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Pruitt: 4 reported crimes untrue

University deems four incidents “stories” in campus safety report

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Four crimes reported over the last several weeks didn’t actually occur, according to Vice President for Student Affairs Dennis Pruitt in a campus safety report for parents and students distributed during Parents Weekend.

“After thorough investigation

by the USC and Columbia police departments, we have discovered that there was no robbery on the Horseshoe,” Pruitt wrote. “There was no gunman behind the Russell House. There was no assault on the train tracks behind Greek Village. There was no robbery at Main and Whaley streets.”

The reported gunman by Russell House and reported armed robbery at Main and Whaley streets prompted the first two Carolina Alerts of the semester. Both alerts were later updated to say authorities had searched the area but could not

locate suspects in either case.

“It’s important to note that many of these stories are just that: stories,” Pruitt wrote.

The campus safety brochure was distributed with the university’s Guide to Parents Weekend when registered families checked-in Friday and Saturday. Students were notified via email Sunday night in a weekly message from the university’s communications staff.

“Recently, some UofSC parents and students have expressed concern about a perceived increase in campus and area crime,” the email to

students read. “Also, there’s been a great deal of misinformation spread by social media outlets that thrive on sensationalism and mistruths.”

As for families absent from Parents Weekend festivities, Chief Communications Officer Wes Hickman said the university was still working to notify everyone. He said the expectation was that parents would share the information with their students during parents weekend.

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Karma ain’t kind



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South Carolina let a few chances on offense slip away and couldn’t put away a 20-7 lead with 7:25 remaining against the Tigers.

Gamecocks lose ground in SEC East after fourth quarter 13-point lead against Missouri collapses

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Gamecocks lose significant ground in SEC East race South Carolina had the Missouri Tigers right where they wanted them Saturday night.

But, as Missouri itself learned a year ago in this same matchup, a lead can disappear in the blink of an eye in college football. And the Gamecocks found themselves stunned, losing 21-20 Saturday night.

It looked like South Carolina had sealed the deal with just more than seven minutes left in the fourth quarter. Sophomore wide receiver Pharoah Cooper withstood a punishing hit to bring in a touchdown that put the Gamecocks up 19-7 with the extra point looming.

But, by head coach Steve Spurrier’s own admission, that extra point that made it 20-7 should’ve never taken place.

“I messed up on the two-point conversion. We should’ve gone for it,” Spurrier said. “I wasn’t even thinking about it until I looked up and saw it was 20-7.”

A successful two-point conversion would’ve forced

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Breaking ground: USC law school to get new home

Renovations set to be completed in 2017

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The smiles were big as the group walked over to the Carolina hardhats on top of shovels dug into the dirt.

They joked and laughed and as the shovels plummeted into the soft ground, a sense of relief washed over the faces of those involved as the new era of the South Carolina Law School was started.

Friday, the ground breaking was held at the new site of the law school on the corner of Senate and Bull streets.

The event featured speakers ranging from Dean of the Law School Robert Wilcox, South Carolina Chief Justice Jean Toal, U.S. Senator Lindsay Graham and USC President Harris Pastides.

Each speaker spoke in front of over a hundred people about the importance of the School of Law.

During the ceremony, Pastides said that the law school is an essential part of the university and said that it impacts the quality of life in the state.

“Looking out at the dignity and the caliber of those who came out, I was shocked. I was reminded of the impact the law school has on this state. In terms of the literal impact on the state, this school has had the most of any.”

The newest law school building, which was constructed in 1974, was in need of renovations according to Board of Trustees Chairman Eugene Ward.

“This will provide us with a place that allows us to be a competitive, highly respected law school,” Ward said. “If you don’t have that, smart young people who want to go to law school leave the state. You got to have things that get people excited that allow you to compete at the highest level, or people won’t come.”

The renovations are set to be completed in 2017. The new building will feature around 20 classrooms, two of which will be flexible classrooms that can be molded into various-sized rooms.

There will also be a 300-seat ceremonial courtroom as well as an eatery and a large student commons.

“The way we teach law is changing,” We do it in small groups, with a lot of technology—those are the things we couldn’t do in our current building. We have a lot of 100-foot classrooms and this will be flexible. Classrooms can be designed in a different way so student’s are going to get a much better well-rounded education.”

The old building will be remodeled and will become the new home for the college of Hospitality, Retail and Sports Management.

Now that the ground is broken, renovations are underway. There will now be a mandatory 18 months of construction along with other renovations and the final touches to get the building ready for students to start taking classes in 2017.



Scenes from GameDay



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IN

BRIEF

Assembly Street CVS robbed over weekend

The CVS store located at 900 Assembly St. was robbed around 9 p.m. on Saturday, The State reported.

According to the clerk, the man acted like he was armed but never showed a weapon. He demanded money from a clerk at the pharmacy, but no one was injured.

The man was described as white, estimated to be between the ages of 35-40 and wearing a beard. He was wearing a long-sleeve green shirt, khaki pants and a dark blue baseball cap emblazoned with gold letters spelling out the word ‘Navy.’

The Columbia Police Department is currently investigating this robbery.

