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Former CIA head debriefs students on personal experience

Intelligence agent shares stories, opinions on foreign policy

Sean Gruber
STAFF WRITER



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The former head of the CIA's Bin Laden unit speaks at the Business school Thursday as part of a series hosted by the Walker Institute.

Ask Michael Scheuer what led him to seek a job at the Central Intelligence Agency, and he'll tell you it was the winter weather in Buffalo, New York.

"People think that I wanted to be a spy or intelligence agent all my life, but that wasn't it at all," Scheuer said. "I was a crane operator working three shifts. Winter was coming. I wanted a job where I could get my ass inside."

After seeing an ad for an open position as a CIA analyst in a historical journal, Scheuer decided to apply for the position.

"It just sounded like something I'd want to do," Scheuer said. "I applied in late 1980, and finally got into the agency in 1982. I went through background checks, polygraph tests, my financial background was investigated..."

it took me about 20 months to get all the way through."

23 years in the intelligence community and three best selling books later, Scheuer spoke on U.S. foreign policy at the Lumpkin Auditorium in the Moore School of Business Thursday.

Scheuer is the first speaker in the "Future Direction of U.S. Foreign Policy" fall lecture series, organized by USC's Walker Institute Forum.

Scheuer, who helped Afghanistan's Mujadeen rebels overthrow the Soviet Union occupation in the 80's. He also led a CIA task force to capture Osama Bin Laden before his resignation in 2004.

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Two Time Pulitzer Prize-winning visits university

AP photographer discusses opportunities, passion for career

Josh Dawsey
STAFF WRITER



Lindsay Brown / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Scott Applewhite discusses his work at the opening of the new AP Presidential Photo display at the Thomas Cooper Library.

wasn't a photographer, I know I'd be in news somewhere."

Applewhite then worked at the Palm Beach Post and the Miami Herald before moving to the Washington Associated Press bureau in 1980.

Applewhite said some of his best experiences in journalism came while in Florida.

"There was a fall-out from a trial with white police officers and a black victim in Liberty City, Florida," Applewhite said. "It was a very interesting time."

The Move to Washington

Applewhite entered Washington during a very dynamic time in history. The Iranian hostage crisis was ongoing, the election between

PHOTO • 4A

STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE WEEK: HILLEL

Jewish organization gives students opportunities to socialize, learn culture

Jenn Silvermann
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

One of the oldest organizations at USC also happens to be one of the most unknown organizations.

Hillel, the Jewish Student Union, has been a member of the Carolina community since 1939. What may surprise some is that Hillel does not consider itself a religious organization.

"We are a social organization in which all of the members share the same religion," President Lisa Lebovitz said.

Lebovitz, a fourth-year hotel, restaurant and tourism management student, also said that Hillel plans a wide range of events that include Frankie's Fun Park, Jewish Trivia Nights, speakers on a variety of Jewish-related

subjects, movie nights and Supper Clubs.

Supper Club, a Hillel staple, is the once-a-month meeting when the whole club attends dinner at a restaurant that is typically near campus. Students meet in front of Russell House to carpool to the restaurant of choice. Hillel celebrates the end of the semester with a supper club at California Dreaming.

Hillel's goal is to "encourage Judaism on campus and to create a comfortable environment for those who wish to maintain or learn about their Judaism while at college," Lebovitz said.

Hillel meets this goal in many ways. In the fall semester, Hillel provides rides to services at Beth Shalom and Tree of Life, the conservative synagogue and reform temple respectively, for High Holiday services, which include Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year) and Yom Kippur (the Day of Repentance).

Also, many of the local Jewish families volunteer to

host members of Hillel for High Holiday meals.

This year, Rosh Hashanah falls on sunset Sept. 30 through sunset Oct. 1, and Yom Kippur falls on sunset Oct. 8 through nightfall Oct. 9.

In the spring semester, Hillel hosts a student-led Passover seder. A seder is the retelling of the Passover story followed by the festive meal. The Passover seder has become more and more important to Hillel members as sometimes, it is harder for them to return home to celebrate with their families.

The student-led seder gives everyone a chance to participate as well as celebrate the holiday of Passover.

Students do not have to be Jewish to join Hillel; in fact, as far as membership goes, there are no requirements. Hillel is not restricted to undergraduate students — graduate students and professors are welcome to attend as well. Hillel is open to anyone who wishes to learn



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more about or continue to practice Judaism.

If there are any students who wish to participate in Hillel, you can join the Hillel Facebook group Jew Unit.

Hillel meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in room 205 and every other Friday night for Shabbat dinner and services.

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THINGS TO KNOW

- 1) Not all members of Hillel are Jewish.
 - 2) Hillel is one of the oldest organizations on campus.
 - 3) Hillel has had the same advisor for over 30 years, who was also a member of Hillel when he attended Carolina.
 - 4) Hillel will be rollerskating with an 80's themed costume contest on Election Day.
 - 5) There are no membership fees to join Hillel.
 - 6) There is usually food at every Hillel meeting.
- Compiled by Jenn Silverman

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The Mix

Singer/songwriter Kerli dishes about the inspiration behind her music. See page 7A

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Today @ USC
FRIDAY

Parents Weekend 2008
events
7 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Voter Registration Drive
College Democrats at USC
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Russell House Lobby

Carolina Convoy sales
Student Government
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
RH Lobby

National Hazing
Prevention Week table
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Greene Street

Impact Group Fellowship
7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
RH Ballroom

SATURDAY

Parents Weekend 2008
events
7 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

USC football game vs. UAB
7 p.m.
Williams-Brice Stadium

SUNDAY

Parents Weekend 2008
events
7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On-Campus Worship
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
RH Dining Room

MONDAY

Students for Life meeting
RH, Room 205
6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Red Cross Club meeting
7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
RH, Room 304

Question of the Week

What are you doing for Parents Weekend?

"My mom's coming. We're probably going to go shopping because I haven't been able to go off campus at all since I don't have a car at school."

— Alyssa Rivera, first-year theatre student

"My dad's coming down from Charleston and we're going to go to the football game together. We've always been really big Gamecock fans."

— Jeremy Cauthen, second-year political science student

"My mom's coming. We'll probably go out to dinner because that's what we usually do when she comes into town."

— Megan Karaniuk, first-year theatre student

"My parents are coming to visit. We are going to a Parents Cocktail on Friday and I'm going to be tailgating with my parents before the game."

— Dustin Hendricks, first-year business student

— compiled by Assistant News Editor
Kara Apel

Crime Report

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22

Petit larceny, 6 p.m.
Roost Dormitory Bike Rack, 147 South Marion St.

The victim said that someone had stolen or removed his bicycle without his permission. The victim said that the bike had been secured with a cable lock, but the lock had been cut. The bike is registered with the university and has a decal.

Total Value: \$550
Reporting officer: Sgt. J.M. Harrelson

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

Third degree burglary, financial transaction card theft, financial transaction card fraud, 1 p.m.
School of Public Health, 2718 Middleburg Dr.

The victim said someone took \$20 in

cash and a Visa debit card from her wallet, which was in her unsecured office. The victim was later notified that fraudulent charges had been made on her account.

Total Value: \$20
Reporting officer: J. Newsom

Petit larceny, 1:30 p.m.
Nursing Building Room 231, 1621 College St.

The victim said that a black wrist wallet with yellow flowers on it went missing after leaving the room it was in for two minutes. The wallet contained two Wachovia credit cards, a Carolina Card, one Bull Street Garage swipe card, a dorm key and a South Carolina Driver's License.

Total Value: \$80
Reporting officer: T. Lyons

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PIC OF THE DAY



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A picture of a mother and child taken during Study Abroad at a Masai Mara nature reserve where students stayed with the Masai tribe.

Local

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, N.C. — Strong winds kicked up rough surf Thursday as an intense low-pressure system chugged toward the Southeast coast with wind gusts of up to 40 mph, knocking out power to thousands of homes in Virginia.

Minor flooding was reported along the coast from South Carolina to Virginia and forecasters expected more flooding during high tide Thursday evening.

In Wrightsville Beach, vacationers Bill and Linda Schweikert from Stow, Ohio, snapped photos of gray, head-high waves in brisk 30-mph winds.

"Lake Erie doesn't do this very often," said Linda Schweikert, 62, a retired teacher. "It is pretty."

The storm was about 100 miles southeast of Wilmington at about 4 p.m. EDT. National Weather Service forecaster Steve Pfaff said the storm should make landfall late Thursday night near Myrtle Beach, S.C. Winds should diminish after raking the eastern and central parts of North Carolina later Thursday. He said the center of the storm should be in central North Carolina by Friday morning.

"It does not have any tropical characteristics, but it is still an intense nor'easter," Pfaff said.

The weather service said there was a high risk of rip currents along the northern South Carolina coast and warned "no one should enter the water through Thursday night." Forecasters said the surf would be rough and chaotic with waves reaching 7 feet for the next couple of days.

The warning didn't scare away tourists at Briarcliffe RV resort just north of Myrtle Beach, S.C. The park was 85 percent full, the resort's manager blamed it on the economy, not the weather.

"It's been real breezy winds and it looks like the gusts have been up to 25," said resort manager Kelly Wilford. "It's been light rain all morning, but nobody is panicking."

National

NEW YORK — A coalition of governments, charities and U.N. agencies pledged \$4.5 billion Thursday to an attempt to get all the world's children in school by 2015.

Rock stars and humanitarians Bono and Bob Geldof pledged to do their part by opening two new teacher training colleges in Malawi and Rwanda. The soccer federation FIFA chipped in, too.

Bono, wearing his trademark wraparound yellow sunglasses, added that he pledged "to continue to be a pain in the arse for people who make commitments and don't keep them."

The high-wattage meeting — which included former child laborers, and British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, Australian Prime Minister Mark Rudd, Jordan's Queen Rania and World Bank chief Robert Zoellick — was meant to boost the effort to eradicate illiteracy and provide universal primary schooling by 2015.

That was the target year established by a U.N. summit in 2000, but as Brown noted, the pace at this point would not reach the goal even by the end of this century.

The donations were announced at Thursday's "Class of 2015: Education For All" pledging summit, which has a goal of getting 75 million more children into school.

The meeting opened with appeals by two girls who escaped from child labor with the help of humanitarian groups. Devli Kumari, 11, was born in an Indian stone quarry where her whole family worked as bonded wage slaves. Ablaavi Agbodjan from Togo told the crowd in French that she now hopes to go to college and become a doctor.

"Why aren't more girls in school?" asked Queen Rania. "Because they are fetching water from wells that are miles away."

One out of four women cannot read or write, said Kailash Satyarthi, president of the Global Campaign for Education.

World

NEW YORK — Financial markets grew more upbeat Thursday as political leaders said they struck an agreement in principle on a massive spending plan to revive the crippled financial system.

The Dow Jones industrial average jumped about 200 points on optimism about the bailout, and demand for safe-haven assets remained high but eased slightly as some investors placed bets that a deal would help unclog credit markets.

Stock market investors got a lift when key lawmakers said they would present the \$700 billion plan to the Bush administration and hoped for a vote by both houses of Congress within days. Still, some resistance remained from House Republicans as the closing bell on Wall Street rang ahead of a meeting of congressional leaders at the White House.

Investors' mood has fluctuated this week as they watched the negotiations on the plan gain momentum, and trading is likely to remain difficult in the coming days.

