Proposal focuses on new program, building needs

Kenneth Bragg

USC requested nearly $41 million in funding from the state legislature Wednesday to pay for a pair of new initiatives and to fix some lingering problems in the statewide system. USC President Harris Pastides asked a House Ways and Means subcommittee to fund the university’s summer sports program, the backstop to the “on time” graduation program, and to increase funding for the online Palmetto College, saying those programs represented a push for accountability in the state.

Pastides said the university needs $1 million to implement the 12-week summer semester because few faculty and staff members currently work over the summer and the school doesn’t keep dorms open. Gov. Nikki Haley’s executive budget proposes a state appropriation of just $1.25 million for the program.

Tuition will be lower during the summer session,Pastides said, because students will receive fewer awards and less funding.

But the key to the program’s success may lie in enticing students to enroll over the summer by allowing them to use financial aid, Provost Michael Amiridis said, so the university asked the subcommittee to consider changing how lottery scholarships are used.

The proposal: Instead of giving students scholarships for four years, grant them only one year.

Under that proposal, Pastides said, a student didn’t have time or financial aid or enough funds to pay for a degree program more quickly. USCs also asked for a $1.12 million appropriation to make Palmetto College prominent, which would promote it and make it more attractive.

FUNDING # 0

More students attending basketball games

Ticketing promotes online requests

Kristyn Sanito

USC’s making a push to get 2,000 students to request a ticket for Saturday’s men’s basketball game against Georgia, offering a slew of giveaways, but it still falls short to.

On Wednesday afternoon, 252 students had claimed a ticket on Ticketmaster, according to Adrienne White, the student ticket coordinator.

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Naturally Woodstock now open after delays

After weeks of delays, Naturally Woodstock, the latest addition to USC’s on-campus dining selections, opened Wednesday.

The soup and sandwich restaurant moved into the spot formerly occupied by Marabou Slab Creamery.

It features a yogurt bar, fruit-infused teas, salads and a slate of daily soup and sandwich options, as well as gluten-free, vegetarian and brownie. Soup costs about $3.80, and sandwiches are around $6.50.

The restaurant is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

— Compiled by Thad Moore, Next Editor

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For treasurer, Chase Mizell

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“T here’s a lot to be proud of at USC, but why let that limit our potential for growth? The next step is to continue to build and strengthen relationships within our campus, the university system, the state of South Carolina and our entire network. I believe that those connections are what foster a strong student body, and that by enhancing those interactions among students and in making faculty, staff and administration more accessible we can fully utilize the potential the student voice in ways unimaginable. Don’t be swayed by this portrait of Carolina. Be a part of something great.”

JOSH MOORE

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“I am a proponent of students’ rights. I will fight and strive to ensure no student is beingreated as a second-class citizen. I will represent and embody the student body and their request. I have served as co-president of the Carolina Surf Club for three years and also have been Secretary of Cross Country Club. I will always open my door and listen to the concerns of the student body; I will not turn down anyone for a full discussion of their concerns. I will be active, I will fight for every single student. I am proud to be a part of something great.”

KENDRICK BRAGG

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“I plan on advocating for student organizations to ensure that they use their funds efficiently and properly to further the success of the university. I will fight for students’ rights to have a voice in the greater affairs of the University. I plan to bring change to Student Government and help make it more effective. I will prioritize advocacy for the improvement of our university by addressing long-standing issues that diminish our image. If you choose me to be the student body as your president, I will work hard to resolve these and the desires of students.”

"Female Orgasm" rejects old style of sex ed

Lecture decks packed crowd to Russell House Ballroom Wednesday

Conor Hughes

Marshall Miller doesn’t think sex education works very well.

“What do you do in driver’s ed?” Miller, the author of “I Love Female Orgasm: An Extraordinary Orgasm Guide,” asked with a smile during a lecture Wednesday of the same name. “You learn how to drive. Now just think about that... If you were driver’s ed, the way you taught sex ed, you wouldn’t have learned anything about how a car actually works, like where the gas pedal is or how to work the headlights.”

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The open spot are in education (one opening), engineering (two), chemistry (two), pharmacy (two), pre-pharmacy (one), public health (two) and social work (one).

SINCE 1908
State senators file 21 constitutional amendments

As it turns out, the state Senate is now too pleased with South Carolina's constitution.

Senators have filed 21 amendments, including 17 that would restructure state government, Free Times reported. One proposed ditching the current system of turning on the governor's light with a constitutional convention. Passed in 1975, South Carolina's is the oldest state constitution in the country that's still working.

It was filed by Sen. Tom Davis, R-Beaufort, and Vincent Sheehan, D-Columbia and would elect 124 delegates to restart the constitution, which Sheehan told Free Times is "junked up" by 100 amendments, a sign he says as the legislators' lack of faith in the document.

