Food Bank, planted trees for Carolina Wildfire Care and collected 1,100 letters for deployed troops during the A Thousand Thanks campaign. CSC president, Audrey Graft, feels dedicated to the Carolina area.

“Some of our events from last year include planting trees with Carolina

Wildlife Care, sponsoring a cookout and activities with adult residents at the Babcock Center, and hosting a sweatshirt drive for the homeless in Columbia, among many other annual events such as the Oxfam Hunger Banquet,” said Graft, a fourth-year biology student. “We also partner with Community Service Programs in the Department of Student Life to host several programs, for example the MLK Day of Service, Tree Lighting and Alternative Break trips.”

Graft said that reaching out to others around us is an important part of being engaged in the Carolina community.

“The Carolina Service Council exists as a student organization because many students do feel a sense of commitment to positively impacting the community surrounding our campus and

want to contribute in any way they can.” Graft said. “As Carolinians, we aim to show this community that we are passionate about engaging and improving the world, that we can give of ourselves, our time, and our talents to those in need, and that we can respond to the call to be a part of something much greater than ourselves.”

Dance Marathon, with its 24-hour program, also helped more than 80,000 children at the Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital. Maria Culberston, a fourth-year marketing and human resources management student, was in charge of the program. “I’ve been doing community service my entire life, because I’ve seen so many people around me that are helpless. I feel blessed for what I have and what to give back to those who are less fortunate,” Culbertson said. “We had the largest number of participants last year and were able to raise \$19,000 more than the previous year.”

Other associations involved with last year’s service performance were Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life, and Gamecocks Abdicating Mature Management of Alcohol.

PARIS • Continued from 1

The sightseeing components of the trip were second-to-none, Griggs said. Not only did she completely make her way around France, but she saw many other countries as well. Though she enjoyed the Palace of Versailles, the Eiffel Tower and all the other usual suspects, her favorite was the Catacombs, a famous ossuary in Paris.

“I guess that’s kind of morbid considering there are eight thousand skulls lined up, but it was a fun time, if not creepy,” Griggs said.

But the trip gave her more than the sights. Over her weeks overseas, she made many observations about the differences in French life and American life.

The people in France are much more conscious about staying in shape and being healthy, Griggs said. “I think I’m going to eat better this fall,” she said.

Also, the attitude toward drinking is much different.

The school sold alcohol to students at a function

Griggs attended with her overseas companions. The school used a Breathalyzer on each student to make sure he or she was fit to drive at the end of the night.

“The school was very responsible because they accepted that students were going to drink and did their best to make the process safe,” she said. “I was impressed. Drinking was not the tense, hidden affair that it sometimes is at American public universities.”

Duffy said Griggs is the kind of student to excel in such an experience.

“Malia is an excellent student, quiet and serious, but very pleasant and adaptable,” Duffy said.

Her advice to those planning to travel abroad in the future is simple.

“You need to immerse yourself in the culture — eat what they eat, speak with them, hang out with them, dress like them,” Griggs said. “You’ll have a much richer experience.”

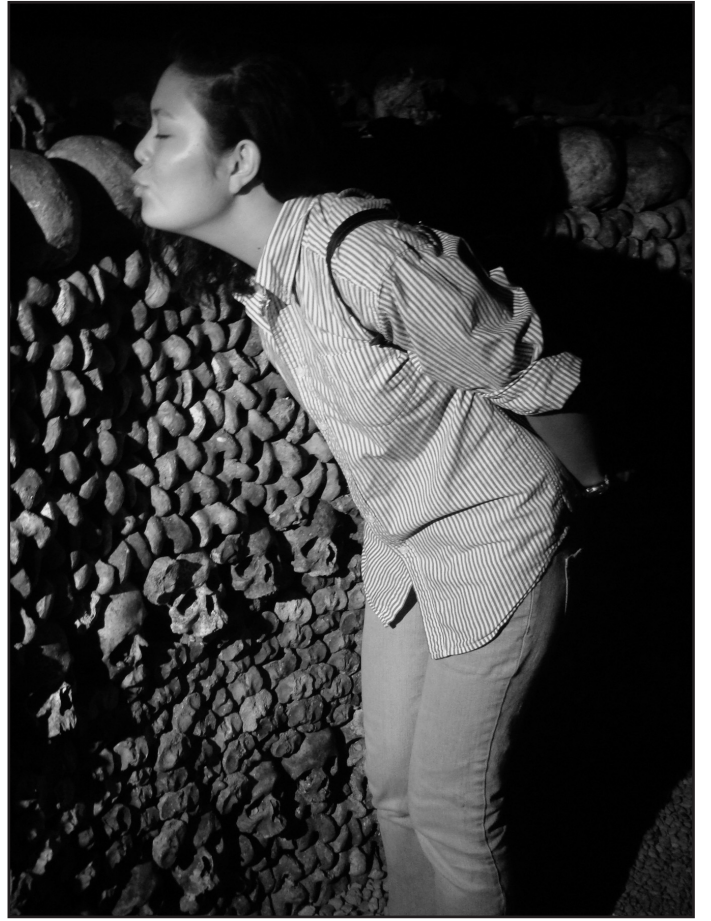


Photo provided by Malia Griggs

Malia Griggs’ favorite attraction while in Paris was the Catacombs, an underground network of tunnels.

MONEY • Continued from 1A

do not always get accounted for,” Miller said.

He said that those who work while in high school or help pay their own

tuition enter USC with a stronger appreciation for their education and are more aware of how to sensibly save.