"The market's going to experience volatility as the terms become known," said Doug Roberts, chief investment strategist at Channel Capital Research.

The latest statements of support for the rescue effort came after Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke urged lawmakers Tuesday and Wednesday to quickly sign off on the plan, which they said would help prop up the economy by removing billions of dollars in risky mortgage-related assets from financial firms' balance sheets. Fear of heavy losses on these assets has made banks hesitant to extend credit, which in turn threatens the overall economy by making it harder and more expensive for businesses and consumers to borrow money.

President Bush highlighted what he sees as the urgency in a national address Wednesday night. Major elements are still being worked out, including how to phase in the mammoth cost of the package and whether the government will get an ownership stake in troubled companies.

Alan Lancz, director at investment research group LanczGlobal, said stock market investors were encouraged that the rescue looked more likely than it had earlier in the week.

— Associated Press

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Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter was coming to a close and the Cold War was unfolding between America and the Soviet Union.

But one event stood out in Applewhite's mind as the most gut-wrenching. He was sent to Haiti to cover the ongoing revolution and the current dictator "Baby Doc" Duvalier's oppressive dictatorship was coming to an end.

Duvalier, seeing he couldn't hold on to power much longer, gave up and was escorted out of the country by the U.S. Air Force.

Knowing his exit was imminent, Applewhite camped out at the airport and got some of the only shots of Duvalier making his exit. He was able to break the news to the Haitian people that their dictator was gone.

"It was an amazing thing to be in a country during a revolution," Applewhite said. "The Haitian people were the most gentle people in the world."

Over the years, Applewhite photographed many other noteworthy events. When Reagan begged Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev to "tear down this wall," Applewhite was there. When Bill Clinton's rambunctious presidential campaign rolled through the heartlands of America in 1992, Applewhite was there.

The Side He's Seen of People

"Sometimes people forget that national leaders are humans," Applewhite said. "They're just people like we are."

Applewhite worked with President George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush. While riding with the younger Bush shortly before his inauguration in 2001, he mentioned to him that he was a much better campaigner than his father. The younger Bush had a simple explanation.

"My dad was raised very formally on the

East Coast, but I was raised in the midlands of Texas," Bush said. "You have to learn to have that swagger and show people what you're all about."

He said one quality both Bushes had were their genuine natures.

"Both of the Bushes were 'what you see is what you get,'" Applewhite said. "How history judges them as presidents will be a different story, but they were both real."

Applewhite won his second Pulitzer Prize for pictures he took of Bill Clinton following the Monica Lewinsky scandal. He said the situation showed Clinton's vulnerabilities as a person.

"He was caught in a spider's web of his own doing," Applewhite said. "It was tough, it was personal, it was family, but it was public."

He said the candid pictures of public figures made his job worthwhile.

"I don't want to see a president who doesn't make mistakes, who doesn't screw up," Applewhite said. "I want to see someone who's human."

His Advice for Journalists

Applewhite said journalists have to love their jobs.

"I know it's a hackneyed expression, but if you love your job, it'll never feel like you have to go to work," Applewhite said.

He said journalists shouldn't be worried about not finding a job.

"There's still something great about holding a newspaper in your hand," Applewhite said. "The right of the people to have correct and accurate news has never been more important."

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Congress pondering economic solution**Market issues coupled with election season leaves D.C. confused**

Jennifer Loven & Julie Hirschfeld
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Urgent efforts to lash together a \$700 billion rescue plan for the national economy appeared to be stalling Thursday night, hours after key lawmakers had declared they had reached a deal.

Weary congressional negotiators hurried back to work, joined by Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson in an effort to revive or rework the proposal that President Bush said must be quickly approved by Congress to stave off economic disaster.

Congressional leaders said Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke might come to Capitol Hill, too, if enough progress was made.

The meetings were to continue into the night.

After six days of intensive talks on the unprecedented package proposed by the Bush administration, with

Wall Street tottering and presidential politics intruding six weeks before the election, there was more confusion than clarity.

The day's earlier apparent breakthrough, announced with fanfare at midday, was followed by a White House summit bringing together President Bush, presidential contenders John McCain and Barack Obama and top congressional leaders. But that meeting, aimed at showing unity in resolving a national financial crisis, broke up with conflicts in plain view.

Inside the session, House Republican leader John Boehner expressed misgivings about the emerging plan and McCain would not commit to supporting it, said people from both parties who were briefed on the exchange. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the session was private.

The earlier agreement by key members of Congress from both parties — but not top leaders — would have given the Bush administration just a

fraction of the money it wanted up front, subjecting half the \$700 billion total to a congressional veto.

But conservatives were still in revolt, balking at the astonishing price tag of the proposal and the hand of government that it would place on private markets.

Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama, the top Republican on the Senate Banking Committee, emerged from the White House meeting to say the announced agreement "is obviously no agreement."

One group of House GOP lawmakers circulated an alternative that would put much less focus on a government takeover of failing institutions' sour assets. This proposal would have the government provide insurance to companies that agree to hold frozen assets, rather than have the U.S. purchase the assets.

Rep Eric Cantor said the idea would be to remove the burden of the bailout from taxpayers and place it, over time, on Wall

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USC Students to fast, raise money

The Muslim Student Association, Indian Cultural Exchange, Red Cross Club and Saudi People are co-sponsoring the USC Fast-a-Thon, an event that involves students fasting for a day. The fast begins at sunrise and ends at sunset.

A dinner to break the fast will take place at 7 p.m. Sept. 29 in the Russell House Ballroom.

Participants or students that don't want to fast, but want to help out, are encouraged to donate money.

Proceeds of this year's Fast-a-Thon will go to hurricane relief.

— Compiled by Assistant News Editor Kara Apel

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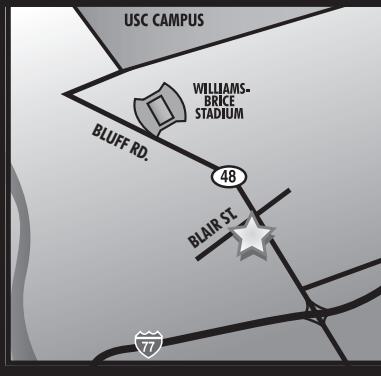
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Seanna Adcox
The Associated Press

BARNWELL, S.C. — Tubes, capsules and pellets of used radioactive material are piling up in the basements and locked closets of hospitals and research installations around the country, stoking fears they could get lost or, worse, stolen by terrorists and turned into dirty bombs.

For years, truckloads of low-level nuclear waste from most of the U.S. were taken to a rural South Carolina landfill. There, items such as the rice-sized radioactive seeds for treating cancer and pencil-thin nuclear tubes used in industrial gauges were sealed in concrete and buried.

But a South Carolina law that took effect July 1 ended nearly all disposal of radioactive material at the landfill, leaving 36 states with no place to throw out some of the stuff. So labs, universities, hospitals and manufacturers are storing more and more of it on their own property.

"Instead of safely secured in one place, it's stored in thousands of places in urban locations all over the United States," said Rick Jacobi, a nuclear waste consultant and former head of a Texas agency that unsuccessfully tried to create a disposal site for that state.

State and federal authorities say the waste is being monitored, but they acknowledge that it is difficult to track and inspect as little as once every five years. Government documents and dozens of Associated Press interviews with nuclear waste generators, experts, watchdogs and officials show that thousands of these small radioactive items have already been lost, and that worries are growing.

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His lecture spotlighted his experiences with radical Islam and critiqued the foreign policy endorsed by the Clinton and Bush administrations.

"I resigned after I read the 9/11 Commission Report," Scheuer said. "They left all these things out, like the opportunities we had to kill or capture Bin Laden in 1998-99."

Scheuer said 9/11 is the story of the lack of moral courage of the senior members of government, regardless of their party.

"I felt that it was time for me to come out and say something [and] do the right thing," Scheuer said, "I was being the good citizen instead of the loyal employee."

Scheuer said that the War on Terror and the American intervention into the Middle East fuels groups like Al-Qaeda, and that the policy of "bringing individual terrorists to justice" is misguided and dangerous.

"Actions draw reactions," Scheuer said. "We've been told that these people are 'freedom haters.' They don't hate how we live."

Scheuer said these groups attack us because we try to force a system of constitutions and man-made laws on them.

"They don't want it," Scheuer said.

According to Scheuer, when America invaded Iraq, we changed the jihad and turned it into a movement.

"There's not a finite number of them we can bring to justice," Scheuer said. "This is religious, it's bigger and more potent than the politicians say."

In his speech, Scheuer blasted the current presidential candidates and their policies, which he said had "no real difference."

"The only difference I see is that McCain would hang Bin Laden when we caught him, and Obama would try him first before hanging," Scheuer said.

Scheuer said the candidates will continue the policy of intervention with foreign policy.

"They will continue to bleed away America's treasure and blood," Scheuer said.

Scheuer also said that a stronger border policy and developing alternative energy sources needs to be worked into foreign policy.

"We need to go back to what foreign policy was really about," Scheuer said. "Foreign policy should defend America."

Securing our borders, setting up an organized system to allow immigrants into the country, and especially finding alternative energy sources are vital to Scheuer.

"As long as we have oil, we will support the police states that give it to us," Scheuer said. "We need to get rid of the glue that holds groups like Al-Qaeda together."

After the speech, students milled in the auditorium, talking about the speech they had just heard.

Matt Kneecoe, a third-year political science student, found Scheuer's foreign policy views to be contradictory.

"He advocates a non-interventionism, but he supports punitive strikes against other countries."

Kneecoe thought Scheuer was right about the presidential candidates though.

"But I think he's right about McCain and Obama," Kneecoe said. "Neither of them have a legit foreign policy, there is no difference between them."

Other students left the auditorium agreeing with the bulk of his message.

Tyler Price, a third-year electrical engineering student thought Scheuer's criticisms are very important.

"He was a head guy in the CIA," Price said.

Price also liked Scheuer's non-interventionist stance and views on foreign policy.

Price agreed that there hasn't been a serious debate regarding foreign policy between McCain and Obama.

I can't wait to hear them speak on it Friday [at the debates]," Price said.

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"They'll end up offered up on eBay and flea markets and sent to landfills, or metal recycling plants — places where you don't want them to be," said Stephen Browne, radiation control officer at Troxler Electronic Laboratories, one of the world's largest manufacturers of industrial gauges that use radioactive material.

There are millions of radioactive devices in use for which there is no long-term disposal plan. These include tiny capsules of radioactive cesium isotopes implanted to kill cancerous cells; cobalt-60 pellets that power helmet-like machines used to focus radioactive beams on diseased brain tissue; and cobalt and powdered cesium inside irradiation machines that sterilize medical equipment and blood.

Most medical waste can simply be stored until its radioactivity subsides within a few years, then safely thrown out with the regular trash. Some institutions store their radioactive material in lead-lined safes, behind doors fitted with alarms and covered with yellow-and-black radiation warning signs.

Over the past decade, however, 4,363 radioactive sources have been lost, stolen or abandoned, according to a Nuclear Regulatory Commission report released in February. Though none of the material lost was rated "extremely dangerous" — meaning unshielded, up-close exposure can cause permanent injury within a few minutes and death within an hour — more than half the radioactive items were never recovered, the NRC said.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, owners of dangerous amounts of radioactivity have been told by the government to take greater precautions, such as having 24-hour surveillance, erecting barriers and fingerprinting employees, regardless of whether the devices are in use or stored as waste.