The amount stolen has not been specified. According to The State, the CVS store located at on the 3500 block of Harden St., about a mile away from the Assembly Street location, was robbed on Sept. 20. Police are currently working to determine if the robberies are connected.

—Natalie Pita, News Editor

Orangeburg police officer accused of pawning weapon

Police officer Tybee Stuart Stroman, 24, of Orangeburg, SC was accused of pawning his service weapon, WLTX reported.

Stroman has been charged with one count of breach of trust with fraudulent intent valued at \$2,000 or less.

Stroman’s arrest warrants states that he went to a pawn shop and pawned his Remington shotgun and Glock pistol for money on Sept. 15. Officers also reported that he pumped gas into his personal vehicles and charged it to the Norway Police Department throughout August and September.

According to the warrant, the gas and guns were valued at a combined total of \$1,600.

—Natalie Pita, News Editor

More than 1,000 attend Clemson student’s funeral

More than 1,000 people attended Clemson student Tucker Hipps’ funeral at Rock Springs Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, The State reported.

Hipps, 19, was reported missing last week after an early morning run with his fraternity brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon and was found dead in Hartwell Lake later that day.

Hipps’ fraternity brothers and other participants from Boys State were among the funeral attendees. The funeral was full of orange floral arrangements.

“This time last Sunday, Tucker was here with us in body and spirit ... as surreal as that seems now,” Rock Springs pastor David Gallamore said.

After the two-hour service, hundreds of mourners followed the hearse to a cemetery adjacent to the church for final words at the gravesite.

Investigators from Oconee County are still working to determine what happened, but Sheriff Mike Crenshaw stated that foul play does not seem to have been involved. Fraternity officials at the university and national levels are also conducting an investigation.

—Natalie Pita, News Editor

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Much of the decision of how and when to distribute the information to parents and students had to do with timing, Hickman said, since students open Sunday night emails in “great rates,” and Monday morning emails to faculty and staff yield “good open rates.” And the almost 10,000 people registered for Parents Weekend presented the university with “a great opportunity to get a head start on things,” he said. Furthermore, Hickman said the university didn’t want to send out the information “while students [were] distracted with other things like Parents Weekend and football.”

Hickman said though he could not say the investigations had ended, there was enough information for the university to publicly announce the reports were untrue.

“The investigations of each of those have been ongoing for some time, and they’ve been leading toward that conclusion,” Hickman said. “However, we weren’t able to confirm that until last week in each of those cases.”

Pruitt wrote that authorities responded to each incident’s report with “speed, intensity and concern for our students,” but in the end, those four incidents were “stories.”

“Not all of them have the same set of facts,” Hickman said. “The wording that was chosen was done to

best describe what are four unrelated and distinguished situations.”

Though the aforementioned offenses were nullified, Pruitt admitted there were crimes committed on or near campus, noting USC’s location in an “urban setting, located in the heart of a vibrant and growing city.” Pruitt also touched on incidents in which suspects were identified and arrested. Arrests were made in two highly publicized cases at the end of last month, including a man who exposed himself to two female students near Women’s Quad and a separate incident on the Horseshoe in which man followed a student to his room in East Quad to rob him. Both of those incidents occurred in

August.

But story or not, Hickman implored students to always report suspicious activity — an investigation will be conducted and notifications sent out in extenuating circumstances, he said.

“Even if we have to go back in the end and say that didn’t happen, that’s OK,” Hickman said. “We don’t want people to feel like reporting things is bad if they aren’t certain. It’s better to air on the side of caution.”

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AUG. 18
AUG. 23
AUG. 27

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CLASSES BEGIN
LAST DAY TO CHANGE/DROP A COURSE WITHOUT A GRADE OF "W" BEING RECORDED

AUG. 28
SEPT. 1
SEPT. 12
SEPT. 13
SEPT. 15
SEPT. 27
OCT. 3

CAROLINA VS. TEXAS A&M
CAROLINA VS. EAST CAROLINA
LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR GRADUATION
CAROLINA VS. GEORGIA
CAROLINA VS. MISSOURI
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OCT. 4
OCT. 12-24
OCT. 25
NOV. 4
NOV. 15
NOV. 22
NOV. 28-30

CAROLINA AT KENTUCKY
FALL BREAK: NO CLASSES
CAROLINA AT KANSAS
CAROLINA VS. TENNESSEE
GENERAL ELECTION DAY
NO CLASSES
CAROLINA AT LOUISIANA
TRANSFERRING RECESS- NO CLASSES
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READING DAY
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SPRING 2015

JAN. 10
JAN. 16
JAN. 19
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MARCH 2
MARCH 6-15
APRIL 15
APRIL 25
APRIL 28-MAY 6
MAY 6-9

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overtime following the Tigers’ comeback.

A failed attempt at two points would have left South Carolina in virtually the same position the extra point did.

Missouri’s 14 fourth-quarter points highlighted one of the great defensive collapses in recent memory for the Gamecocks. The South Carolina defense held Missouri to 152 yards through three quarters.

The Tigers finished the game with 280.