Miller also said that in the future, the University will open a financial literacy office for students who have questions about their money.

“USC treats their students like adults, and we give them the opportunity to embrace responsibility while helping them plan and budget.”

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Sanford can't criticize wise media inquiries

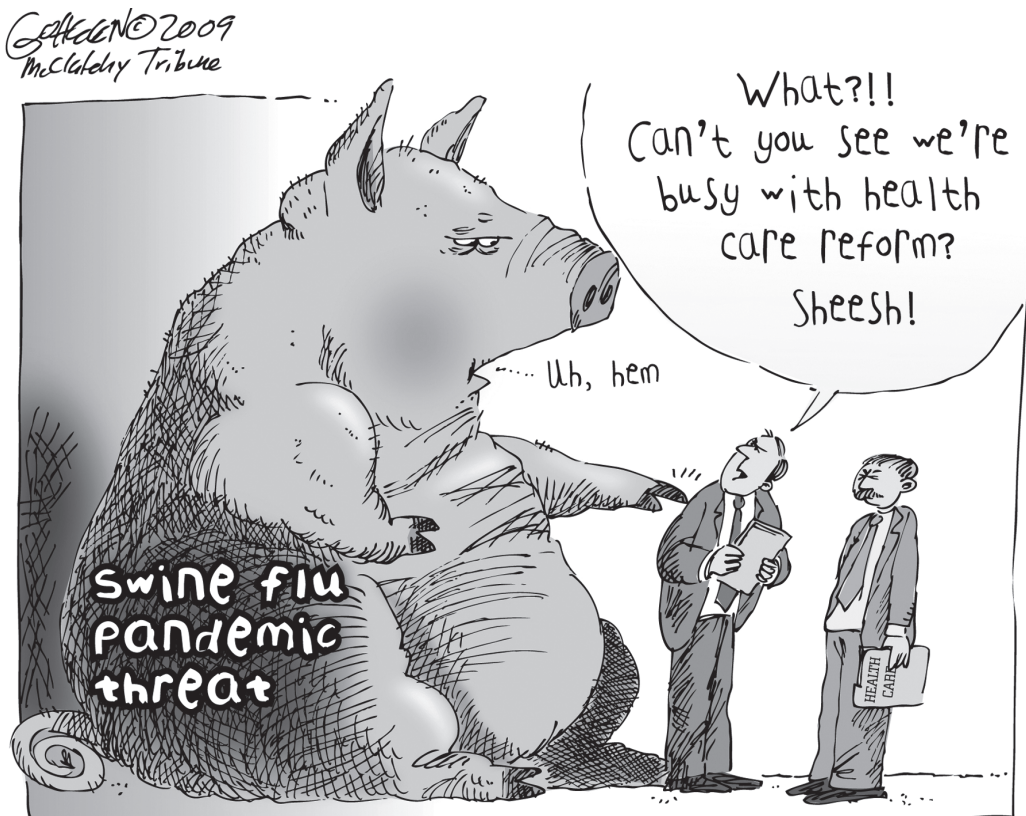
Fiscally minded Gov. Mark Sanford believes the media need not waste its money checking his accounts.

Sanford has stated that he will not step down in response to a letter by Lt. Governor Andre Bauer calling on him to resign. In the letter he refuses to take the so-called easy route "and not contest the sensational charges against our administration's handling of public funds," yet he contests to the "incomplete picture presented in media claims." Instead, he suggests that the full set of facts should be put before the General Assembly.

The media's job is to uncover the truth, and Sanford should not fault journalists for doing what they are paid to do. Surely, their search for possible breaches of ethics should run concurrently with a probe conducted by the General Assembly. Though he has few friends in the General Assembly, Sanford still knows there will be far less scrutiny there than in the general public. If Sanford had been truthful to the media about his affair, maybe the media would feel less compelled to check the facts. Sadly, Sanford's lack of honesty requires such action, especially as earlier inquiries have exposed other information already.

"I will aggressively make our case that we have done, and continue to do the right thing."
— Gov. Mark Sanford

Bauer's support for impeachment, however, is questionable. Though he has pledged not to run if he takes over the rest of Sanford's term, he could gain \$1 million in fundraising money as well as on-the-job experience. It would be regrettable if Sanford were ousted in the name of financial responsibility in order to further a money-raising scheme.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I completely agree with Sen. Chaplain Lee Cole on his disgust in the new non-denominational prayers before the meeting. I respect him for not giving a prayer due to the fact that he can't say the name Jesus in it.

Well, then, who are you praying to? There is only one God and he sent his son Jesus to die on the cross for the entire world's sins. And now, nobody appreciates that or even acknowledges it. Jesus's name is slowly being taken out of everything.

Everybody is so worried about being politically correct that they sweep Jesus up under the carpet. People like Alex Stroman and Matt Ungar are just trying

to get there name in the paper. They will be judged just like every other person on this world when they meet Jesus face-to-face one day and realize their mistakes.

I know I am stepping on a lot of people's toes, but the Christian population, how dwindling it is, needs to make a stand against this kind of stuff or else there will be no more Jesus in America. And that will be a scary day!

Sincerely,
Brian Mitchell
Second-year civil engineering student

SOMETHING RUFFLING YOUR FEATHERS?

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Twitter no place for creativity

Literary musings not for social networking site; should be reserved for big headed newspapers

Tired of reading, writing or trying to gain a better understanding of the world, but still want to call yourself a literary buff? Well, today may be your lucky day, thanks to Twitter fiction. That's right, just like everything else in 21st century society, fiction now comes in 140-character Twitter form! Take this 2008 great from the page "Twitterfiction."