Yet in 2003, the federal Government Accountability Office reported there wasn't even a record of how many radioactive



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Radioactive waste is secured in an uncapped trench at Energy Solutions in Barnwell, S.C.

sources existed nationwide. In June, the GAO concluded that while there has been progress, more must be done to track radioactive material to prevent it from falling into terrorists' hands and ending up in a dirty bomb, or one that uses conventional explosives to scatter radiation.

"I don't think we're yet in crisis, but certainly there's information out there to suggest we may be closer to that than is comfortable for me," said Gregory Jaczko, a commissioner with the NRC, one of the agencies charged with tracking the material.

In 1987, four people died and hundreds fell ill after looters in Brazil found a cancer-therapy machine in an abandoned medical clinic and sold it as scrap metal. More recently, 19 small vials of cesium-137, implanted for cervical cancer treatments, disappeared in 1998 from a locked safe at Moses Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro, N.C. The tubes were never found and were believed stolen.

A terrorist would need to gather far more of those vitamin-sized capsules to create a dirty bomb capable of killing anyone within one city block, said Kelly Classic, a health physicist at Mayo Clinic in Minnesota.

For decades, the government urged states to build low-level nuclear waste landfills,

either on their own or in cooperation with nearby states. But those efforts have run into strong not-in-my-backyard resistance of the sort that led South Carolina lawmakers to close the Barnwell County landfill to all but three states. Only one low-level landfill, in Utah, has opened in the past 30 years. One more could open in Texas by the end of next year, but it would accept trash from only Vermont and the Lone Star State.

The government never set up penalties for states that failed to build landfills.

"Congress should have gotten involved a long time ago," said Richard Gallego, vice president of Thomas Gray and Associates Inc., a California company that prepares low-level waste for disposal.

Rich Janati, chief of nuclear safety for Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection, said: "It's a national issue, and we should look at it as a national problem and come up with a solution."

The government this week did move to shore up security by requiring hospitals and labs to better secure machines used to irradiate blood. Also, dirty-bomb fears have prompted the National Research Council to urge replacing the roughly 1,300 such machines in the U.S. with less hazardous but more expensive equipment.

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Street instead. The price tag of the administration's plan to bail out tottering financial institutions — and the federal intrusion into private business matters — have been major sticking points for many Republican lawmakers.

There is wide agreement the U.S. economy is in peril, with financial institutions going under or near the edge and recession looming along with the resulting layoffs and increased home foreclosures.

There had been hopes for broad agreement, too, on a prescription by now, with a confident White House announcement by the president, McCain, Obama and congressional leaders.

But the best Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell would say afterward was, "It's clear that more progress is needed and we must continue to work together quickly to protect our economy."

Democrat Obama and Republican McCain, who have both sought to distance themselves from the unpopular Bush, sat down with the president at the White House for an hourlong afternoon session that was striking in this brutally partisan season — but also, according to one participant, "a full-throated discussion." By also including Congress'

Democratic and Republican leaders, the meeting gathered nearly all Washington's political power structure at one long table in a small West Wing room.

"All of us around the table ... know we've got

to get something done as quickly as possible," Bush told reporters, brought in for only the start of the meeting.

Obama and McCain were at distant ends of the oval table, not even in each other's sight lines. Bush, playing host in the middle, was flanked by Congress' two Democratic leaders, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

McCain and Obama later said they both still expected an agreement could be reached.

Under the accord announced hours earlier among key lawmakers, the Treasury secretary would get \$250 billion immediately and could have an additional \$100 billion if he certified it was needed, an approach designed to give lawmakers a stronger hand in controlling the unprecedented rescue.

The government would take equity in companies helped by the bailout and put rules in place to limit excessive compensation of their executives, according to a draft of the outline obtained by The Associated Press.

As negotiations continued Thursday night, Michele Davis, the chief Treasury spokeswoman, said, "There are still open issues to be resolved, and we are committed to resolving them."

The plan's centerpiece still is for the government to buy the toxic, mortgage-based assets of shaky financial institutions in a bid to keep them from going under and setting off a cascade of ruinous events, including wiped-out

retirement savings, rising home foreclosures, closed businesses, and lost jobs.

Layered over the White House meeting was a complicated web of potential political benefits and consequences for both Obama and McCain.

McCain hoped voters would believe that he rose above politics to wade into successful, nitty-gritty dealmaking at a time of urgent crisis, but he risked being seen instead as either overly impulsive or politically craven, or both. Obama saw a chance to appear presidential and fit for duty, but was also caught off guard strategically by McCain's surprising gamble in saying he was suspending his campaigning and asking to delay Friday night's debate to focus on the crisis.

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School law enforcement should focus on real crime

Police should apply resources to safety, not minor grievances

A breaking and entering of a motor vehicle with damages reported at around \$500 was reported in The Daily Gamecock's crime report on Wednesday.

This isn't the first time a break-in has occurred on South Carolina's campus in which valuables were taken.

Luckily, in this instance, the criminal was apprehended by an officer after having been trailed by foot following the incident.

The only problem: the criminal was placed on trespass notice and "advised to stay off the USC campus," according to the crime report.

Am I missing something? A person was caught in the act of vandalizing a car on Pendleton Street garage and was "advised" to keep off USC property?

There may be details that the crime report is unable to fully report with such a tiny segment, but how can someone who's considered a suspect be allowed to walk away from a crime with just a warning, while all over campus alcohol violations are pouring in?

Frequently those who have been reported underage with alcohol are required to take an alcohol education class, pay a fine, perform community service, a combination of the three or even come under probation from University Housing.

I realize that underage possession and consumption of alcohol is against the law in black and white terms, but when comparing penalties for possessing even just a few beers to a crime such as the one that showed up in Wednesday's crime report, I wonder why alcohol possession seems to often be more effectively policed than other more serious campus crimes.

I realize that it's a tremendous task to effectively patrol and monitor every inch of USC's campus and that no matter what efforts are made, there will always be criminal acts that occur. But with all the emphasis on policing underage alcohol possession and consumption across campus dorms, wouldn't it be a good idea to invest a bit more energy into on-campus safety?

I'm not asking for an armed militia seeking to corral every suspicious-looking character on campus for interrogation, I'd just like to see a re-prioritizing of what's policed and how, by both campus housing and police.

Underage drinking, no matter how you look at it, is against the law. But as long as people can walk away from a burglarized vehicle with a slap on the wrist and a 19-year-old faces community service for a drinking violation, there will be a lacking sense of justice.



THE MEDER IS RUNNING Annoying students should zip it

Arrogant, talkative classmates should mind teacher, others

Despite the fact that we are all obviously in college to get an education, we sometimes forget that it is necessary to actually work for it. Occasionally going to class just doesn't seem

like the proper way to invest time. But, whether you choose to stay home or to vigilantly attend each class session, the key is to do so without being incon siderate to everyone else.

It is perfectly clear that some of the professors have some of the most soothing, melodic voices and that occasionally students cannot resist the lulling sedative effect an enthralling 300-person lecture can have.

Taking a power nap or diligently completing a mind-bending sudoku, though fairly rude to the professor, are not the most

egregious classroom crimes. When a class turns into a seeming three-ring circus however, individuals' apathy about their educations tramples others' rights to attempt to learn.

One of the more nasty breeds of students are those who, despite having nothing intelligent to contribute to class or society, insist on incessantly talking. No doubt it typically starts before class. Of course, talking in an enormous auditorium is not an issue. Shouting to your seemingly impaired crony across the room about whether 3:30 p.m. is too early to begin pre-gaming your Tuesday night or how it is the third straight night taking Adderall so you can first party and then study, can get a little bit obnoxious. That little bit grows to epic proportions when the conversations, though slightly closer and more subdued, continue into class.

Fifty minutes of silence is not a particularly large imposition, particularly given the extra-class texting as a communication outlet (the word "communication" being used lightly).

Just as infuriating, though in an entirely different academic genome than the

first group of students, are those who delay class with their enormous intellectual egos. Though I am slightly concerned that this strain of student is actually literate and thus might be angered at me for this, it is high time they get called out. Somewhat akin to the classic brown-noser, this student spends approximately 64 percent of class with their hand in the air. Of course there is no fault in asking questions, if and only if they are questions. The barely veiled statements of fact that sound a lot like "I-just-want-everyone-to-know-that-I-already-know-this-and-I-question-the-professor's-competence," but happen to have an implied question mark at the end, are not appreciated. Proving your own worth does not enhance class, it only make your classmates loath your false sense of superiority.

Truly it is not difficult to promptly come to class, sit down, take notes or don't and talk after class. If you have no intentions of listening, is there really any purpose to infringing on your talk time, unintelligible or faux-intelligent, with the bane that is class?

Students need to elect efficiently

Youth voters should make good decisions, take polling seriously

The general election is approaching, and in these pages and elsewhere, people are once again decrying low voter turnout from the more youthful generation.

There is subsequently a widespread movement to get out the youth vote. Rock the Vote is doing its work, and there are efforts here on USC's campus to register first-time voters.

This is all well and good. First-time voters may especially need help navigating the registration forms, especially if they're going to be voting absentee, as many college students do. But what seems to be missing from these campaigns is an emphasis on educating students on the issues. What good is it to encourage young people to vote if they don't know much about the candidates and their positions? Or what

if they lack an even more basic knowledge of how American government works?

The nonpartisan Center for Civic Education concluded on the basis of a 2006 study of student political knowledge that "the vast majority of our young people are either not taught civics or government at all, or they are taught too little, too late and inadequately."

We may reasonably worry that youths who choose to vote because a rock star told them to won't be making an informed judgment. But it may also be possible that when we attempt to increase youth vote turnout, we are only attacking a symptom of political disengagement, not its cause. The real problem may be that young people aren't aware of political issues and how they are affected by them. If they had this awareness, a desire to vote might naturally follow. Without it, all the registration drives in the world may make no impact.

Some point to the failure of politicians to address youth concerns as legitimate grounds for apathy. In this the politicians and youth voters are trapped in

a vicious cycle: the politicians don't address youth issues because the youth doesn't vote, and the youth doesn't vote because the politicians don't address the issues they care about.

To break this impasse, the candidates and the youth need to meet each other halfway. The politicians need to go beyond phony attempts at being "hip" by befriending rock stars and actually engage would-be youth voters on the issues. For their part, young people need to be politically aware enough to be receptive to these appeals. This is why I think education should go hand-in-hand with registration.

Some might think I'm being unfair in criticizing young people for a lack of knowledge about politics when arguably, Americans of all ages are similarly guilty. But consider what Rock the Vote's "Winning Young Voters" handbook says: "...academic research show[s] a young voters' first presidential vote and party pick influence their party choice for decades."

Creating informed voters today is the key to having them in the future.

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IN OUR OPINION

New stem cell research bypasses ethical debate

If you are currently waiting for science to make you a new leg, you may be in luck.

Harvard scientists reported that they had found a safe way to regress adult stem cells to embryonic ones, clearing one of the greatest ethical hurdles in the scientific community on Tuesday. By using a special type of virus to manipulate the genes of an adult stem cell, scientists now have the potential to transform them into any type of human cell, without

having to enter an ethical battleground.