“We should’ve stayed focused on the game,” redshirt sophomore Gerald Dixon said. “I feel like we took it as we won the game already. We shouldn’t have, and we’ve got to start focusing more at the end of the game.”

Dixon, along with much of the South Carolina defense, had a monster game up until Missouri’s comeback effort. He had four tackles and a sack to go with three tackles for loss.

But the lack of sustained focus cost Dixon and the Gamecocks dearly with the South Carolina offense struggling mightily throughout the entirety of the game.

Redshirt senior quarterback Dylan Thompson threw for a season-low 219 yards Saturday. And when South Carolina got the ball back with one minute and 36 seconds remaining in the game, down by one, Thompson went 0-4 to turn the ball back over to Missouri.

Much of Thompson and the offense’s struggles was due to the Tigers’ ruthless pass rush.

Missouri racked up four sacks and four quarterback hurries, along with a countless number of crushing shots to Thompson immediately after he released the ball.

But the Gamecock quarterback isn’t concerned with the physical beating he took Saturday night.

“It just hurts to lose, really,” he said. “I’ll get over the soreness — you’re sore after every game. It just hurts to lose knowing you left a lot of points out there.”

Despite the resounding tone of the locker room, including the three teammates junior running back Mike Davis said he saw crying after the game, the world has not come to an end for South Carolina.

There is still more than half of a season remaining on the Gamecocks’



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Guest picker Kenny Chesney picked South Carolina to overcome Missouri.

schedule, and the loss does not eliminate South Carolina from the SEC East race.

But the team can almost certainly not afford to lose another conference game.

“This loss just can’t defeat us the rest of the season,” redshirt senior defensive tackle J.T. Surratt said. “We’ve got to come back to the drawing board and get ready for Kentucky.”

The Gamecocks still have four SEC games left to play, three of which are on the road, and none of which will be terribly easy.

A trip to Auburn looms on the horizon, a game that many marked on the calendar as the one loss South Carolina could be allowed to suffer without consequence. But that loss was used up Saturday against Missouri.

Nonetheless, the team won’t allow itself to look ahead on the schedule like we undoubtedly will, and the only thing that will be on their mind will be next weekend’s trip to Lexington, Kentucky.

And although Spurrier heaped much of the blame for Saturday’s loss on his own shoulders, he still has plenty of coaching left to do.

“We’ll get over it in a day or two and get ready for the next game,” he said. “That’s all you can do.”

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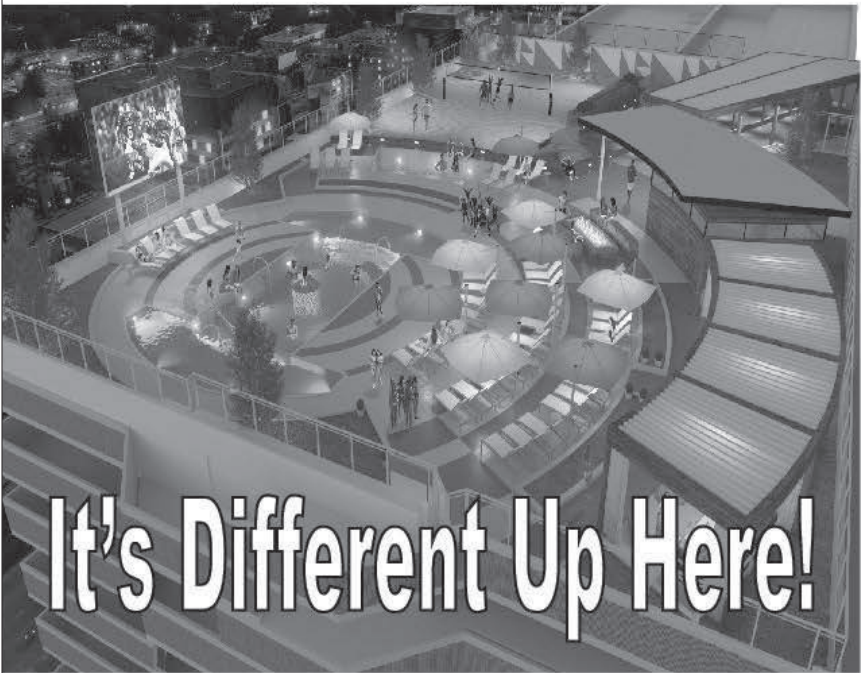
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Students deserve facts

ISSUE

USC revealed that four campus crimes were false.

OUR STANCE

The student body should have been informed earlier.

After six weeks of nerve-shredding night-time walks through parking lots, of clenching un-capped Mace cans returning home the library, of after-midnight calls to sleeping friends for a safe walk home: after all this, it turns out that students are safer than we thought.

In a Thursday letter given out to parents on Parent’s Weekend, Vice President for Student Affairs Dennis Pruitt revealed that four of the most publicized crimes at USC this semester were “stories.”

Pruitt wrote, “After thorough investigation by the USC and Columbia police departments, we have discovered that there was no robbery on the Horseshoe. There was no gunman behind the Russell House. There was no assault on the train tracks behind the Greek Village. There was no robbery at Main and Whaley streets.”