"Half a million refugees packed into tents. Stories so harrowing he had run out of tears. These people had witnessed humanity's darkest side."

See the heartbreak, the utter despair? No? Well how about a little comedy from Arjun Basu's Twitter?

"He sees an ancient Chinese lady walking around in bright yellow Crocs. 'Globalization is wrong,' he says. 'Then give me your taco,' she replies."

Still falling flat? Well, that's probably because a Twitter fiction is - wait for it—only 140—characters. Twitter may be a cool way to

list headlines from news sources and places of interest.

It is even an expectable way for narcissists to list the reasons why they are so awesome or about their great new shirt.

Heck, it's even a decent way for people to send dumb messages to each other once they get tired of flipping through Facebook pages four hours a day. But creating literary works?

OK, lets trace this back through (a poorly retold) history.

First, we have Homer telling his stories about a bunch of Greeks running around with Trojan horses and turning into pigs. Sure, they took three weeks to tell and years to comprehend, but everybody loves a good Trojan-pigs-fighting-Achilles story!

Then, we have Shakespeare, whose plays usually involved everybody dying and/or killing each other. Again, literature.

Then we have Dickens ... lets not go into Dickens. Nobody has ever actually finished a Dickens book, so I couldn't tell you what they are about.



Darren Price
Fourth-year English student

IT'S YOUR RIGHT

The goal of The Daily Gamecock's Viewpoints page is to stimulate discussion in the University of South Carolina community. All published authors are expected to provide logical arguments to back their views.

The Daily Gamecock encourages readers to voice opinions and offers three methods of expression: letters to the editor, guest columns and feedback on dailygamecock.com.

Letters and guest columns should be submitted via e-mail to gamecockeditor@sc.edu. Letters must be 200 to 300 words in length and include the author's name,

year in school and area of study.

We also invite student leaders and USC faculty members to submit guest columns. Columnists should keep submissions to about 500 words in length and include the author's name and position. Guest columns are limited to three per author per semester.

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Hard times create new revelations

Moral failure fosters personal improvement

Hello USC. Today I would like to speak with you about an odd aspect of our earthly experience. At first glance I believe we could all agree that when something bad happens, is all bad, and vice versa when something good happens. But yield, I say! Don't assume that just because something goes awry in your life that only negativity will follow. Instead, as I'm sure many do, understand that many good things can come from botched plans or unexpected tragedy.



Bobby Sutton
Fourth-year visual communications student

I recall an incident years back when I was a wee freshmen. Underage and ignorant of the copious amounts of police around our state's capital in the wee hours of the morning, I found myself,

along with two of my friends, in trouble with the law. Thanks to the Oscar-worthy performance my friend and roommate gave we escaped with our records clean of a night in the slammer, but with a referral to the school's judicial system.

Back to the topic at hand, we were sentenced to complete community service over the rapidly approaching summer months. And serve the community we did.

Now I can hear many of you asking me, verbatim and I quote: "Slow your roll, Sutton. How is any of this good?" Well, despite the fact that community service is always good, I must say that this bit of servitude made my summer one of the most memorable I've ever had. Also working at the place where I repaid my debt to society was another degenerate, a female exchange student from Brazil, an 18-year-old-dream come true, in a sense. We spent our time in servitude collecting phone numbers and addresses from the attendees at the first of what has become a popular film festival in Columbia. So thanks to the terrible event of being busted by the fuzz, I got to spend a part of my summer with a lovely Brazilian working for a fun and exciting non-profit theater many of us at USC go to in order to enjoy a bucket of beer and an obscure indie flick.

So the next time something in life doesn't go your way, hold on and stay positive. There's bound to be better times around the next corner.

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Students' label takes on Columbia, introduce talent at Elbow Room

Colin Jones
MIX EDITOR

Seriously Records Showcase

Who: Srsly Records Showcase featuring Sweet Vans, The Artichokes, Hello Tomorrow and more
Where: The Elbow Room
When: 3 — 11 p.m.
Cost: \$5

As second-year Bakari Lebby and Will Flourance perceived a void that needed to be filled in the Columbia music scene with the supposed hiatus of local record collective, Fork and Spoon.

The solution: start a record label of their own.

On Saturday, Srsly Records showcase their signed talent at Elbow Room in Five Points after taking the past year to slowly build a steady following. The show will feature Sweet Vans, The Artichokes, Hello Tomorrow, Fleurescence and Hipster Mobile.

In November 2008, Lebby and Flourance, who were

already fans of the now-defunct collective, noticed that the group appeared to be fading away.

“We were like, ‘What’s going on with this’ because it seemed to be dying to the point that we were like, ‘We should emulate them and have something like that for people our age,’” Lebby said. The pair looked up to local groups and Fork and Spoon members such as The Heist and The Accomplice and the Choir Quit but couldn’t see anyone directly filling the power vacuum left behind.

Lebby, Flourance and second-year, Nate Puza, set up a meeting over winter break to discuss the possibility of their musical endeavor.

“I said, ‘We are going to do this for sure but we’re going to have to start really small and really slowly because we’re 18 and we don’t know what we’re doing,’” Lebby said. After much debate, the three finalized on Srsly Records, the name, Lebby as general manager, Flourance as assistant manager and Puza as the graphic designer.