This is a huge development, considering that until this point, stem cell research had run into a wall, because of the implications of using and transforming the cells. One way involved destroying embryos. For those of you who don't know, embryos are a little less than nine months away from being babies. To say that this created a little moral and ethical controversy would be an understatement. The other, which used adult stem cells, seemed to work, except for one drawback — it created cancerous cells.

Harvard's discovery has opened new doors for medicine. Now, a cure for Parkinson's disease is possible. Body parts can be made for individual patients. The possibilities are limitless. And the ethical argument over using human embryos is completely bypassed.

Pretty soon, that mail order leg thing may be a possibility.

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*"Let me never fall into the vulgar mistake of dreaming
that I am persecuted whenever I am contradicted."*
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

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THE VIOLET HOUR

Mainstage Theatre opens season with crowd-pleasing performance

Andrew Graczyk
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The curtain rises on Mainstage Theater's season opener to reveal a beautifully constructed set; a small, cramped office in New York City on 1st April, 1919.

It is perfect for the office of a young, first-time publisher and his high-strung assistant. The bricks look ragged, the light is a natural yellow, and the background city skyline looks remote yet alive. The opening lines of the play are witty, eloquent, and masterfully delivered. In short, the stage is set for what promises to be an erudite comedy, set in the proverbial jazz age. The Violet Hour, however, delivers much more.

All of the action of the play takes place in the office of John Pace Seavering, the publisher, where he is assisted by the officious and somewhat pedantic Gidger. The office is visited at various times by Denis McLeary, a young writer and college friend of Seavering who wants his book published, Rosamund Plinth, the beloved of McLeary, and Jessie Brewster, a popular jazz singer who wants her memoirs published. Seavering, however, has only enough capital at his disposal to

publish one book, and so a plot reminiscent of a Shakespearean comedy is set to unfold.

As the play itself demonstrates later on, though, matters are rarely so simple. The plot has many intriguing twists that are sure to surprise and astound the audience and there is no lack of depth to this production.

The playwright, Richard Greenberg, has delivered a grand script combining wit and humor on par with the likes of both Mark Twain and Oscar Wilde in the frame of characters inspired by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

The dialogue between the characters is impressive, with something to be drawn from every word.

These interactions switch seamlessly between the exchange of short quips and long, thoughtful soliloquies that tend to emphasize the sweetly bleak nature of life as characterized by jazz age writers, and the actors manage not only to discover their characters, but become them.

The dialogue, though, while brilliant in its composition and execution, is only a mode of transportation for the deeper themes presented in the work. The play touches on such topics as human mortality, our perceptions of the past, and the inevitability of the future.

Brian Hanscom, the director of USC's production of The Violet Hour, comments "Greenburg has written a fascinating story about ambition and destiny. We wanted to find what happens to a person when their vision of the future for themselves maybe doesn't mesh cleanly with the actual event."

Seemingly despite all of its depth, its implications, and its messages, The Violet



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Michael Downey plays a young publisher urged by his best friend, Dennis (Matthew Haws) to publish his big novel so he can marry his beloved Rosamund (Jennifer Burry).

Hour manages to be pensive without becoming sorrowful. Though the matter may become dark at times, Greenberg reminds that there is light in the world, or at least sardonic semi-lightheartedness, and as such the play manages to make one think; it makes one think long, think seriously, and think deeply, and to top it all off it can do so while also giving one cause to laugh.

Can any more truly be asked from the theater? Whether it can be asked or not, The Violet Hour deserves attention, and is

more than worth the time and effort to see it.

The show runs from September 26th to October 5th, 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 3 p.m. Sundays, and tickets can be purchased for \$10 with a valid student ID from the Longstreet box office in advance or from the Drayton box office before the show.

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"Family Guy," "American Dad," "The Simpsons" and "King of the Hill" return to television.

Fox hosts cartoons

Network provides Sunday night 2-hour block of animation

Jimmy Gilmore
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Fox gears up for another season of its Animation Domination Sunday night. Condensing its entire animation lineup into a single night and retaining the same lineup as it has since 2005, the network offers cartoon fans a continuous two-hour block of irreverent silliness.

Despite the overall good-natured fun of the shows, some are past retirement age. With "King of the Hill" easing into its teenage season and "The Simpsons" starting a whole new decade of programming, they have already left marks as two of the longest running programs in television history.

It begs the question, why stretch the record if the performance isn't top-notch?

"The Simpsons" continues to defy death by entering its 20th season. The premiere episode for the season features Homer and Ned joining forces as a bounty hunter tag team.

As with most good Simpsons episodes, it showcases the show's distinct creative ability to distill pop

culture into gentle allusions, precise wit, and a sturdy helping of stupid humor.

Though "The Simpsons" has felt like its been outstaying its welcome for the last several seasons, this latest episode remains formulaic but adheres to the true character of the show.

"King of the Hill," entering its 13th season, is also starting to show its age. It has the distinct pleasure of being the only comedy in the lineup that does not rely on a stream of pop culture references to carry secondary humor.

Coupled with "The Simpsons" in the 8 PM to 9 PM time block, the two are the more mild-mannered half of the evening. Their clever writing and situation development remain far superior to most programming.

"Family Guy," on the other end of the pole, still manages to build nearly an entire show off of being random. In its season premiere alone, at least two purposely-bad jokes are drawn out past the point of annoyance, and the show's cutaways to pop culture mash-ups shamelessly flourish.

Thankfully, the premiere episode has less cutaways and more character humor, making it a comparatively easier to watch episode. Ever since "Family Guy" was brought back, its resurrection

has bred lackluster and recycled writing that makes the show feel more dated than it should.

"American Dad" rounds out the evening. Four seasons in, it still feels tacked on as leftovers for the "Family Guy" fans. Proudly showing a lack of maturity or clever wit, "American Dad" will remain the show to turn off at the end of the night.

Animation Domination contentedly revels in delivering more of the same. For devotees of the longer running programs – especially "The Simpsons" – the creativity that was so abundant seems all but drained now.

Especially when fans have easy access to the best episodes of "The Simpsons" and "King of the Hill" on DVD, it's no wonder the audience that made them staples of the 1990s have all but deserted them for higher ground.

That higher ground however, is not "Family Guy." If the first half of Animation Domination is funny-if-tired, the second half is obnoxious-and-dim-witted.

Put those slices of bread together, and the sandwich ends up being almost too plain. Nothing to complain about, but nothing to come back to.

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Atypical films hit USC

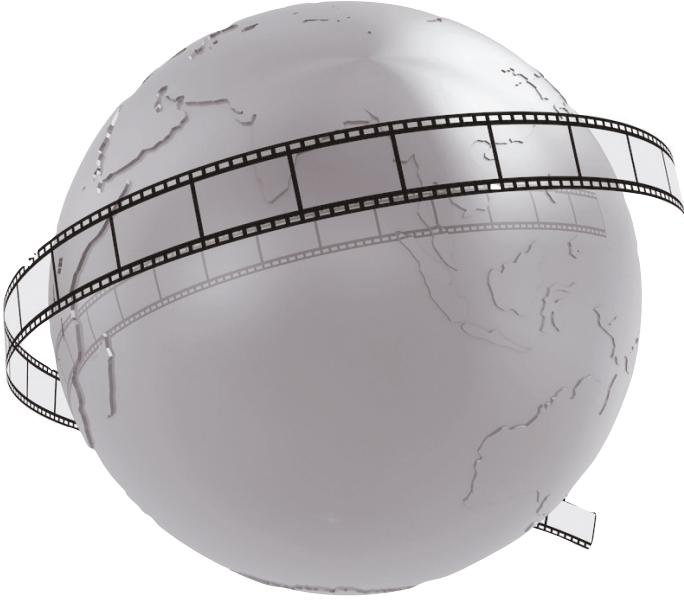
Global Lens brings international movies to America, Canada

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THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Imagine watching a mother telling their child to keep the cocaine out of their chocolate milk before school in the morning — this is just one scene of the hard life of 9-year-old Eugenia, played by Lucia Snieg of the Global Lens 2008 feature "Kept and Dreamless."

The Global Lens project, an initiative of the San Francisco-based Global Film Initiative, brings a series of 10 films from various perspectives from across the world to over 40 locations in Canada and the United States. Locally, the Columbia Film Society picked up the series with partnership of the Nickelodeon Theater, USC Center for Asian Studies, The Columbia Museum of Art, The Columbia Council of Internationals, Palmetto Council for International Visitors and Columbia College. The films, which range in origin from Croatia and the Philippines to South Africa and Indonesia, all have free admission, and will be shown at multiple screenings in locations including USC's own Gambrell Hall, Columbia College, The Nickelodeon and the Columbia Museum of Art.

The second Gambrell screening rewarded audiences who dared to read subtitles with the intense film "Kept and Dreamless." The early scene in the 2005 Argentinean film gives audiences a glimpse into the life of an underappreciated, self-sufficient girl who's wise beyond her years. Eugenia lives in a cheerless apartment in the slums with her drug-dabbling mom



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Global Lens is bringing 10 films from around the world for free screening at various Columbia venues through December.

Florencia (Vera Fogwill), who sleeps until four in the afternoon, gives her daughter a dumpster cat after forgetting her birthday and fakes getting an abortion to extort money from her own mother. A former med student, Florencia gets disowned by her middle-class mother and it seems like maternal Eugenia might follow her grandmother's lead. This film proves the deterioration of mother-daughter relationships transcends social classes as, by the end, Florencia clings to her drug-dealing pseudo boyfriend, an elderly widow and even her wealthy employer and former classmate, who all relish their collective dysfunction.

Reminiscent of "Requiem for a Dream," the film doesn't slack on melodramatic angst of modern city life. Like "Requiem," there's little comic relief, but "Kept and Dreamless" does find common ground for the audience and characters in the uncertainty of what's to come. It begins by going through tentative, delicately-paced scenes of Eugenia's tragically unorthodox slice-of-life, emphasized by sharp images of Buenos Aires' graffiti-laced, crumbling slums. In the lush house of Florencia's spoiled

employer, viewers root for a mysteriously-recovered Florencia when she puts out a cigarette in the family's pancake batter. Resolution is reached when Eugenia arrives to her estranged father, a DJ, in an equally humble, but safe, house in the lush countryside.

The jaded yet ironically content father and his nurturing mother provide some real insight into a world defined by arbitrary suffering. But there are many questions surrounding these hardened characters.

"Kept and Dreamless" really sifts through a lot of material, including themes such as greed in capitalism, the modern feminist role and the polarization of classes in failing economies. Questions aside, these themes are poignantly skinned in only about 94 minutes.

The film will have two additional screenings at The Nick on Oct. 3 and Columbia College on Oct. 12. The next Gambrell viewing will be "Bunny Chow" from South Africa on Oct. 29.

For more information visit www.globalfilm.org/global_lens.htm.

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Singer finds inspiration

Kerli draws from nature, experiences in 'Love is Dead'

Haley Dreis
STAFF WRITER

Edgy and unique Estonian singer-songwriter Kerli has diverged from the restricted environment of her homeland by releasing creative energy in her debut album "Love Is Dead" (Island Records, 2008).

"I just always felt like an alien," Kerli said. "I didn't really have any real friends or people who would understand who I was completely. I just always knew there was a bigger world out there that I needed to explore."

She said that her intuition sensed a larger world out there like a seed from a flower, always growing towards the sun but not knowing that the sun is there.

"I always knew where I wanted to go but I didn't know how to get there," Kerli said. "I just kind of dreamt myself ready and worked hard."