We quote this information in full because you still might not know it. It wasn’t sent out to the student body until two day after it was distributed to parents

registered for Parents Weekend activities.

According to Chief Communication Officer, Wes Hickman, USC felt confident that these four individual crimes could be reported false sometime last week. Each crime reached a

“If it turns out that a large part of these reports arn’t true, then that has a measurable impact on the lives of students.”

point, at around the same time two or three day time-frame, that the university felt safe calling them “stories.”

The first people to get this information were parents visiting USC campus. Parents who weren’t there have yet to get any word of this whatsoever. We understand that parents had questions coming onto campus, but students have had questions for weeks.

What we fail to understand is why this information took this long to be sent to students. While this information was sent out Sunday night in a weekly email, we feel that this information should have been sent out as soon as the incidents could be reported false. There was

no need to package the incidents up into one report — it would have put students far more at ease had we known each incident was false as soon as the university did.

Just as students need to know about potential crimes on campus as they are called in, we also need to know if these reports are “stories” just as urgently. Presenting the information to all students at once during a scheduled email is understandable, but we feel that this information could have stood on its own due to its urgency.

The way crimes are interpreted and presented by the administration affects the soical environment in which the student body operates. USC has been buffeted week after week with stories of students being robbed, threatened with firearms and put into situations of extreme danger.

If it turns out that a large part of these reports aren’t true, then that has a measurable impact on the lives of students. It means that they can walk the streets with precautions but without fear of imminent danger. It means that that “come escort me” phone call to a sleeping friend might not be necessary.

It means that, while safety is foremost in our thoughts, fear isn’t. And we have the right to know that.

Obama’s Syria strikes illegal

Election promises stating uninvovement in Middle East broken

“The President does not have power under the Constitution to unilaterally authorize a military attack in a situation that does not involve stopping an actual or imminent threat to the nation,” said Senator Barack Obama in 2007.

“Last night, on my orders, America’s armed forces began strikes against ISIL targets in Syria,” President Barack Obama said Wednesday evening.

It is difficult to illustrate more starkly the contrast between the foreign policy that Americans voted for in Obama the Senator and the decisions that have been made by Obama.

Though the 2007 quote was about Iran, and the quote from earlier this week is about ISIS, the idea is the same — the president is not supposed to be able to engage the U. S. in a conflict without the authorization of Congress unless we are in imminent danger.

This was the idea that hundreds of millions of Americans supported in the ballot boxes on Election Day. We wanted a president who would honor his commitment to end the wars in the Middle East and stop needlessly endangering our country’s brave men and women in uniform.

College age students voted in record numbers for a president

who would not only stop spending trillions of our tax dollars on continuous Middle Eastern wars (that have been raging since before most of us could remember), but more importantly bring home our parents, siblings and friends who had been gone for so long.

The president we got instead has not only failed to end the conflicts he inherited but has in fact added several of his own. Iraq. Afghanistan. Pakistan. Yemen. Somalia. Libya. All countries in which Obama has ordered U.S. military operations. In September 2013 he sought Congressional approval to add Syria to the list, but because of overwhelming popular opposition, was rebuked.

A year later, Obama has now decided that he never actually needed that authorization; American strikes throughout Syria began earlier this week.

Obama has attempted to justify this operation by invoking the Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against Terrorists (AUMF), passed three days after the Sept. 11 attacks. That legislation authorized the president to go after al-Qaida in response to the thousands of lives lost during those horrendous attacks.

However, after more than a decade of persecution (and the

assassination of Osama bin Laden), al-Qaida is now but a shadow of its former self.

With the decline of al-Qaeda in mind, one would think that the AUMF would no longer be necessary. And by “one would think”, I really mean “President Obama thought”; as recently as 2013, Obama had asked Congress to repeal the AUMF. Luckily for the Obama that now wants to attack Syria, Congress never listens to him and failed to do so.

Or, perhaps, not so luckily. The AUMF mentions al-Qaida by name, authorizing force against that organization and its associates (which operate in different countries under different names). Billing ISIS as an al-Qaida associate is a bit of a hard sell, seeing as each has disavowed any connection, and is in fact at war with, the other.

Senator Obama knew the dangers of allowing the president to deploy the American military at a whim, of having no checks and balances against the military authority of our Commander in Chief.

President Obama treats Middle Eastern countries like Pokemon cards to be collected and put into his binder (it’s the one with the picture of a Predator drone taped over a faded “Hope” sticker on the front). Millennials are completely justified in their disillusionment with our President — after all, they voted for the other guy.



Ross Abbott
Third-year buissness student

Science, faith not mutually incompatible

Response to “Creationism: lying to kids” from Thu., Sept. 25 edition

Mr. Crawford,

I found your article “Creationism: telling lies to kids” to be highly offensive to me as a resident of South Carolina and as a scientist. I agree that it is never okay for educators to allow their personal beliefs to permeate into their classrooms, but there were several key points in your argument that were misleading.

First off, your portrayal of education in Tennessee and Louisiana is that of an “old-fogey of a would-be professor shuffles in, coughs in the crevice of his tweed jacket...”