At the time of the formation, Lebby and Flourance respectively had their own musical projects that they really had no plans to present to the public. But when the pair joined together to form their comical hip-hop group, Sweet Vans, they needed an outlet to release their material and also the music that their friends were producing.

“We wanted to start a record label to carry our music rather than just one individual artist or group because we wanted our friends involved,” Flourance said. In the beginning, Flourance noted, the collective contained only Sweet Vans and a few other joke bands that the pair knew.

But that changed when Srsly talked to Puza, former drummer for disbanded Columbia group, Hello Tomorrow, and offered to start releasing and featuring their music again.

“At first it was a bunch of joke bands,” said Lebby. “But then we were like if Hello Tomorrow joins that might add some legitimacy to it and then we started looking at it that maybe we should ask some more serious bands to join.”

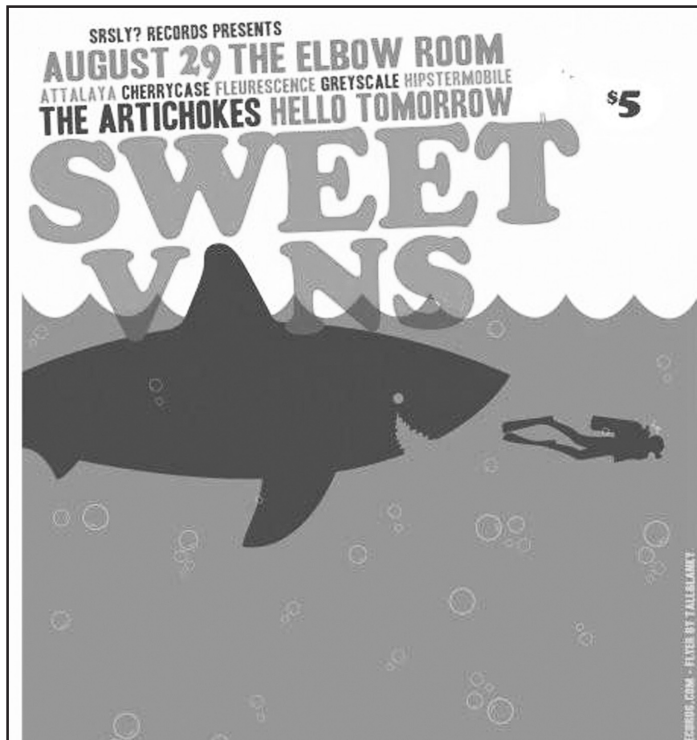
The next group to join the Srsly ranks was the Myrtle Beach-based The Artichokes followed by Miss Ohio’s Nameless and other local southeastern groups.

In March, Srsly kicked off their presence in Columbia with a debut show featuring Sweet Vans, The Artichokes and Hello Tomorrow at New Brookland Tavern. While the group brought people out to the show through Facebook and word of mouth promotion, Lebby was surprised by the large turnout.

He said the high volume was largely due to Puza’s graphic design on the promotional flyers.

“You can have a boring poster for one thing and the graphics caught your attention to the point where you would come and check it out,” he said. In addition to the posters, Lebby said that he and Flourance’s work at WUSC helped them promote their events and understand the intricacies of

“The length of a film should be directly related to the endurance of the human bladder.”
— Alfred Hitchcock



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Second-year Nate Puza is the graphic designer for Srsly? Records, which began in November 2008.

promotion as a whole.

However, while the pair is still signing bands to Srsly, it isn’t officially a label yet, but Lebby and Flourance both noted that they have plans to apply for a business license by the end of the year. With record in the name, Lebby still notes that it is technically a collective at the moment.

“The idea is by the end of this year we’ll be able to start manufacturing actual disks or records,” Lebby said.

Lebby also said that he hoped the event on Saturday would help to push the collective to the next stage of becoming a label and inform new students of Srsly’s existence.

“The big thing about it is to get transfer students and freshmen to know what’s up,” he said. “The second thing is we just wanted to play a show once everyone got back into town.”

For now, Lebby and the Srsly staff hope to expand their influence to the rest of the state and hopefully the southeast region. But the main focus remains on bands and committing Srsly to their success.

“If all of our bands from Srsly Records join Sub Pop or like a label, that would be amazing to us,” Lebby said.

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BEST BETS FOR THE WEEKEND

Dance party, unique farmers market, roller derby among weekend offerings

Ellen Meder
ASSISTANT MIX EDITOR

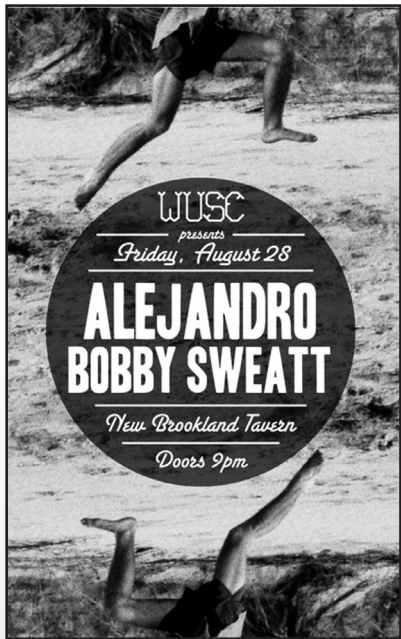


Photo courtesy of WUSC

WUSC’s Dance Party will kick off at 9 p.m. Friday.