For Kerli, creativity is a blossoming gift that can make a difference in the lives of others.

"When you're a creative person, you're given a certain kind of gift which you should never deny, because creativity can actually help make the world a better place," Kerli said. "If you can write lyrics or if you can deliver notes that are just vibrations, I think that it's a huge responsibility to do great



Kerli expresses her creative side on new album "Love is Dead" after a life of feeling out of place.

things with it."

She said she hopes to share the fruits of her creative efforts in order to inspire artistic credibility and responsibility.

"I just never want to be this self-indulgent artist who is all about people looking up to them or making a lot of money," Kerli said. "I just don't think it's the right thing to do. It's not even so much about me it's just about inspiring [listeners and readers] and making them see that they can do whatever they want to."

Her catchy and musically optimistic piano hit "The Creationist" is the latest song on her album. The song is about empowering people, with lyrics like "Life is my creation, is my best friend, imagination is my defense."

"I feel like it's maybe where I am with myself at this point," Kerli said. "... [It's about] understanding that I am a perfect piece of the universe and that I can create my own life. There's just nothing that a human mind can't work out ... We are really powerful, and people need to understand how powerful we are."

Her Alice in Wonderland-style music video for her song "Walking On Air"

was mostly about putting in honest and cool visuals together.

Kerli revealed that the images within her video convey a lot of hidden symbols: the eye displayed on the TV set represents God watching over her, the trees from her Estonian homeland are autobiographical and the numbers on her dress represent her fascination with numbers, specifically the number seven.

"I'm living in this creepy house where everything is backwards and inwards and wrong — which is kind of the way I feel in this world a lot," Kerli said. "The way I see and want to do things are completely different from how other people want to see and do things."

She has been revitalized since her depressed state when making the album and has matured through her journey to attain self-acceptance.

"I'm not like this anymore," Kerli said. "I've changed a lot. I've learned to accept and forgive and also let go."

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Guitar Hero improves Metallica

Video game fixes unpopular sound effects in new album

Victor Godinez
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Fans of heavy metal band Metallica have been complaining that the group's new album, "Death Magnetic," suffers from heavy-handed distortion effects. Too bad, right?

Well, apparently not, at least if you're a Guitar Hero fan.

Apparently, the "Death Magnetic" tracks available for download in Guitar Hero are much cleaner — and sharper-sounding.

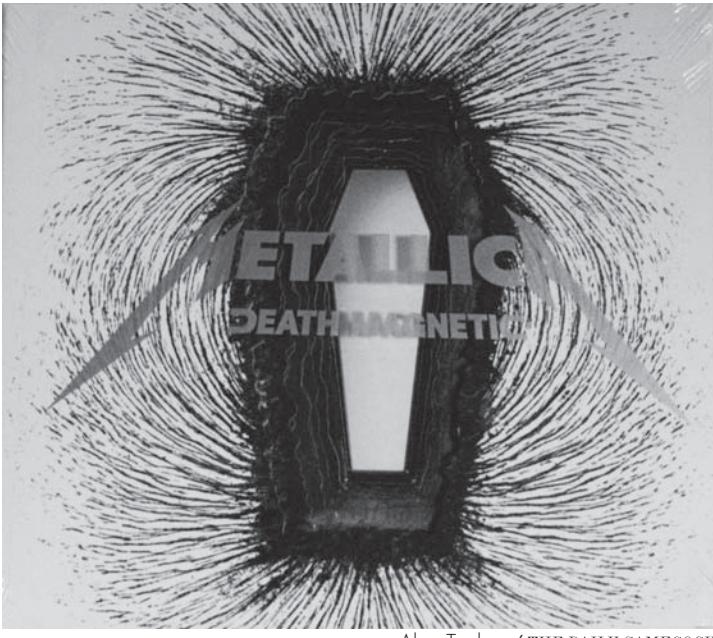
As a result, many fans are clamoring for Metallica to re-release the album with the Guitar Hero tracks.

There's even a YouTube video with side-by-side audio comparisons of the CD and Guitar Hero versions of the same song. (I posted the clip on our gaming blog, www.punchbutton.com, if you want to check it out.)

All the fuss seems a bit overdone to me.

I have "Death Magnetic," and I think it's a great album and a welcome recovery from Metallica's last record,

"St. Anger," which sounds like a rusty chainsaw



Metallica's new album "Death Magnetic" was redone for Guitar Hero, reducing the original's distortion.

stuffed in a suit of armor and pushed down a flight of stairs.

There are some noticeable differences between the Guitar Hero and CD versions, but I don't think I would have noticed them if they weren't highlighted in the comparison clip.

But what's really interesting to me is that the Guitar Hero versions of the songs will soon be regarded as the definitive sound.

I wouldn't be surprised to see Metallica re-release the CD with the title, "Death Magnetic: The Guitar Hero."

It would probably be the first time a video game was headlined on an album by a major band, but probably not the last.

The next step is for a superstar group to create a song exclusively for a music game like Guitar Hero or Rock Band.

Sure it would probably take a huge, upfront payment (read: bribe) to the band from the game's publisher to make it happen, but the fact is that video games are more popular with kids now than music (or, at least, legally acquired music).

And given the number of gamers and tech fans overall who have grown to despise Metallica for the band's hard-line stance against music piracy, giving those customers some exclusive goodies would be smart business.

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Sparks' new movie fails to ignite

Latest film adaption of romance novel cliche, uninspired

Roger Moore
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"Nights of Rodanthe"
★☆ out of ★★★★★

Director: George C. Wolfe
Cast: Richard Gere, Diane Lane, Scott Glenn, Viola Davis.
Running time: 1 hour, 38 minutes.
Rating: PG-13
See It: In theaters nationwide



Richard Gere and Diane Lane reunite on the movie screen.

There's still plenty of charm in romantically pairing Richard Gere and Diane Lane. The "Unfaithful" cast-mates can still play flirty and cute with the best of them.

And the stark, wind-swept beauty of North Carolina's Outer Banks makes a grand setting for a big-screen romance.

Ah, but the corn grows high in those sand dunes in Nicholas Sparks' "Nights in Rodanthe." The movie version of "Nights" begins with such promise before it drowns in the romance novelist's syrupy sentimentality.

Gere plays a Raleigh doctor who has just sold his home and comes to the coast for a weekend to take care of some unfinished business and boil off some anger.

Lane is Adrienne, a jilted wife who drives away from her unfaithful husband's offer to "come home" to spend that same weekend watching over an old inn

in the romantically-named hamlet of Rodanthe.

A storm's a-comin'. The Banks are hunkering down. And they're the only two sad, lost souls at the inn. All you need is a little hurricane, a little wine, some Dinah Washington/Brooke Benton records and the Sparks sparks will fly.

As in Sparks' other filmed books — "A Walk to Remember," "The Notebook" and "Message in a Bottle" — tragedy lurks just beneath the surface. Passions simmer. Hearts are poured out in old-fashioned love letters.

Legendary stage director George C. Wolfe, who directed TV's "Lackawanna Blues" a few years back, adds some flavor to this whitebread meal, casting Viola Davis as the saucy soon-to-be-absent owner of the inn, decorating it in colors and arty tchotchkies (she's an artist), making

room for Dinah and Brooke on the soundtrack. Wolfe's grace notes can be seen in phone conversations shouted above the surf, in the way Lane plays the intimacy of the act of cleaning a stranger's room in a bed and breakfast.

Scott Glenn beautifully portrays an aged Outer Banker, a fisherman who is the doctor's unfinished business. Gere is nicely preserved, and no actress working today gives us more in a close-up than Lane, her face a canvas of emotions.

But eventually, we get to the Sparks speeches, Gere explaining how he wanted to be "the best doctor I could be" — uh, don't they all? — to Adrienne's instant and inappropriate psychoanalysis of the inn's lone guest.

Guilt, anger, betrayal, forgiveness, romantic longing, love won and lost, it's all here, along with a taste of Outer Banks crab-cracking (parties) and Outer Banks history — the ponies, "Teach's Light" (a ghostly glow at sunset, named for the pirate Blackbeard) and those nights, those "Nights in Rodanthe"!

It's a pity that a movie that begins with such simmering promise chills into a film of pretty people in a pretty place telling a pretty bland story.

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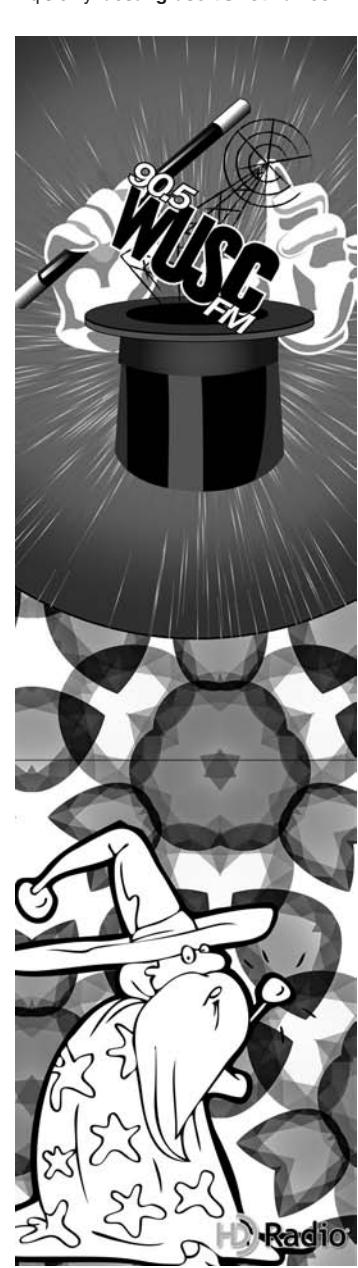
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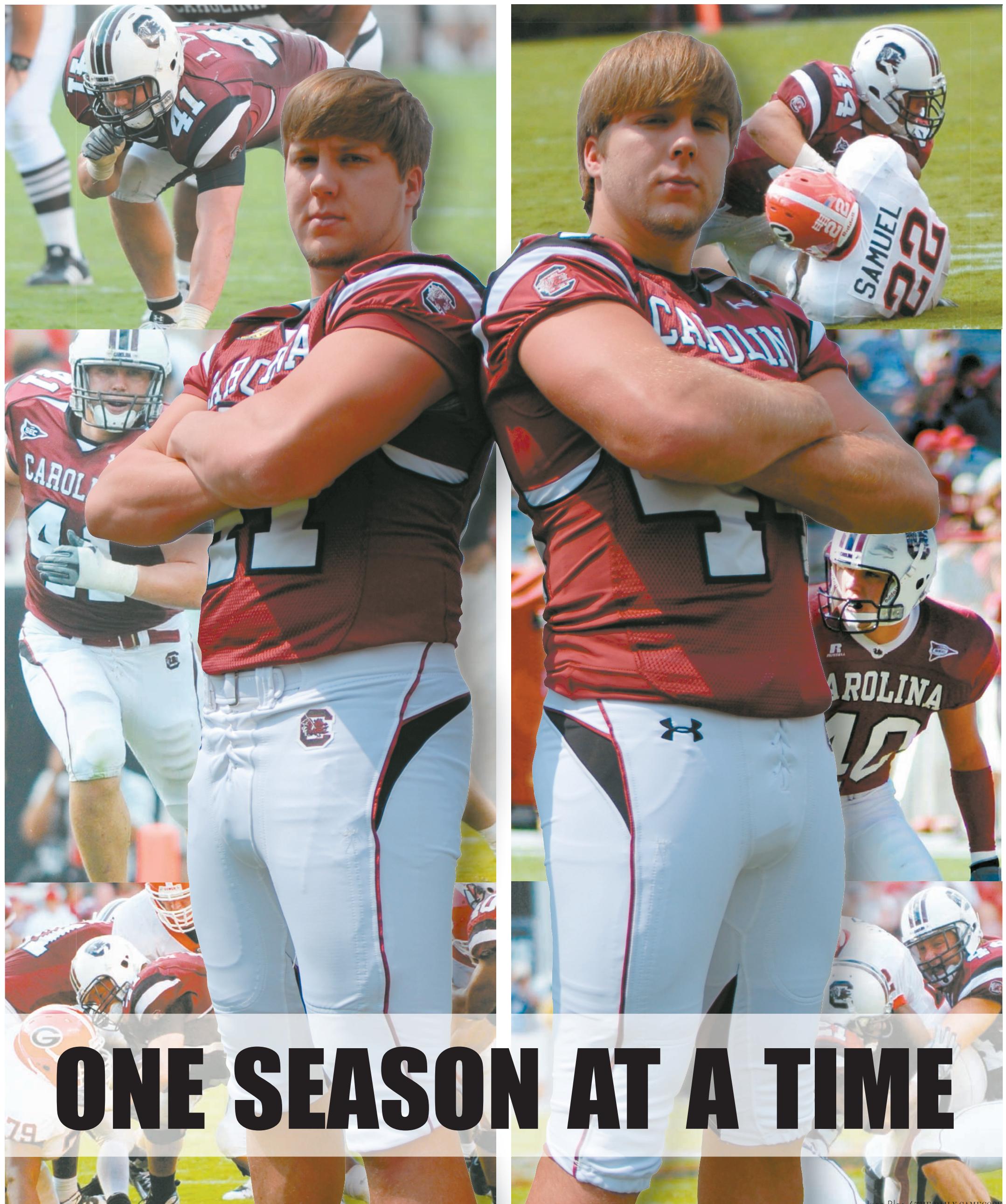
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ONE SEASON AT A TIME