To the praw, the amendments must be approved by the state House and Senate, signed by the governor and pass a statewide vote.

— Thad Moore, News Editor

Skating rink operates at loss, spurs business

Columbia thinks its ice skating rink generated about $200,000 for the local economy, but it took a $13,000 loss in the process, Free Times reported.

Between running the rink and buying decorations, the Downtown Main Street Ice cost the city about $200,000 and brought in just more than $187,000 from 12,413 skaters. But those skaters spent money while they were downtown — the Convention and Visitors Bureau figures $24 apiece — and the rink could've had a less measurable impact, according to Free Times.

Jeff Carson, the head of the Parks and Recreation Department, told the already that he thought the rink got people excited about downtown Main Street and shaped their perceptions of the area. Free Times also reported that the city's already working on plans to bring Main Street Ice back next winter, but next time, it's looking for private sponsors to help shore up the finances.

— Thad Moore, News Editor

Group of missing travelers found in Louisiana river

A search for three people who visited Columbia for a funeral ended this week when police found them in a river in northeastern Louisiana. The search was for Larry Brown, 28; Eddie Cobb Jr., 67; and Ella Williams, 51 — came to South Carolina for a Jan. 4 funeral and were headed toward Shreveport, La., when they drove off Interstate 20 into the Tensas River, where they apparently drowned, The State reported.

The victims were identified Wednesday after Louisiana State Police spotted the car's bumper floating in the river. Rainwaters had made the search difficult because the river was flowing at high-than-usual levels.

Investigators don't yet know why the car ended up in the Tensas, according to The State; an autopsy conducted on the driver was incomplete Wednesday.

— Thad Moore, News Editor
Marshall Miller (left) and Rachel Dean discuss sexuality in the Russell House Ballroom Wednesday.

BASKETBALL Continued from 1

A men’s basketball practice and a behind-the-scenes tour of the facilities, according to an email the Student Ticketing Office sent to students Tuesday. The 2,000th student will win a free iPad, which the office has already purchased, White said. “There’s just a big push to get students coming to basketball games overall,” White said. “Basketball’s not as big as it used to be, even from about three or four years ago when I was a student here.”

USC has struggled to fill student seats at Colonial Life Arena in the past, and while more students have attended this season’s home games than at this point last year, relatively few have requested their tickets in advance. “So for this season, an average of 80 to 100 students actually go online to get a ticket. The others wait to get a ticket at the door,” White said. “The main purpose of switching to Ticketmaster is convenience for students — not only for me but for them. They use it for football; I don’t know why it’s different for basketball.”

A total of 7,300 students have attended the 12 games at Colonial Life Arena so far this season, averaging 608 students per home game, up from 4,278 students — an average of 356 per game — at the first 12 home games of last year’s season. A total of 7,873 students attended the 18 home games of the 2011-12 season, according to figures provided by White. “Since the promotions have been going on with these conference games, there’s been a huge increase in attendance this year,” said White, who added that the average attendance of the three most recent home games has been around 1,400 students.

But this year’s attendance statistics may be skewed upward because of conference games. According to Steve Fink, a spokesman for Athletics, Southeastern Conference games usually draw larger crowds, and the Gamecocks have played three conference games so far this season (Auburn, Vanderbilt and Arkansas), while they had only played one (Vanderbilt) at this point last year.

White also attributes the higher attendance rate among students to Martin’s hiring and to the team’s improvements. “[Martin] is more of a hands-on, people-person coach, and the fact that he can have an impromptu autograph station on Greene Street meant a lot to us and students,” White said. “He’s been creating buzz about the team and actually making appearances among students. You actually see him in person where students hang out, which is a big deal.”

All students in attendance at Saturday’s game will receive double student rewards and loyalty points, as well as free food — either pizza or hot dogs, according to White. Rally towels and Garnet Army T-shirts will also be given away at the game, too.

USC President Harris Pastides recorded a video, encouraging students to attend the game, and a promotional booth will be set up on Greene Street Friday, where students have a chance to win more prizes.

BASKETBALL Continued from 1

The program distinguished itself by focusing more on the pleasure aspects of sex. Its subject matter hinged on the benefits of women being comfortable with climaxing and masturbating, as well as being comfortable with their bodies.

Dart and Miller used a wide array of presenting techniques — from movie clips to humorous anecdotes of the speed bumps they hit on their road to sexual enlightenment — in an attempt to relax the crowd’s inhibitions and create a more open-minded environment. The production also often interacted with the audience members to gauge what they had heard about female orgasm and other aspects of sexuality in order to confirm — or refuse — them.
SECOND-YEAR POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENT
RYAN BAILEY

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2013-14 budget could bring needed change

It’s that time of the year again. The University of South Carolina has officially submitted its annual budget request to the South Carolina General Assembly, but first, they need much-needed funds in order to continue providing a quality education to all citizens of this great state. It has been estimated that it would take $1.2 million for Palmetto College, $7 million for the USC system, and a $1.2 million allotment for USC Columbia and, respectively, $14 million for USC Aiken to provide a full semester of classes during the academic year. For starters, it’ll do more than just meet the basic needs of our students. It’ll also begin to renovate our school’s buildings and maintain our facilities. Of all other innumerable benefits, it can help anyone get ahead in their studies.