WUSC Dance Party

After the success of the dance parties hosted by USC’s student radio station last semester, this Friday has been long anticipated by all students who enjoy quality DJing and some heavy beats to groove to. Tonight at New Brookland Tavern the shindig will get started at 9 p.m. Those under 21 get in for \$4, over, \$3. DJ Bobby Sweatt goes on at 10 p.m. and the infamous Alejandro will be spinning at midnight.



/ THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Local vendors offer a unique assortment of food at the All Local Farmers Market.

All Local Farmers Market at 711 Whaley

Every Saturday the building next to 701 Whaley plays host to a small farmers market. Very much worth waking up before 11:30 a.m., local vendors bring a random assortment of produce and products. From garlic rosemary bread and peaches to honey and flowers, each week is a little bit different. Just remember you can’t do all of your grocery shopping there—it’s only local food. As it says outside, “Yes, we have no bananas.”

QuadSquad University Presents Detention Ditchers

Not into the arts? How about roller derby? Held at Jamil Temple, Columbia’s QuadSquad will be facing off with the New River Valley Bruisin’ Burgs on Saturday, August 29th, 2009. Typically \$12 at the door, the first 100 college students there will get in for \$5 with a valid ID. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the bout starts at 6:30 p.m. Determined women + roller skates + something to prove = quality entertainment.

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Photo courtesy of A Boy Named Tsunami

Catch the QuadSquad taking on the Bruisin’ Burgs Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at Jamil Temple.

GEEKING OUT WITH JOSH CALL

Students should replace textbooks with portable Kindle

Walking into the Russell House Bookstore I am overwhelmed by crowds lining up to buy and exchange books. All I need is a notebook. I’ll get it later.

I sit down at on one of the couches, letting my full, heavy book bag drop to the floor, and turn up my headphones

loud to drown out the crowd. While I appreciate a good bookstore, the insanity of the school bookstore is too much. And while I love books, lugging around this many was somewhat obnoxious.

This is the part where we ask the most pertinent question: What happened to computers replacing all this mess with a nice, tidy, easy to use piece of machinery? Don’t worry, it’s coming.

Early this year, Amazon released the second generation of its popular reader, the Amazon Kindle. But with the Kindle 2 came the Kindle DX, a larger version of the kindle aimed, no surprise, at accommodating the large formats of textbooks. Not to be beaten, Sony also released a new version of its Sony Reader, featuring a mid-size screen, with full touch capabilities, making it a million times easier to highlight, mark, and take notes on the stuff you read — an essential for a reader to function in a college setting. Also this year, a company called Plastic Logic announced a deal with Barnes and Noble to create their own e-reader using Barnes and Noble’s e-book store. To be

released next year, this one will feature a touch screen more than 10 inches and have its own Wi-Fi. All three of these e-readers are also connected wirelessly through cell phone-like connections so you can download books anywhere you have a cell phone signal.

Why use these? Not only do you get a lightweight device to read all your books but its e-ink display looks practically like paper and the device can hold hundreds of books that you can flick through, search, highlight, and comment on as you like. Plus, the e-book versions are cheaper since the companies save on printing and shipping costs (plus they don’t have to worry about re-sale of used books, which they factor into the price you pay for the new one) so you make up the initial \$400 saving on books. If that’s not enough, the e-readers will also read your PDF’s, word files and (with some of them) PowerPoint presentations so you don’t need anything else.

What’s the problem then? Why aren’t we seeing these things around? Simple: The textbook companies haven’t quite jumped onboard yet. But I guarantee you that Sony, Amazon and Barnes and Noble are all working hard to get them on board. A note to all freshman who’ve joined this school this year: by the time you leave this place, you’ll probably be leaving with one of these. And instead of navigating the crowded bookstore and spending an hour waiting in line, you’ll simply pull up your e-reader, click a few buttons and have all your textbooks at hand. Forget the book bag, just a small bag for your e-reader and laptop is all you need for the semester.

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ARIES Friends help you make the right connection. Don't rely on them too heavily. Chart your own route.

TAURUS Why can't we all just get along? Perhaps because it's boring. Peace is possible. First, get to where you want to be.

GEMINI It's a jungle out there. Can you direct traffic? Maybe, but don't venture out there unless you're up to it.

CANCER More hassles occur as everybody settles into a new routine. There may be some short tempers, so watch out, OK?

LEO Don't get involved in a clandestine affair. If you're in one, get out. Secrets made now will be revealed.

VIRGO Stick to the rules. Discipline is required, from both you and the others. Do what you can to maintain it.

LIBRA Look at your situation from another point of view. You'll see how you can better understand things. That will help.

SCORPIO Too much confusion out there. Hide out if you can. You like stability. Settle into a comfortable spot and make plans.

SAGITTARIUS Make sure you have the facts. Have everything you need to win the argument. Be prepared.

CAPRICORN There's a new source of income nearby. You can find it if you look around. It's something you already have.

AQUARIUS You might think friends are messing things up in an effort to help. The outcome is positive, though, so don't worry.

PISCES If your suggestion doesn't go over, don't give up. Present it as many times as it takes to get your point across.

The Scene @ USC



INTERPRETER, STERYLE, A MARTYR A STONE
5:30 p.m., \$5 over 21/\$8 under 21
New Brookland Tavern, 122 State St.

TODAY

WHATEVER WORKS
3, 6 and 8 p.m., \$6.50
Nickelodeon Theatre, 937 Main St.

MUSIC AT SANDHILL
6 p.m., free
Village at Sandhill

NORTHEAST FARMERS MARKET RETURNS TO LAKE CAROLINA
2:30 p.m., free
Lake Carolina Town Center

FOURZEROALPHA CD RELEASE PARTY
8 p.m., \$5
Headliners, 700 Gervais St.