The Lindsey twins have encountered plenty of adversity since they arrived on campus, is this finally their year for normalcy?

Morgan Henley
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Team members can often feel like family because they spend so much time together, but what happens when you actually are family? Seniors linebacker Dustin and defensive end Jordyn Lindsey know exactly what this is like. The Lindsey twins, who both started in the 2004 season are now fifth-year seniors squeezing out their last year of eligibility to finally set the record straight on what kind of football players they are.

Dustin and Jordyn, natives of Mobile, Ala., were top players coming out of high school. They showed their promise before they entered high school when they played in a varsity game their eighth grade year. Both were named co-Defensive Player of the Year in southwest Alabama in high school. The brothers knew they wanted to stay together in college. They both got offers from West Virginia, Middle Tennessee, Alabama-Birmingham, Louisville and Mississippi State but chose South Carolina.

"We both looked around on our own," Dustin said. "But we knew we wanted to stay together. Especially coming to a new place."

Considering most football programs aren't exactly looking for a package deal when recruiting, it made the twins' search more difficult.

"Some schools were more interested in one than the other," said Coach Glenn Vickery, the Lindsey brothers' high school football coach. "I think it worked out for them that they did stay together."

The brothers seemed to adjust pretty well as they began their freshman season very strong, both playing in around eight games. In the 2005 season, they both moved up to starting positions. Dustin played in every game that season and was the co-winner of the team's Defensive Everyday Effort Award in the spring. Jordyn moved up to starting position in the fourth game of 2005, where he stayed for the rest of the season. Jordyn had five tackles against Florida, helping lead the Gamecocks to their first victory against the SEC rival since 1929.

"The boys just have a passion for the game," Vickery said. "They're not always the biggest, fastest or the strongest but they have a knack to get to the football on the defense."

Plagued by academic issues, the Lindseys then began alternating who would be playing while the other was sitting on the sidelines. While Jordyn played in all 13

games in 2006, Dustin was placed on academic ineligibility. Conversely Dustin played in 2007 while Jordyn took the season off. As the team faces Alabama-Birmingham this Saturday, Jordyn will not be playing due to missing class.

When can Carolina fans expect to see both Lindsey brothers on the field?

"I guess you have to watch," Dustin said. "I don't know, your guess is as good as mine. I guess I just have to keep working my butt off and see how fast I can get out there. Jordyn just needs to straighten some stuff up. We've got some good tutors this year so hopefully you'll find both of us out here soon."

If their negligent scholarship isn't enough, the twins have often received attention for their rowdy

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UGA blacks out Bama, Illini aim to upset PSU

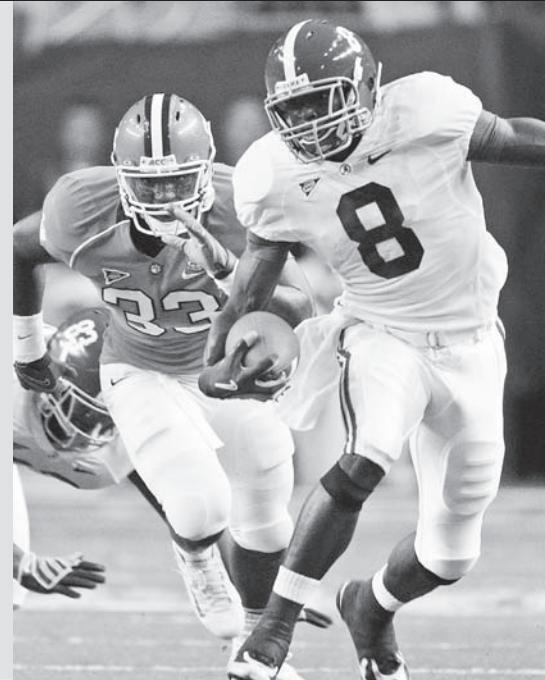
Georgia hopes to hang on to national title hopes against Tide, Penn State aims to take lead in Big Ten title race

Chris Cox
STAFF WRITER

No. 8 Alabama at No. 3 Georgia ESPN

What more could a college football fan ask for? Two great SEC coaches in Mark Richt and Nick Saban, two upper tier quarterbacks in Matthew Stafford and John Parker Wilson, two freshman phenom wideouts in A.J. Green and Julio Jones and a Heisman hopeful in Knowshon Moreno. Add in the lights of Sanford Stadium and 80 some-odd black jerseys and you have a classic SEC showdown. Clearly this is the game of the week in college football.

#1



No. 22 Illinois at No. 12 Penn State ABC

With Ohio State and Michigan struggling to find any form of an offense, these two clubs step to the forefront of the Big 10 in hopes of earning a conference title. The winner of this game easily looks to become the favorite in the league until the Buckeye's return to form. With Illinois's solid defense and the Nittany Lion's powerful offense, this one should certainly be fun to watch.

#2



No. 24 TCU at No. 2 Oklahoma

Back in 2005, the Horned Frogs stormed into Norman and pulled off an improbable upset over the Sooner's. However, Texas Christian is going up against a new quarterback in Sam Bradford, who has thrown for over 800 yards and 12 touchdowns in the early season. If TCU can pull off another shocker, they certainly will be setting themselves up for a potential "BCS Buster," but if the Sooner can take care of business they'll continue to stay in the hunt for the championship.

#3



Virginia Tech at Nebraska ABC

Despite the fact that neither team enters the contest nationally ranked, the game still features two of the best programs in college football. The Cornhuskers and the Hokies, will be looking to get back on the right track this game. NU enters the contest unbeaten under first-year head coach Bo Pelini, but faces the first legitimate threat of the season in the Tech. Ball control and solid defense is will determine who leaves Nebraska with the win.

#4

No. 13 South Florida at North Carolina State ESPNU

North Carolina State's upset victory at home over East Carolina last weekend completely changed the picture in this contest. A week ago, the Bulls of South Florida would have been predicted to roll into Raleigh and leave with everything but the Wolfpack cheerleaders. The Pack will have to overcome turnover prone Harrison Beck if they want to capture its second straight victory over a ranked opponent.

#5



Colorado @ Florida State ABC

The Buffaloes are off to a hot start in 2008, with a 3-0 record heading into this weekend's matchup with the Seminoles. While FSU is coming off yet another loss at the hands of Wake Forest, Colorado is riding high after their overtime win over West Virginia. If Dan Hawkins can get CU to four straight wins in 2008, fans in Boulder should be ecstatic. If Bowden falls to 2-2 this weekend, fans in Tallahassee will continue to grumble.

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Tennessee at No. 15 Auburn CBS

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#7

This game could define the era of Tennessee coach Phil Fulmer. The Vols, who were throttled at home against the Gators last weekend, are 1-2 to start the season with their game at Auburn next on the docket. UT started slow last season and still managed to win the division, but a 1-3 start result in a waiting list for the Fire Fulmer Fan Club. Auburn is coming off a tough loss at the hands of LSU, and needs a win at home to stay in the Western Division race.

#8

Mississippi at No. 4 Florida



Mississippi may only be 2-2 overall, but they aren't a team that is going to roll over and die at the hands of the Almighty One named Tebow. The Rebels have a great quarterback of its own in Jevan Snead who has already amassed over 800 yards and six touchdowns through the air. The biggest thing standing between

Mississippi and an upset over UF is its defense, which is near the bottom of the barrel in defense. Led by former USC coordinator Tyrone Nix, the Rebel D will have to play a near perfect game if it wants to pull off the upset in the Swamp.

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THIS WEEKEND'S STARTING LINE-UP

Coach Spurrier announces some changes, some returners to offense for Saturday during Thursday's press conference



QUARTERBACK

Redshirt Sophomore Chris Smelley

SMELLEY HAS BEEN LEADING THE CAROLINA OFFENSE OFF AND ON FOR TWO YEARS. AFTER A WEEK OF RUMORS AND SPECULATION ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT REDSHIRT FRESHMAN STEVEN GARCIA WOULD PLAY USC COACH STEVE SPURRIER ANNOUNCED THAT HE STILL HAS FAITH IN SMELLEY AND GAVE SMELLEY THE STARTING NOD. HOWEVER, SPURRIER DID SAY THAT FANS CAN EXPECT TO SEE GARCIA BEFORE THE END OF THE FIRST QUARTER.



RUNNINGBACK

Sophomore Brian Maddox

MADDOX CAME INTO HIS FRESHMAN YEAR AS ONE OF THE MOST TOUTED RECRUITS OF SPURRIER'S MOST TOUTED CLASS. HE SAW HIS FIRST SIGNIFICANT PLAYING TIME LAST WEEK AGAINST WOFFORD TO THE TUNE OF 12 CARRIES FOR 51 YARDS AND A TOUCHDOWN. HOWEVER, SIMILARLY TO SMELLEY AND GARCIA, MADDOX WILL MOST LIKELY SPLIT TIME WITH FRESHMAN RUNNINGBACK ERIC BAKER.