While there probably are professors of older age in both Tennessee and Louisiana, I’m sure there are just as many in other states (such as Illinois and New Jersey).

The fact is, many of these “old-fogey” professors have a lot of experience in their field and are very well respected in their communities. Your argument implies that a professor of older age cannot adequately provide the education that today’s kids need to experience.

Additionally, your attack on creationism is based on evidence that you have to support evolution (and seemingly little in support of creationism). I agree that often creationism is taught apart from science, giving the impression that if the universe were created that evolution must be a lie.

I have been told all my life that I can’t be a scientist and a Christian; this is simply not true. I graduated last May with a degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from the University of South Carolina. I am now pursuing a Masters in the Art of Teaching (MAT) degree in hopes of teaching high school biology and chemistry.

During my time here at USC I studied under many professors who are on the cutting edge of research in their field (including one who recently transferred from Stanford and taught a class on the origins of life.)

In our class (entitled “Biochemical Evolution”) we discussed, in great detail, possible origins of life.

While there are many great theories of how life came to be, the main point of the class was for us to discover that there is so much that we don’t know.

With that being said, Christianity and science do not have to be mutually exclusive. Who is to say that God didn’t create life and that evolution isn’t the study of the creation as it changes in the environment over time?

After all, one of the foundational principles of science is that experimental evidence in support of an idea does not, by default, disprove the other ideas (therefore meaning that all of the experimental support of evolution does not disprove the idea of a creation but instead only supports the idea of evolution).

By promoting the idea that all creation theories are “junk ideas” and that informing kids of other possibilities (since we still do not have solid proof of how life came to be) is lying to them, you are committing the very act that you accused teachers in Tennessee and Louisiana of committing: presenting your own beliefs as fact.

— Written by Savannah Savage, Graduate Biology MAT student

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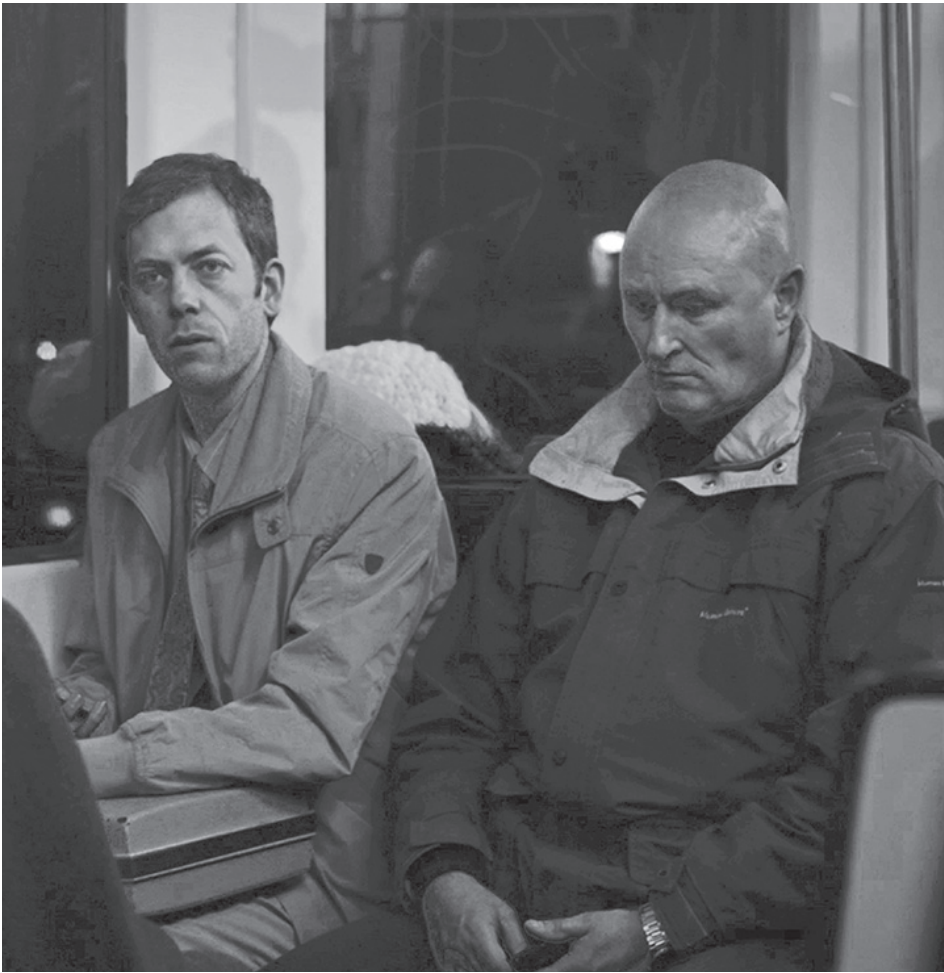
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Clockwise from top: “The Fall,” “97%,” and “Crime: The Animated Series,” are among of this year’s 10 finalists for the Mahattan Short film festival at the Nickelodeon Theatre.

Cinema to show international shortlist of short films

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The Nickelodeon Theatre will be participating in an international film festival Monday night. But don’t expect any traffic jams or downtown debauchery, the festival will take place in the form of a two-hour screening of short films.