TOMORROW

THE MOVEMENT
8 p.m., \$12 advance/\$10 day of show
Headliners, 700 Gervais St.

THE AUTUMN GRAVE, DARK BEFORE DAWN
5:30 p.m., \$5 over 21/\$8 under 21
New Brookland Tavern, 122 State St.

SHALLOW PALACE, TWILIGHT ARMADA, .LEAVELIFEALONE., CHAOS IN GOTHAM
8 p.m., free
Art Bar, 1211 Park St.

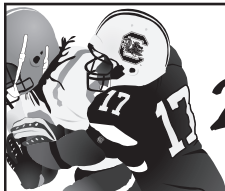
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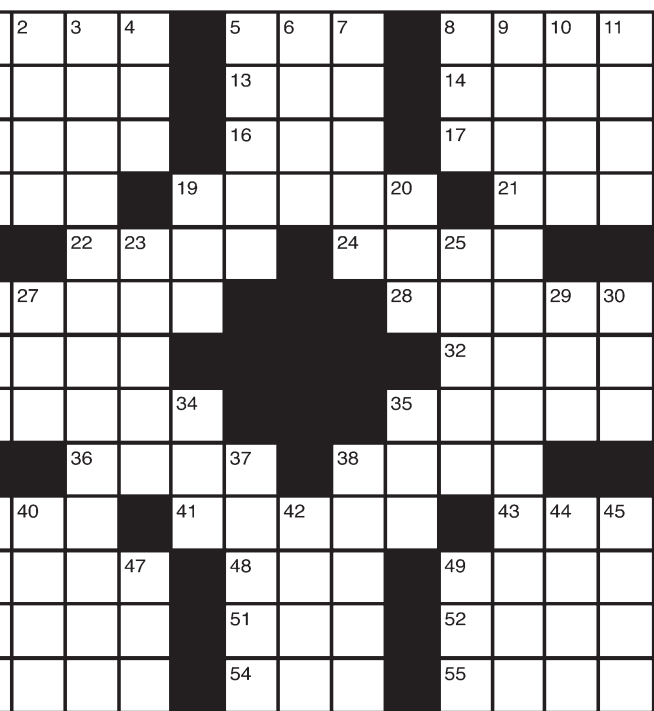
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- Actor Garrett
- "Dateline _"
- Mr. Baldwin
- "Ticket to _"; Beatles hit
- Onassis, to friends
- ___shanter; Scottish hat
- October's birthstone
- "How I ___ Your Mother"
- "Unhappily ___ After"
- Role on "Cheers"
- Graves or Falk
- Short-lived Ted Danson sitcom
- Schwimmer's role on "Friends"
- "He ___, She Said"
- Wynonna's mom
- ___ Fudd of "Bugs Bunny"
- Renaissance Faire adjective
- "I'm Dancing as Fast as ___"
- Character on "The Simpsons"
- Treaties
- "Othello" villain
- Scotch accompaniment
- Unpleasant spouse
- "___ of Old Smoky"
- "___ Vegas"
- In ___; mired down by routine
- One of Cybill's exes
- "NYPD ___"
- Wedding cake layer
- "Beverly Hills ___"; Eddie Murphy movie
- Ill-mannered
- One of the Osbournes
- Sullivan and Bradley
- Actress Suzy



Down

- "The Wayans ___"
- Regis Philbin's co-host
- Actor on "CSI: Miami"
- Singer/songwriter ___ Shannon
- Appoints
- "___ Maverick"
- Makes reference to 8 Dined
- Actor on "NCIS"
- Sitcom for Sherman Hemsley
- "___ & Mindy"
- "___ Factor: Chronicles of the Paranormal"
- Charlotte ___
- Fraternity letter
- Homer's Trojan War epic
- ___ de plume
- Apple pie ___ mode
- "Please Don't ___ the Daisies"
- Chuny Marquez and Haleh

Solution for 08/27/09



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38 "Passions" & "The Guiding Light"
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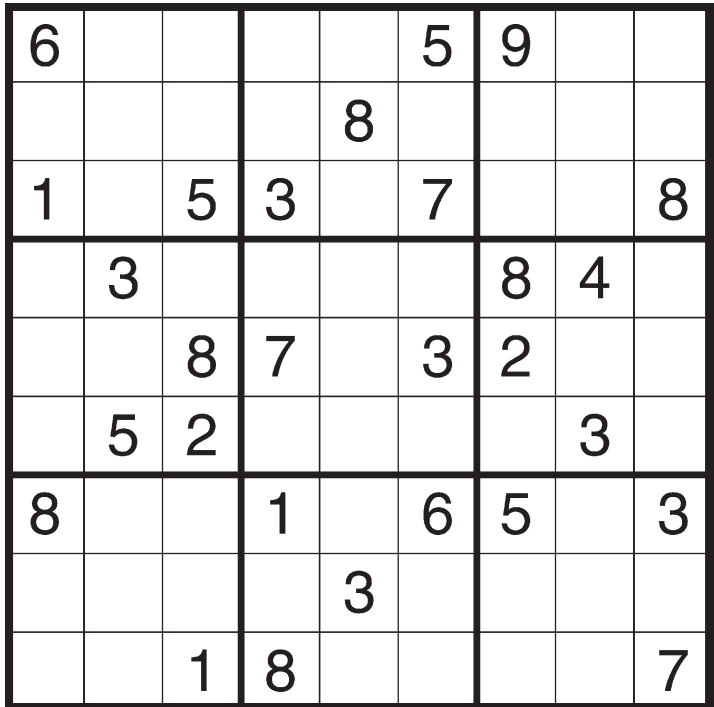
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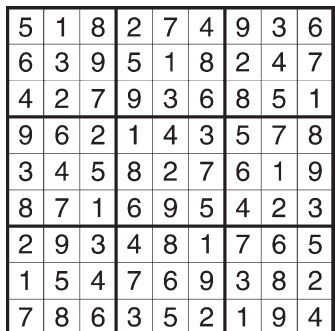