We are proud of our university system and recognize that this request is needed and renovate our school’s buildings and programs. It is the time for our university system to properly manage the conventional 15% of all resources that we will print the corrections in our next issue.

CORRECTIONS

The only difference is that we will give more attention to the people who don’t have an online identity. As more and more security risks are required to be aware of these websites and networks, they also need to fully and legally be trusted by the public. It will make the users feel safe and give the public positive relations.

The Daily Gamecock encourages anyone interested in commenting on these messages of topics like researching, either the editor, the author’s name, year in school and area of study. We also invite student leaders and USC faculty members to submit their own editorials. The Daily Gamecock is a student-owned and student-operated newspaper and is committed to providing a platform for all voices within the University of South Carolina. For more information, please email opinion@dailygamecock.com. Letters must be 200 to 300 words in length.

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IT’S YOUR RIGHT

The story of Manti Te’o and his dead girlfriend, who never existed, is intriguing enough to make you wonder if there’ve been other cases. The Washington Post wrote an article that the town her funeral was held in San Bruno, California, was never actually existent. If we had access to the two years the three towns were never actually built, one would think that fact Te’o had never met this girl, or natural curiosity, would have led him to discover sources of the evidence later uncorroborated. In a situation like Te’o’s, the truth is a difficult task. We must look for a social media has become such a huge factor in our society, especially for college students. No one wants to buy a product, but the hassle of providing them with one will be what that could be social media. Social media just prove to be a downfall for this state.

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We hope these websites are required to take these websites and the social media seriously. If the social media and the public keeps on raising these websites, we are required to create a platform that these websites cannot be trusted by the public. We should stop implicitly trusting these websites and networks, and do not easily fabricate it.

When stories like Manti Te’o’s start becoming more and more frequent, it’s time to decide what to do with the discussion. It’s easy for the discussion to take on a different tone. It’s easy for the discussion to take on a political stance. It’s easy for the discussion to take on a social stance. It’s easy for the discussion to take on a moral stance. It’s easy for the discussion to take on a political stance.

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It’s time to see what’s going on in the world of movie awards. The 2013 Academy Award nominees were announced earlier this month, and every category looks as expected, except for a few obvious snubs. Here’s a look at some of the top contenders, as well as some major head-shakers.

“Argo”

“Zero Dark Thirty” was originally the hands-on favorite to win the Oscar for Best Picture, and why wouldn’t it be? It’s a movie about one of the most relieving moments in American History: the hunt for and assassination of Osama bin Laden. But “Argo’s” recent win for Best Picture Drama at the 2013 Golden Globes may have caused a turn of the tide.

“Argo” tackles a trying moment in American history, but it blends drama with Hollywood satire. A bizarre combination, but it easily works thanks to skillful direction by Ben Affleck, who, after screenwriting and acting, may have found his calling card as a director.

Daniel Day-Lewis

Anyone who has seen at least two of Daniel Day-Lewis’ films can easily see how well-rounded of an actor he is. He has gone from playing a spirited Native American warrior (“The Last of the Mohicans”) to an overly proud American butcher (“Gangs of New York”) to an oil tycoon mad with greed (“There Will Be Blood”).

Now he has earned his fifth Oscar nomination for his role as arguably the most well-renowned president in American history, Abraham Lincoln, in a movie that followed his methods to end slavery. He has been deemed the frontrunner for the Oscar, but he does have close competition, mostly from the likes of Hugh Jackman as self-redeeming Jean Valjean from “Les Miserables,” and Joaquin Phoenix, who garnered acclaim for his role as the drifting Freddie Quell in “The Master,” though his performance hasn’t received as much attention as it deserves.

Anne Hathaway

Acting in a musical film takes real talent and commitment, two aspects that have been lacking in musicals as of late. “Mamma Mia!” and “Rock of Ages” can vouch for that. But “Les Miserables” easily broke that barrier with a full cast of talented singers, especially with the show-stealing performance from Anne Hathaway as the down-on-her-luck Fantine.

Her rendition of “I Dreamed a Dream” was also the movie’s show-stealing musical number that has been the center of Hathaway’s acclaim for her performance. She wasn’t just singing through the song as if she were anxious to get home; audiences could actually feel Fantine’s grief and sorrow as she realizes how tough her life has become. I say Hathaway is a shoe-in to win her first Oscar for Best Supporting Actress, unless Sally Field from “Lincoln” can pull a surprising upset.