At 5:30 p.m. tonight, The Manhattan Short festival will be under way. Claiming to be “The World’s First Global Film Festival,” The Manhattan Short screens in over 250 cinemas over five continents from September 26 to October 5 but the Nickelodeon will be hosting tonight and tonight only.

Patrons will watch the assortment of films and cast a ballot on the best film of the night. The ballots will be sent back to the festival, compiled and the winner announced

“It’s something we’ve been doing for a few years,” said Kristin Morris, marketing manager of the Nickelodeon. “The people from the festival reached out to us and asked us if we want to be a part of it. We like to try and incorporate as much

original programming that we can do that you won’t be able to do at a normal movie theater.”

Monday may seem the least likely of days to host an international festival. But the early part of the week is when the Nickelodeon is more likely to do their quirkier events.

“Any special screenings that we want to do during the week that aren’t late night screenings, we have to do on Mondays and Tuesdays because of our agreements to our distributor,” Morris said. “We’re also showing The Trip To Italy this week. We can’t cut a Thursday or a Friday screening. We’re only able to replace screenings on Mondays and Tuesdays.”

Don’t think that the beginning-of-the-week grogginess will hurt the Manhattan Short’s revelry. Rather, the Nickelodeon will rely on its base of loyal film lovers in addition to any new faces that make their way out to the theatre tonight. Eventually, the film will be able to move such an event to the weekend as the theater

continues to grow.

“We’ve been doing the festival for a little while and there’s a dedicated group of people who really like to come to the screenings like that,” Morris said. “Until we get our second screen built, we still are so limited to what we can do and when we can do things. When we have our second screen we’ll be able to have more ideal screening times for things like that.”

With the second screen still in the works, Morris made it clear that the Manhattan Short will not be for a bourgeois group of film connoisseurs. Instead, all hopeful viewers can come and see the short films with fresh eyes as many of the staff will be doing just the same.

“We’ve checked the films to make sure they’ve played well but it’s gonna be new to everybody,” Morris said. “Anybody can go.”

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Old man Cohen keeps current



Singer-songwriter stays above senility in new album

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“Popular Problems”
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Singer-songwriter stays above senility “Popular Problems,” Leonard Cohen’s 13th album, came out one day after his 80th birthday.

If only everyone was so artistically vital at 80-years-old. “Popular Problems” is a worthy entry into Cohen’s discography, which is high praise — over his career, Cohen has reached legendary status in the deftness of his music and writing.

Cohen came to prominence in the 60s with his minimalist, striking albums “Songs of Leonard Cohen” and “Songs from a Room,” and has been active ever since. He’s the original writer of “Hallelujah,” which had been covered to death and back, and of “Suzanne,” which is essential listening for any aspiring singer-songwriter.

Cohen’s voice has toughened into leather at this point, and his growl serves the themes of “Popular Problems” well. The lyrics contemplate the effects of civil war and division, and the gritty passion that Cohen puts into every lyric gives the album

a haunting resonance. Cohen could make Smash Mouth seem poetic, but it’s a joy to hear him deliver such simplistic, striking lyrics.

He begins the album with a thesis statement: “I’m slowing down the tune, I never liked it fast.” That’s the first line off of the bluesy “Slow,” and he’s not kidding — the rhythm of the album is relaxed and deliberate, but the confidence makes the slow burn engaging.

“Were our prayers so damn unworthy / the sun rejected it?” he croaks on “Samson in New Orleans,” the latest in a long line of Cohen songs dealing with Judaism and religion. Cohen is an observant Jew who practices Zen, and his ardent spiritualism shines through.

“Almost Like the Blues” is a pithy and haunting reverie on engaging with darkness. “There’s torture and there’s killing / and there’s all my bad reviews” is a knowing wink of a lyric, and the rest of the song features Cohen in similarly excellent, witty form. “Popular Problems” is Cohen at the top of his lyrical game and “Almost Like the Blues” is arguably the best song on the album.

Thematically, though, the core of the album is “Nevermind.” “Nevermind” zeroes in on the civil war angle in a big way — in fact, the song is almost an entire manifesto on life and war by itself.

He does all this over a funky bassline that lends a beat poetry style to the song. The vocals are still the focus, but the music fills in the background.

It’s the same with the rest of the album — the music is light but on-point, supporting every song



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Cohen came to prominence roughly 50 years ago and still delivers striking lyrics.

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gracefully and modestly. It's exactly the backing that Cohen needs to succeed.

And the album is a success, even when compared to Cohen's best.

"Popular Problems" is immediate, stylish, haunting and powerful and should appeal to Cohen fans new and old.

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SAVIP on the Patio & Empty Place at the Table - Oct. 1, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Russell House Patio

In a most poignant and visual manner, the exhibit reveals how domestic violence undeniably leaves an empty place at the table.



Silent Witness - Oct. 7, 11 a.m., South Side of the State House

For more information: www.scag.gov/criminal-domestic-violence-in-south-carolina

Women's Self-Defense Class - Oct. 10, 12-4 p.m., Strom Thurmond Wellness & Fitness Center Martial Arts Room

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This exhibit demonstrates the devastating result of domestic violence and helps ensure that these deaths are not forgotten.