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Gamecocks notch season-opening victory

Soccer begins on high note as dominating defense catapults USC to shutout win

Corbin Enslinger
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The South Carolina women's soccer team opened its season last night, defeating the College of Charleston by a score of 2-0.

USC got on the board early when the referee called a foul just outside of the box. Kim Miller took the free kick from 25 yards out and sent in a beautiful ball just under the crossbar and out of goalkeeper Sarah Wiggers' reach.

"It makes a huge difference in the game if you can score early," coach Shelley Smith said.

The team continued to apply pressure for the rest of the half, hardly allowing Charleston any possession on the offensive side of the field. In fact, CofC was outshot 6-0 in the first half.

Kayla Grimsley finally found a crack in the Cougar defense in the 30th minute, as she slid the ball to midfielder Lindsay Small, who beat Wiggers for the Gamecocks' second goal of the game.

"That ball in to Kayla was a tremendous ball and a great finish," Smith said.

In the first ten minutes of the second half, USC had a great goal-scoring opportunity when Grimsley went on a runaway from the defense; however, the defenders caught her before she could get off a good shot.

The second half was relatively uneventful. Carolina had a few good scoring chances, and Emily Morgan finally tallied a shot for the Cougars in the 65th minute.

"As a team we defend, and that limits our opponents'

opportunities," Smith said of the Gamecocks stoic defense.

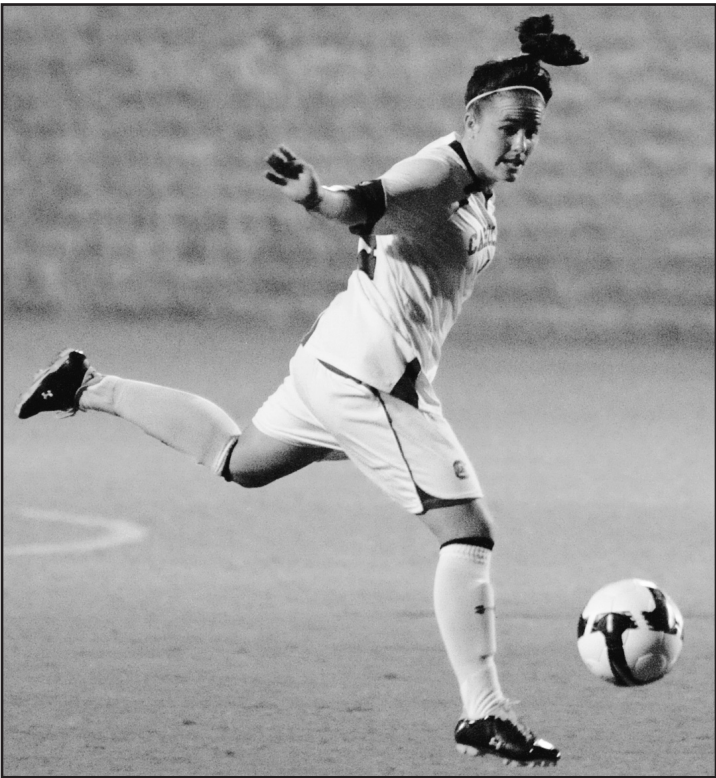
The Gamecocks had possession for most of the match, and they were able to pass the ball much more efficiently than the Cougars.

"That kind of passing, and that kind of team work, definitely going to get us goals," Smith said.

South Carolina won the game in a dominating fashion, only allowing the College of Charleston to take two shots, compared to their own eleven.

"We did an excellent job staying tight and limiting them to two chances," Smith said.

South Carolina plays again on Sunday, when Western Carolina comes to Columbia. In last season's matchup, South Carolina lost 1-0.



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Sophomore Kayla Grimsley prepares for a kick Thursday.

"We definitely need to come out strong, knowing we'll play a physical team," Smith said.

That game is set to

kick-off at 2 p.m. at Stone Stadium.

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USC VOLLEYBALL TIPS OFF

Team travels upstate to take on bitter rivals

James Kratch
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Trailing to the hated team from the Upstate late

in the game, one defensive breakdown away from defeat, Carolina roared back, going from pinned squarely to the wall to the euphoric glory of victory, all in the matter of moments.

Sounds like any Gamecock's perfect



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Senior outside hitter Ivana Kujundzic is looking forward to the team's chances in 2009.

dream, right? It wasn't just a dream for the USC volleyball team last fall – it was a reality.

With Clemson one point away from a five set victory last September in Columbia, USC fought off match point four times. A booming kill from Annie Thomas gave Carolina the comeback win, which sparked the program's first 20 win season since 2002.

A year later, hopes are high for the Gamecocks as they travel to Clemson to open up the 2009 season against the Tigers. With six of seven starters returning and a successful preseason behind them, USC feels they're ready for the Tigers.

"It's at their place now, so that makes a big difference, but I feel we are ready to go out and compete and show them what we've been working on since last year," said senior outside hitter Ivana Kujundzic.