WIDE RECEIVER

Redshirt Freshman Jason Barnes

WHEN BARNES ARRIVED AT CAROLINA MANY SAW HIM AS THE ANSWER TO THE GAP LEFT BY SIDNEY RICE. AT 6-4, 204 LBS. BARNES DEFINITELY HAS THE SIZE TO STEP UP TO THOSE EXPECTATIONS. HOWEVER, AFTER INJURING HIS LEFT FOOT SIDELINED HIM FOR MOST OF LAST SEASON BARNES IS GETTING A CHANCE TO SHOW THAT HE CAN BE THE DEEP THREAT THAT USC HAS SO LACKED THUS FAR IN THE SEASON.



WIDE RECEIVER

Redshirt Freshman Joe Hills

HILLS WAS ANOTHER PART OF SPURRIER'S BIGGEST RECRUITING CLASS THAT HAS YET TO LIVE UP TO THE HOPES THAT GAMECOCK NATION HAD FOR IT. HOWEVER, AGAINST WOFFORD HILLS PROVED HIMSELF TO BE A Viable OPTION DOWNFIELD AS HE GATHERED 2 RECEITIONS FOR 23 YARDS. WITH KENNY MCKINLEY SIDELINED HILLS HAS A CHANCE TO MAKE AN IMPACT THIS WEEKEND.



TIGHT END

Senior Larry Freeman

FREEMAN CAME INTO CAROLINA OUT OF JUNIOR COLLEGE AND WAS EXPECTED TO MAKE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT. HOWEVER, HE HAS STRUGGLED TO FIND HIS PLACE ON THE FIELD, SEEING TIME AT WIDE RECEIVER AND SAFETY. APPARENTLY, SPURRIER THINKS THAT FREEMAN HAS FOUND HIS NICHE AT TIGHT END AS THE SENIOR WILL SEE TIME IN TWO-TIGHT END SETS ON OFFENSE.

OTHER STARTERS

DESPITE EXPERIENCING A "HEART FLUTTER" THIS WEEK FRESHMAN JARIEL KING GETS THE NOD AT LEFT TACKLE.

KING EARNING THE START AT LEFT TACKLE PUSHES VETERAN JAMON MEREDITH TO LEFT GUARD, WHERE HE HAS BEEN STARTING SINCE RETURNING FROM SUSPENSION.

JUNIOR GARRETT ANDERSON REMAINS AT CENTER FOR THE BLAZERS. CENTER HAS STARTED EVERY GAME AT CENTER THIS SEASON.

SOPHOMORE TERRENCE CAMPBELL AND SENIOR JUSTIN SORENSEN FINISH OUT THE OFFENSIVE LINE AT RIGHT GUARD AND RIGHT TACKLE, RESPECTIVELY.

JUNIOR JARED COOK, WHO LEADS THE TEAM IN RECEIVING FROM THE TIGHT END POSITION WILL START AND BE THE MAIN TIGHT END IN SINGLE TIGHT END PACKAGES.

SOPHOMORE FULLBACK PATRICK DiMARCO, WHO SPURRIER CALLED ONE OF THE MOST CONSISTENT PLAYERS NO THE OFFENSE, WILL BE CALLED ON TO START AT FULLBACK IN ANY TWO-BACK SETS.

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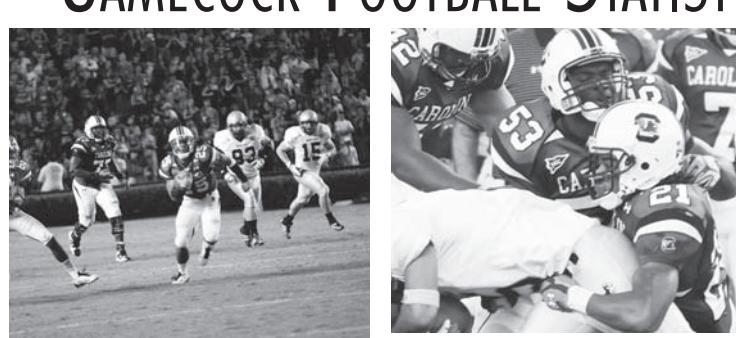
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Cook looks to exploit Blazer secondary

Tight end leads team in receiving, plans to find holes in UAB defense to continue breakthrough year

Jake Luce
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Throughout the arduous 2008 football season the offense has been less than impressive to say the least.

Three quarterbacks have already seen the field, senior star wide receiver Kenny McKinley has been sidelined with a hamstring injury since Vanderbilt and due to suspension senior running back Mike Davis has lost his starting job.

Since McKinley went down, no individual receiver has stepped up consistently to fill in the huge gap.

Junior wide receiver Moe Brown has shown occasional spurts, especially against Georgia, but he has not been dependable enough to be the number one receiver.

To this point in the season, the team leader in reception yards and catches has been tight end Jared

Cook. In four games Cook has accumulated 246 yards on 17 catches with one touchdown and has proven to be one of the more reliable offensive threats.

"Offensively, Jared Cook has blocked better at tight end than he did last year," USC coach Steve Spurrier said. "He's caught a bunch of passes and has played consistently."

With McKinley down and no other

receiver stepping up, Cook might be the top offensive threat for the Gamecocks. Cook says there isn't much difference for him whether it's redshirt sophomore Chris Smelley or redshirt freshman Stephen Garcia who is throwing him the ball.

"Honestly, there's not really a difference at all out there," Cook said. "Just as long as the job gets done there really isn't a difference I don't feel any extra pressure because

basically we all need to step up," Cook said. "We need to come together; everybody needs to start catching some balls and running good routes."

Though UAB may be considered the weakest opponent on South Carolina's schedule, the players are not taking them lightly and understand that they too have skilled players.

"They have a couple of all-conference linebackers down there," Cook said. "We need to make sure we can pick up the blitzes and play our assignments."

One of those notable linebackers is senior Joe Henderson who has earned All-Conference USA honors for the past two years and was placed on the Watch List for the nation's outstanding linebacker.

"This year I've been working on my blocking a lot," Cook said. "It's hard but it's definitely something I need to improve on."

If Cook can be consistent in the blocking schemes, his impressive abilities in the open field could be too much for the UAB linebackers to contain.

The 6-2, 220 pound linebacker may be outmatched in the open field against the massive Cook who stands tall at 6-5, 240 pounds.

Henderson might be outsized but he has a reputation of using speed rather than size to be effective on the Blazers' defense.

Cook has improved consistently since his freshman year with the Gamecocks as he has caught more balls for more yards in each progressive season. His ability as a receiver has been proven but as a tight end there is more to being an effective player than just catching balls.

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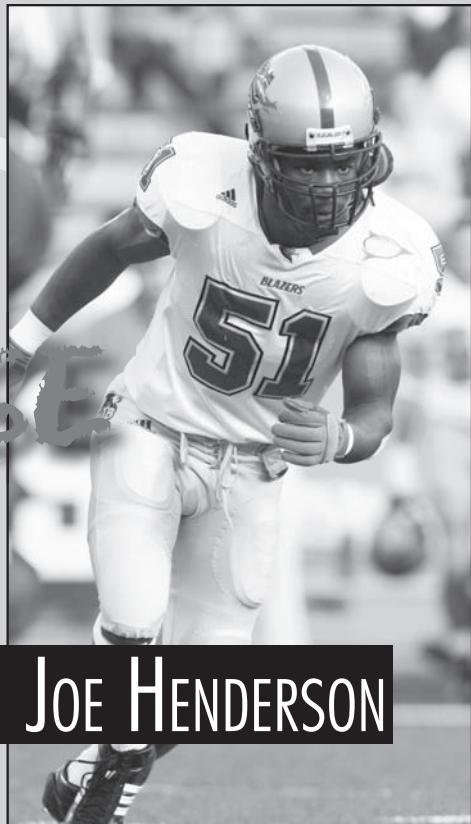
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JARED COOK



JOE HENDERSON

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behavior. In December of 2007, Jordin was stabbed with a broken beer bottle coming home from Five Points with Dustin. Jordin was attacked by 18-year-old Clifton Hunter Epps, and afterwards suffered a four-inch laceration on his neck. Not that Dustin hasn't had his own troubles, in June of 2005, Dustin was charged with a DUI while at home in Mobile, Ala. The charges were later dropped to speeding.

Call it sibling rivalry or support, these brothers have made sure to keep the other on the team as best they could.

"Blood's thicker than water," Vickery said. "They've got a great family. You don't get that very often."

Seeing your brother out there on the field, knowing that you could be out there also, has got to be bittersweet. In the 2006 season, while Dustin was off the field for academic suspension, Jordin was named Carolina's Outstanding Defensive Player in the Liberty Bowl victory against Houston.

"[Jordin] definitely kept me here," Dustin said. "I probably wouldn't still be here if it wasn't for him. I saw him out here having so much fun and knew I wanted to be out there too. The [2006 season] was still fun. I got to cheer my brother on."

In 2007 Jordin sat on the sidelines due to academic purgatory. Midway through the season, Dustin suffered an ACL injury. Dustin spent the rest of the year trying to recover — he even sat out spring practice.

"I would try to encourage Dustin to get back out there," Vickery said. "Make things work, a lot of players come back from it. He's got the desire."

Because this is the brothers' last year to play football at Carolina, the pressure is on to redeem themselves for the absent seasons they might have had in the past. Jordin showed an impressive return

of their bodies. They play hard with a lot of passion. They're the type that you wish you had ten of on your team."

Perhaps the Lindsey's intensity is why Coach Steve Spurrier has kept them around for so long. They are some of the last players still around to have come during the Holtz era. Although Spurrier makes no excuses for the brothers, he has kept them through the years simply because he knows the boys know how to play real college football.

As for next year, only the next couple of games can tell what lies in the Lindsey boys' futures.

"We'll just have to see how this season goes," Dustin said.

"The boys just have a passion for the game. They're not always the biggest, fastest or the strongest, but they have a knack to get to the football on the defense. "

Glenn Vickery,
former Davidson High School
Football Coach

against North Carolina State where he had two solo tackles. The Lindsey brothers are hoping to continue to bolster the defense that, so far, has drastically outshined the offense.

"They are always playing full speed," said Vickery. "They're great team leaders that can get the most out

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Carolina plans to contain dual threat QB

Senior linebacker Sapp has led way off bench all season; hopes to stay on assignment against dangerous Webb

Ben Hartzel
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It doesn't take a starter to dominate a game. Just look to senior linebacker Marvin Sapp, who, despite coming in from the sidelines, is third on the team in tackles this season with 15.

"Every time I go on the field, I try my hardest, to do the things I'm supposed to do, my assignment," Sapp said. "But I have fun out there. And I feel my coaches see a lot of confidence in me to [do my assignment]. That's why they put me out there. I'm just playing the game and doing what I'm supposed to do."

Hailing from Jacksonville, Fla., Sapp leads the No. 9 defense in the nation this weekend against the University of Alabama-Birmingham. Coming off of a less than impressive win against

Wofford, the Garnet and Black are looking to get back on track against the Blazers.

"They (Wofford) are a very dangerous team and they have a smart coach. I don't think we took them lightly. We didn't give up," Sapp said. "We have to do the same thing against UAB. Every week we prepare for the game like it's the biggest of our life."

Defensive play has been the strong point of the Gamecocks, and that hasn't gone unnoticed by the players. It may seem that it would be easy for the defense to be upset with the offense for not holding its own, but Sapp knows that everything evens out in the end.

"Sometimes the offense carries the team, sometimes the defense

does," Sapp said. "I remember when I first got out here, the offense was always carrying us. We've got to help them out, compensate for the other side of the ball. You can't get frustrated with stuff like that, you've just got to do your job."