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Aries

Partnerships seem easier for the next month, with Venus in Libra. Compromise comes easier. Female magnetism pays a big role. Let yourself get inspired. Negotiations go well. Accept and offer help.

Leo

Trust your heart to lead you. Learn voraciously with Venus in Libra this month. Satisfy your insatiable curiosity. Counsel a visionary on reality. Let go of a scheme that lacks soul. Play full out.

Sagittarius

Group activities go well. Focus on practical fundamentals. You're out in the public spotlight. You're quite popular for the next four weeks with Venus in Libra. Social activities benefit your career. Get connected.

Taurus

There's more work over the next month with Venus in Libra, and it's especially fun and creative. Romantic dreams seem easier to achieve. Give your workspace a feminine touch. Put exercise or sports on the agenda.

Virgo

Get a new attitude if the one you have isn't working. The next four weeks can be quite profitable, with Venus in Libra. Find your comfort zone. Demand increases for your work. Instill it with beauty.

Capricorn

Tackle studies with renewed enthusiasm. Take on more responsibility for the next four and a half weeks with Venus in Libra. Watch for career advances. It's easier to advance your agenda for fun and profit.

Gemini

You're even luckier in love for the next four weeks, with Venus in Libra. Artistic efforts work in your favor. Discover extraordinary beauty. Everyone seems entertained with new energy and challenges. Passions awaken.

Aquarius

Travel delights over the coming few weeks, with Venus in Libra. Venture forth. Set educational goals. Explore, study and discover new frontiers. Invite friends. Go for the gold! Postpone daydreams for reality.

Cancer

Invest in your own success. Feather your love nest. Domesticity seems more enjoyable for the next four and a half weeks, with Venus in Libra. Clean your office and work from home. Keep it practical.

Libra

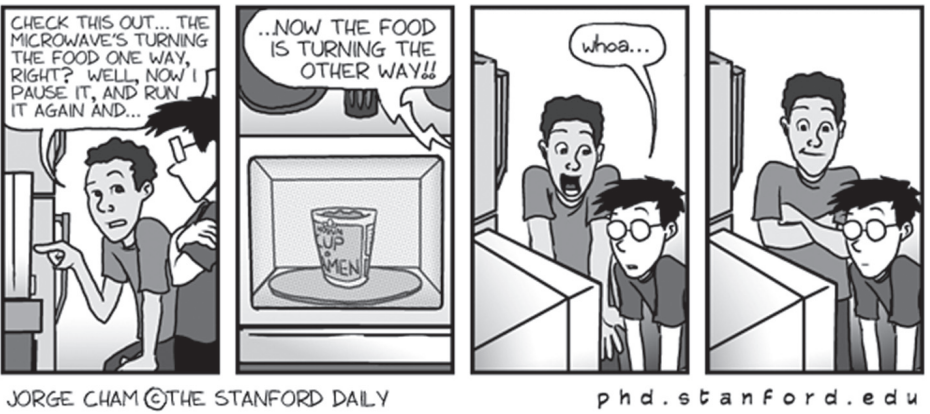
Never doubt your own creative efforts. Assume authority. Add illustrations. Your luck in love has just improved immensely, with Venus in Libra for the next month. You're irresistible. Get a new haircut or style.

Scorpio

Completing old jobs especially satisfies over the next month with Venus in Libra. Allow yourself more quiet time. Revel in peaceful introspection. You're especially productive behind closed doors. Get lost in beauty.

Pisces

Increase your shared assets. The next month is good for saving money, with Venus in Libra. Budget expenditures, and set up auto-payments. Go over the numbers. Push past old barriers. Do it together.



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Defense plays best stretch of season



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Redshirt sophomore Gerald Dixon played a key role in the Gamecocks' improved pass rush, as he and redshirt senior J.T. Surratt were credited for a sack each.

Tigers' 2 late touchdowns mar great effort by South Carolina defensive unit

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Tigers' two late touchdowns mar great effort

Blaming the defense for letting a 13-point lead in the fourth quarter slip away is tough to do when you consider that — for the majority of the game — it played its best football of the season.

It was a complete turnaround from what the Gamecock defensive unit had done throughout their first four games.

From the end of the first quarter until midway through the fourth quarter, South Carolina forced Missouri to punt 10 straight times. Coming into the game, opponents had only punted eight times in total against the Gamecocks.

I was pleased with how the guys played throughout the entire game until the last couple of drives," Defensive Coordinator Lorenzo Ward said. "I thought we played hard, and I thought

we affected him [Missouri sophomore quarterback Maty Mauk]."

Ward noted the Gamecocks held the Tigers to just 152 yards of total offense before the start of the fourth quarter. And even though it gave up two touchdown drives late, holding Missouri's spread offense to 280 total yards is a significant improvement from what other spread offenses in Texas A&M and East Carolina did to South Carolina's defense.