Last year, USC didn't play Clemson in the annual four-team South Carolina tournament until eight games into the season (the Gamecocks will play both

the College of Charleston and Winthrop tomorrow). This year, the rivalry game will be day one.

"I would rather open it up with Clemson, with a big opening game," said Kujundzic. "We're just hoping for the best results."

"I feel like this game can only help us. If we win it, great. It does the same thing it did for us last year," said coach Ben Somera. "If we lose it, it's going to expose us to what we need to get better at. The first game probably doesn't have the same significance as it did going into our ninth match of the season."

With so many returning players, confidence is high both among the players and coaches for the season ahead.

"We basically have the same team," said Kujundzic. "We're really confident and we really get along on the court, so I'm feeling really good."

"When have a team returning a lot of players the gym flows better, the intensity is a little bit higher, just because

they know what they're doing and what we are expecting," said Somera. "When we return all our serve-receive passers from last year, and those people were serve-receive passers the year before, so our serve-receive game in terms of us being able to pass the ball, I feel really comfortable with that."

It could be easy to get caught up on last year's dramatics and the lofty goals for this year, but Somera stresses that while the excitement of playing Clemson is there, the focus remains on growing as a team.

"For us, the objectives are the same. Get out there and play hard, whether it's your in-state opponents or not. For us, it's really kept our emotional energy up through preseason, the focus and willingness to work," said Somera. "The outcomes are great when they happen, but when we execute, the majority of times they will happen."

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Flawless tips for fantasy football fans

Avid player offers suggestions for online domination

This weekend, all across the country men and women will be huddled in living rooms, dressed in jerseys of their favorite players as they prepare for their fantasy football draft. Fantasy football has spread the sport's popularity, as it gives the causal fan a reason to watch every game the NFL has to offer.

As an avid football fan, my interest in fantasy football seemed only natural. In preparation of my own fantasy draft this season, I have decided to offer my strategies to a championship team.

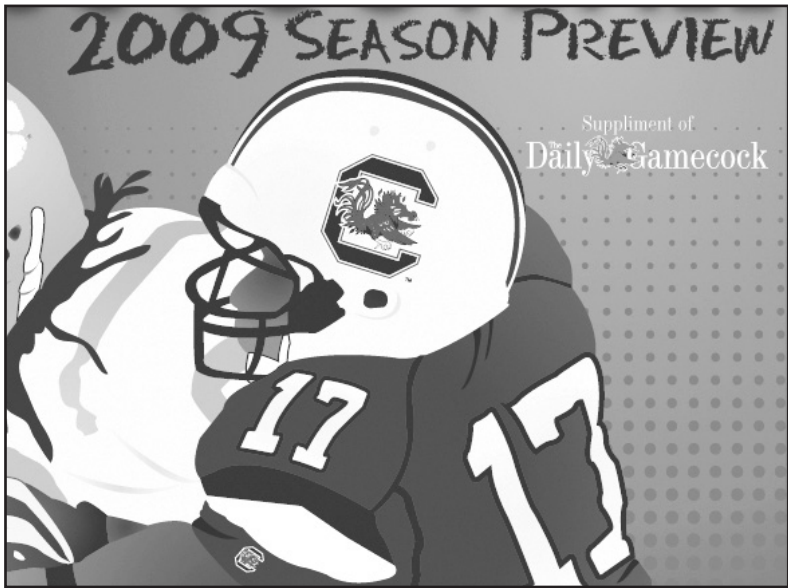
The first general rule of fantasy football all beginners must learn is that running backs should be drafted early and often. In the world of fantasy, no position can produce the points week in and week out that a premier running back can. In most leagues, one must start two running backs a week and can play up to three, so draft multiple backs to protect yourself against unforeseen injuries.

My next suggestion to all fantasy owners is to be wary of players coming off of major offseason surgery. In general these players usually take several weeks to scrape off the rust and return to top form. If you are lucky, someone else in your league will draft these players and will either release or look to trade them after several subpar weeks. When this scenario presents itself be sure to take advantage.

The number one mistake I see fantasy owners make is drafting too many players with the same bye week. Be sure when drafting backups to your potential starters to take the time to assure yourself they will not be on a bye the same week. Failure to do so will result in you having to add a player at the last second and having to release a player that you would otherwise like to keep.

Another mistake made by many fantasy owners is reaching for kickers and defenses. These two positions produce relatively few points and should be treated as low priority. My philosophy is generally to draft these positions in the last two to three rounds. A word of caution to all owners: Do not give into an early run on kickers. There will still be plenty of quality players in later rounds.

My last piece of advice is to make sure to do your research before your draft. Do your best to find potential sleepers and other players that may be diamonds in the rough. Many times these players can be the difference between an average year and a championship. When selecting sleepers, be sure to take into consideration the player's team, the player's amount of touches and the other players on the roster. While preparing for your draft, though, make sure to have fun, as that is the purpose of fantasy football. I wish everyone the best of luck in their upcoming draft, and I hope my tips lead you to an eventual championship.



Check out The Daily Gamecock's 2009 Season Preview Tabloid on Monday!

COUNTDOWN TO KICK OFF: 6 DAYS



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Best player to wear No. 6: Norman Greene (1991-1993)

A local product from nearby Sumter, Greene started 22 games at free safety for the Gamecocks during his career. While his one career interception might not be much to brag about, Greene compiled 184 total tackles as a Gamecock, including 107 solo stops.

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