The Blazers will run a more conventional offense than the Terriers did last week, but that doesn't mean they will be any easier to stop. UAB is averaging over 414 yards per game on offense, which includes nearly 330 yards coming from a single player: quarterback Joe Webb.

Webb, a junior dual threat, is having a career season with just over 100 yards rushing per game and 225 through the air. Vital to defensive success against UAB will be

the containment of Webb.

"We've just got to contain him, we've got to play our assignment, take the schemes that our coaches have prepared for us and contain him," Sapp said. "We've got to defend the pass just as well as the run. We know what we're capable of doing, and we've got to do that."

A main issue that USC coach Steve Spurrier focused on during his Tuesday press conference was the lack of turnovers produced by his defense. Challenging his players, defensive coordinator Ellis Johnson feels that his team is capable of completing the task and Sapp agrees.

"We've got people on the team that can create turnovers, cause fumbles," Sapp said. "We've just got to keep doing it and increase it. I

really feel like we're getting better at [forcing turnovers]. And we're going to keep getting better, and do more things to create turnovers and then recover the turnovers."

The Gamecocks have been preparing hard all week and know that after the Blazers, their schedule will be into the heart of the SEC. However, it's crucial that they maintain their concentration on the task at hand.

"I think it's really important for us to focus, get our rhythm," Sapp said. "I think we need to not stress out, we need to just buckle down and focus and improve for the teams that we are going to be playing the rest of the season. We are trying to focus on the things that we're not so good at, and then strengthen the things that we are good at."

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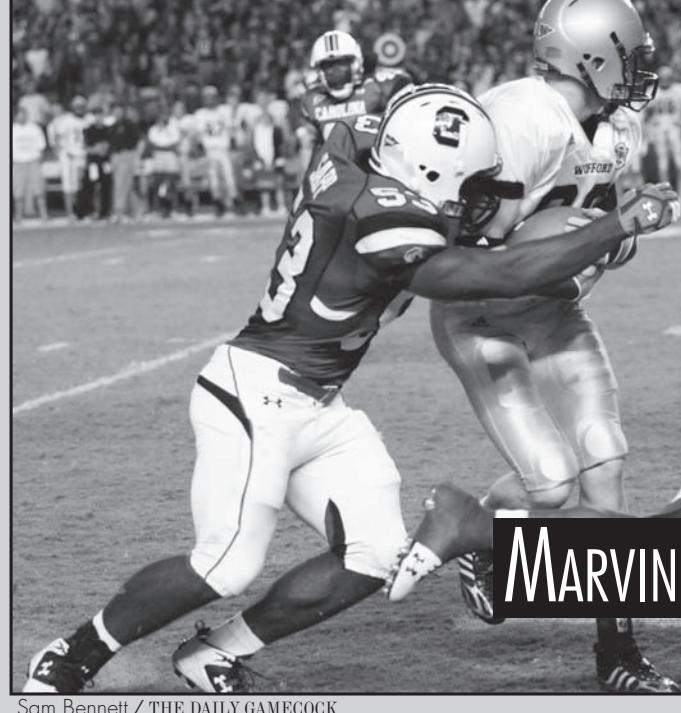
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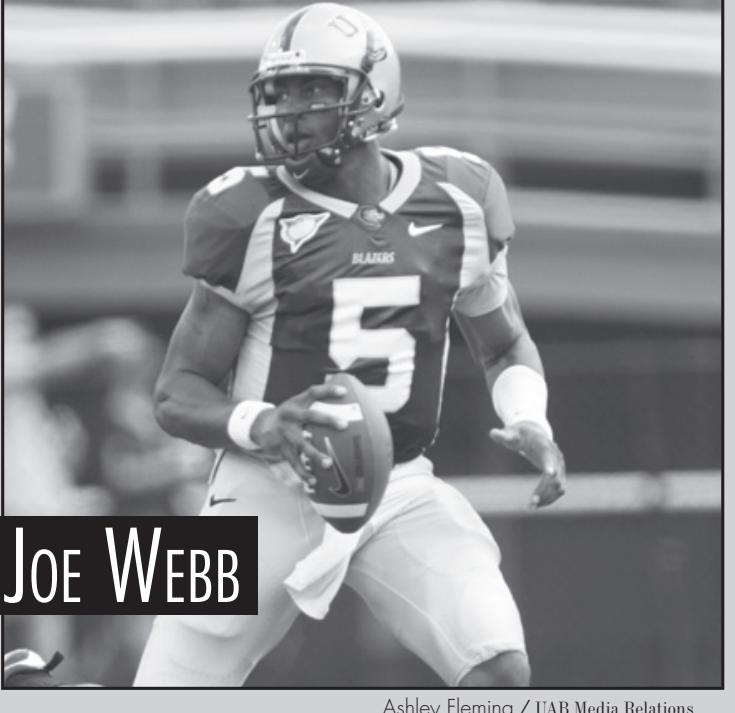
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5 Questions with Jake Broom

1. *What is with all of the players missing class?*

Players usually don't even take a full class load during the season, so why are they being suspended for missing class? It isn't like all these guys are taking biochemistry or international business. I'm not saying they are dumb, but let's not pretend we're working with Rhodes Scholars here.

There is no rule that says you have to take notes and study every night. Just show up. Be there. Nobody is asking you to pay attention or even to learn. I don't care if you sit there and knit winter thongs for an hour — just go.

Professors notice when the 6-foot-7, 310 pound bearded guy doesn't show up. It's like trying to sneak a grizzly bear out of class.

2. *Could there be any parallels between 2008 Stephen Garcia and 1992 Steve Taneyhill?*

The 1992 Gamecocks started 0-4 while shuffling around older quarterbacks. After inserting Taneyhill at halftime of a blowout loss to Alabama, USC finished the season 5-6, with Taneyhill going 5-1 as a starter.

The 2008 Gamecocks aren't 0-4, but 2-2 with a loss to Vanderbilt feels

almost as bad. Garcia may come in and change things up a little bit, but don't expect him to start hitting Taneyhill-esque pretend homeruns and autographing the fields of opposing teams.

I don't understand how he was prepared enough to play against Georgia, but not Wofford? Last week I thought the guy in front of me was going to run onto the field after Smalley's interception on the first drive. I had to shoot the kid with horse tranquilizers just so he wouldn't interrupt the game.

3. *What happened to Spurrier's legendary playbook?*

To have a playbook that is supposedly so complex that half of the team can't learn it, the Gamecocks don't seem to run very many different plays. You can only run draws and screens so much before people realize you have no intention of throwing the ball more than 15 yards downfield when Chris Smalley is in the game.

I just don't see how Spurrier can keep saying people aren't playing because they don't know the plays. Really, they can't learn all eight of them? Did somebody throw away the napkin that the

playbook was written on? Open it up a little.

4. *Will the suspension of Mike Davis hurt USC's chances?*

With Mike Davis suspended for this game, Brian Maddox and Eric Baker will split carries in the backfield. I like Mike Davis, but this will be a welcome change from watching him get sucked up from behind twice a game.

The real question is: Can it get any worse? USC is averaging only 113 rushing yards (that's only 63 Scott Spurriers) a game, which is last in the SEC.

5. *Why are people booing?*

USC has been mediocre for over 100 years. If you're just now so shocked by bad play that you're inspired to boo the home team, maybe you should take a few games off to re-evaluate your life.

The people who come to USC games and boo are the same type of people who go to gay pride parades to hold up homophobic signs. What were you expecting? We aren't watching the '99 Rams here. It's not exactly the greatest show on turf.

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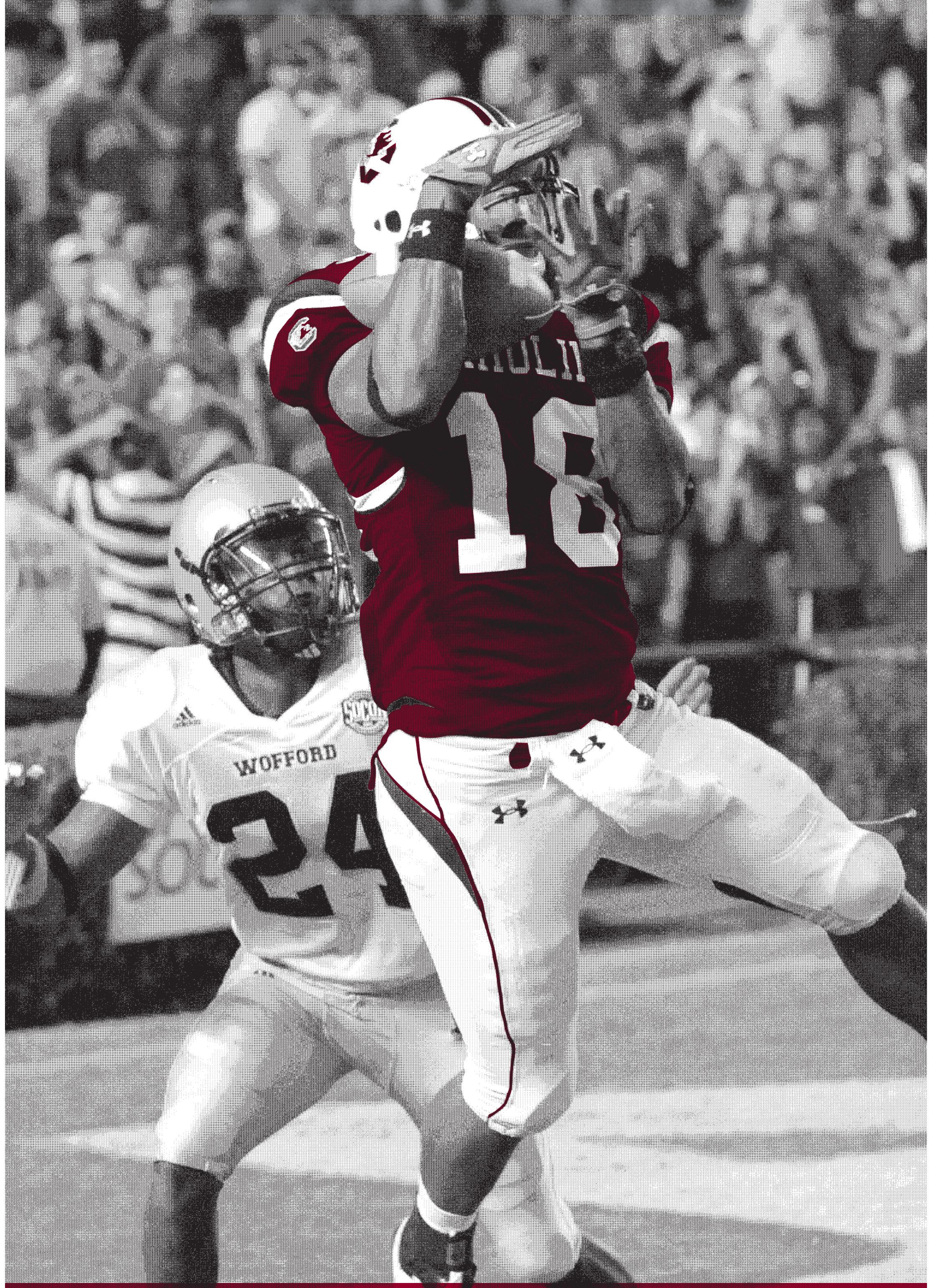
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