The Gamecocks were put in a difficult situation during the Tigers' opening touchdown drive after head coach Steve Spurrier went for it on fourth-and-one and missed it, leading Missouri to take over on South Carolina's 42-yard line. Redshirt sophomore safety Chaz Elder had an interception overturned because redshirt senior spur Sharrod Golightly lined up offside, and the Tigers pounded it in for the score shortly after.

South Carolina buckled down after that, making life for Mauk miserable. He only completed six of 19 passes for 57 yards in the first half. He overthrew receivers constantly and seemed to be

running for his life more than a few times. Despite his late-game success, Mauk's stats were subpar, and he finished the night with 132 yards on 12-of-34 passing.

The pass rush for South Carolina had its best performance of the season, with redshirt senior J.T. Surratt and redshirt sophomore Gerald Dixon each getting credit for a sack. On top of that, the defense hurried Mauk eight times, which coerced him into errant throws.

"The coaches preached to us all week how he likes to get out the pocket, and run and throw the ball," Surratt said. "So, we just prepared well for it."

The Gamecock secondary also looked much better for a large portion of the game, as defensive backs were sticking close to the Missouri receivers. A couple of questionable pass interference calls by the officials on junior T.J. Gurley and true freshman Al Harris Jr. helped spark life in Tigers.

Spurrier's point of emphasis at the beginning of the season was for his defense to get off the field on third down, which it did tremendously on

Saturday, allowing Missouri to convert on just two of 16 attempts. Coming into the game, the Gamecocks had allowed over a 50 percent conversion rate against their opponents. The Head Ball Coach after the game said the South Carolina defense "played their hearts out."

So, it's hard to put the onus on Ward's bunch for the loss because of how much it improved in all phases. A better decision from Spurrier to go for two instead of one after the Gamecocks' last touchdown and if senior tight end Rory Anderson hauled in an easy pass in the end zone instead of dropping it, the outcome might be different.

But, you can't dwell on the "what-ifs" in football, and nobody on the Gamecock defense would make excuses for the defeat. The last couple of Missouri possessions will be hard to swallow for a while.

"I put the game on us as a defense because we should have never let them score in the first place," Dixon said. "We improved, but we still have more work to do."

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Mauk survives Gamecocks

Streak of 31 consecutive home wins after leading at halftime snapped

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Missouri quarterback Maty Mauk did not have an impressive game. His 35 percent (12-for-34) completion percentage is a sign that points toward a dominating South Carolina performance, layered on top of a solid win. The game was seven minutes and 25 seconds away from playing out in that fashion, but Mauk turned on the switch in the waning minutes, illuminating the Tigers' final plays, while leaving an otherwise forgettable offensive performance in the dark.

Mauk completed five of his first eight passes for 48 yards to start the game. He then hit a rough patch, completing four of 21 passes at one juncture of the contest, . Mauk guided himself out of that funk on a 41-yard pass that brought the Tigers to South Carolina's 27-yard line, and then converted on Missouri's next play, a 26-yard pass that led the team to the Gamecocks' doorstep.

"We flipped a switch, and Bud [Sasser] made a great catch and then Wesley [Leftwich] did a great job of recognizing the coverage and breaking one off there to get to the one," Mauk said. "The offensive line did a great job of getting a good push and getting Russell [Hansbrough] in there."

It was the first time Mauk completed consecutive passes since he completed back-to-back passes on his third and fourth attempts of the game.



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Sophomore wide receiver Pharoah Cooper had a 23-yard touchdown to put South Carolina up 13 points, but Missouri quarterback Maty Mauk overcame the deficit.

Halftime home streak snapped

Rarely is a 10-7 halftime described as comforting, nor does it ever indicate that either team has dominated the other. However, in recent years at Williams-Brice Stadium, going into halftime with a lead has become a little more reassuring. Before Saturday's 21-20 loss to Missouri, the Gamecocks had won 31 consecutive home games when the team was leading at halftime. That streak, of course, was snapped when the Tigers rallied for 14 unanswered points in the fourth quarter.

Another South Carolina streak was snapped earlier this season when Texas A&M upset the Gamecocks 52-28 at Williams-Brice, ending the team's 18-game home win streak — the longest in

the nation at the time. The streak began on Oct. 8, 2011 when South Carolina crushed Kentucky 54-3 in quarterback Connor Shaw's second start.

Looking ahead

The Gamecocks will play their fifth SEC game Saturday when they travel to Lexington, Kentucky. Through five weeks, no team has played as many conference games as South Carolina. The Wildcats (3-1, 1-1) dropped a 36-30 triple overtime decision to Florida in their conference opener. Kentucky rebounded the ensuing week, topping Vanderbilt 17-7. Sophomore quarterback Patrick Towles is fourth in the SEC in passing yards but has been sacked 10 times on the season.

AP top-25 streak ends after 69 weeks

The Gamecock football team dropped out of the AP top-25 poll for the first time in 69 weeks. The last time South Carolina didn't make the cut was preseason of the 2010 season.

After former Gamecock great Connor Shaw's first career appearance in a game, South Carolina made the poll ever since until this last Sunday's came out. The Gamecocks' 69-week streak in the AP poll matches the total number of times the school appeared in the rankings from 1980 to 2009.

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