Jennifer Lawrence

Jennifer Lawrence has proved herself the most promising actress of her generation. Sure, she has had her flops, like “House at the End of the Street,” but what actress doesn’t? She easily established a promising career for herself ever since her Oscar nominated role in “Winter’s Bone,” not to mention her crowd-favorite role as Katniss Everdeen in the “Hunger Games” film series.

The Meryl Streep joke at the Golden Globes or the presence of Jessica Chastain in the Best Actress category, could cost her, but Joaquin Phoenix talked down about the Academy and they still nominated him as Best Actor. Her role as the mentally troubled Tiffany in “Silver Linings Playbook” was well worth raving about, but how will it fare against the strong opposition?
As we learned from "Inglourious Basterds," Christoph Waltz's work with director Quentin Tarantino creates positive outcomes for his career. Waltz has already won an Oscar for his performance as the dastardly, witty Jew hunter Col. Hans Landa in "Inglourious Basterds" back in 2009. And now there's talk that he's a top contender to take home the Oscar for portraying bounty hunter Dr. King Schultz in "Django Unchained," a performance that recently earned him the Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actor.

He has also received numerous accolades from multiple awards societies. The only real challenge that stands in the way of his second Oscar win is Tommy Lee Jones, who has won multiple awards for his portrayal of Thaddeus Stevens in Steven Spielberg's "Lincoln."

"The Master"

Of all the deserving films that have been rejected by the Academy, both "The Master" and its director Paul Thomas Anderson have suffered the biggest snub. Anderson, who makes really dark, thought-provoking films, created his masterpiece, a film that had us thinking about our own religious beliefs while engaging in beautiful cinematography. At least the amazing cast has gained some recognition with Joaquin Phoenix nominated for Best Actor, Philip Seymour Hoffman for Best Supporting Actor and Amy Adams for Best Supporting Actress.

Ben Affleck

The directing category of the Academy Awards tends to carry some controversy whenever a director isn't nominated when his or her film is up for Best Picture. It's pretty much an unavoidable situation. But when a movie is nominated for many other categories, not including Best Director, the Academy really catches heat.

Ben Affleck was denied a Best Director nomination when his movie "Argo" gained seven other nods, including Best Picture, best supporting actor Alan Arkin and Best Adapted Screenplay. Yet, Affleck was nominated for Golden Globe for Best Director, and won.

Kathryn Bigelow

Kathryn Bigelow is in the same situation as Affleck. Her movie "Zero Dark Thirty" has been nominated for five other nominations including Best Picture, Best Actress Jessica Chastain and Best Original Screenplay. Bigelow became the first female director to win Best Director at the Academy Awards in 2010 with "The Hurt Locker."

Her direction was equally as brilliant behind the camera of "Zero Dark Thirty," so it's a real mystery why the Academy chose to ignore her this year, nothing against the other nominees of course.
This is a big weekend for Baltimore Ravens and San Francisco 49ers fans, since both teams haven’t seen a Super Bowl ring in a while. Fans of the 49ers especially haven’t seen a Super Bowl party since the Steve Young era, so their party-planning skills are probably a little rusty. Here are some tips for them:

Tip #1 — Do not invite too many people to your Super Bowl party. Cramming all of your friends and family into your apartment or living room can get pretty hectic, and you have to worry about the inconsiderate mess everyone will probably leave behind. If you do choose to invite a huge crowd, then at least make sure you’re a gracious enough host to borrow a high-definition television from Rent-A-Center. Every true football fan wants to enjoy each synthetic blade of grass in the Superdome.

Tip #2 — Do not lose the remote control (probably the most easily lost item within every household). Just imagine the chaos that would ensue if someone sits on the remote and the channel changes to Cartoon Network just as the winning field goal is kicked.

Tip #3 — Be creative when it comes to the food selection. Sure, everyone likes to take the easy path and order pizza, lay out chips and dip, etc., but you are better than that. Practice your cooking skills by making something like mini tacos, or display your awesome grilling skills by preparing some snack-sized mini burgers.

Tip #4 — Don’t go overboard with the alcohol. Yes, I know it can make everything much more fun. However, you’re inviting all of your friends and family to a sociable get-together to enjoy a football game, not to get so drunk you ruin everyone’s good time. Try to keep an adequate amount of alcohol around — just enough so everyone is still in a suitable state to drive home safely after the game.

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Advice on how to prepare a successful party for the biggest football game of the year

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Mihov says his goal is to continue his success at USC and help the team compete for the national championship. He has been one of the top performers in the nation so far this season, and he will be looking to carry that momentum into the spring.

The USC men's tennis team will take on Oklahoma this weekend, and Mihov believes the team can come away with a win.

"I think we have a good chance of winning this weekend," he said. "We're playing well as a team, and I expect we can have a strong showing.

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