City to focus on Five Points violence

**Expo takes hold of Colonial Life**

Donning their suits, business students roamed through the Colonial Life Expo on Thursday as they hoped to snag a new connection — or a job — at one of the 150 booths. The event, presented by the Darsee Moore School of Business, attracted 100 companies and organizations, including Continental Airlines and SunTrust Bank, according to a release. Organizers expected some 8,000 undergraduates and graduate students to show up, and they were planning to see more Fortune 500 companies, like Southwest Airlines, and big banks, represented than in years past, according to a release. The event, which promised to employ the most students for jobs and internships and develop a business-based skill set, attracted 2,500 people through the day, running from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Mold forces 16 to move from Sims College**

Residence hall to be tested, cleaned for second time next week

Weeks after USC got word of mold growing in residents' rooms, Sims College is set to get another round of cleaning and testing. Students were displaced from the residence hall earlier this month after USC received reports of mold Sept. 14, according to Wes Hickman, the university's spokesman. That Friday, several students called Housing to complain, Hickman said. Federal inspectors and Cleared surfaces in all 117 rooms of the residence hall that day and through the following Monday, and an outside testing service searched for traces of spores in the air. That problem persists, “We’re looking at next week or so,” Hickman said. The first round of tests cost USC about $2,500, he said. Those first tests found that 3 of the rooms in the building needed more attention, and their six residents were relocated. Hickman said, waiting to open rooms across campus. Another 10 have so far asked to move because of respiratory illness or a sensitivity to the mold. The university offered to clean students’ clothes or reimburse them for anything that won’t subside, Hickman said. How much that process will cost isn’t clear Thursday evening. The problem, Hickman said, stemmed from deteriorating insulation in a few rooms’ closets. The building is cooled with chilled water, and pipes carrying it run through one closet in each of the buildings’ suites. That allowed condensation to form, which, combined with humidity from heavy rains in late August and early September, made the conditions conducive to growth.

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**Business plan contest boasts bigger prizes**

$40,000 up for grabs; information session planned for next week

An idea may be all it takes to win thousands of dollars this fall in the Proving Ground, USC’s entrepreneurial challenge. The Proving Ground will offer $40,000 in prize money to the students or groups with the best ideas for new businesses and products.

“We’re looking for a reasonable, feasible concept for an idea for a business with an identifiable, measurable market and the ability of the submitting team to make it happen and to manage and market it,” said Dean Kress, associate director of the Entrepreneurship Center at the Darsee Moore School of Business.

The Proving Ground offers $2,500, he said.

**State Fair**

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**Welfare’s benefits**

College student? Most people think of college students as having a lot of benefits and advantages. But there are many students who are struggling to get by on a limited income. One of the most common is the welfare benefits that they receive. These benefits can help to offset some of the costs associated with attending college, such as tuition and fees, room and board, and transportation. For students who are struggling to make ends meet, these benefits can be a lifeline. The benefits are not limited to students who are receiving federal assistance. In fact, many students who are not eligible for federal aid may still be eligible for some state or local benefits. To find out if you are eligible for welfare benefits, contact your local Department of Social Services. They will be able to provide information about the benefits that are available in your area.

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Students found DECA chapter

Organization plans to offer networking opportunities

Paula Novacki
STUDENT LIFE STAFF

It’s not the grades you make but the hands you shake or at least that’s the way the newest national chapter of Collegiate DECA at USC sees it.

Collegiate DECA is a student organization that offers leadership conferences, scholarships and numerous service and networking opportunities to help students succeed in their career choices to the fullest potential.

The USC chapter of Collegiate DECA was colonized this fall by President Danielle Likibi, a second-year hospitality management student, who was actively involved in her high school’s DECA competitions.

The chapter is open to students of all majors and will be heavily involved in its first year on campus, including by attending competitions.

DECA conferences offer three different types of competitions: a role-play presentation in which participants have 30 minutes to fix a business’s problem, formal business simulation exams and a financial statement analysis.

Each competition is available in 33 different categories for each competition including accounting, hospitality, business law and retail.

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Likibi said it has lots of opportunities to offer.

“Collegiate DECA teaches how to communicate and interact with people in the professional industry,” Likibi said. “Students will be motivated to succeed in an academically successful, community oriented, professionally responsible and experienced leaders.”

Like Likibi, the chapter’s secretary Alyssa Paragano, a first-year hospitality tourism management student, said her involvement with DECA in high school helped guide her career path.

“(Participating in DECA) really helped me decide in high school what I wanted to do after college,” Paragano said. “I really appreciated the push, because without it I probably would be studying something I didn’t love as much as tourism.”

The chapter plans to meet once every two weeks to see presentations from industry professionals, prepare for competition exams and discuss future career possibilities.

“I really hope all members take advantage of the opportunities offered by DECA,” Paragano said, adding that she personally hopes to network with new companies and add a professional name for myself.”

Likibi said.

In addition, Likibi hopes students who are interested in DECA will come out to compete.

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“Mold is growing in their rooms in other buildings,” Likibi said, but those proved not to be an issue — they were usually dirt or mildew.

"I'm not aware that it's happening anywhere else," Hickman said. "But if a student does see something that he or she might think is suspicious or that might be some kind of substance, they should let someone know."

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"The deadline for submissions is Oct. 21, and an informational session for any interested students will be held Oct. 11, at 7 p.m.
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Eva keynotes will be delivered Saturday by Donald Macedo, a linguist and literacy expert, who will discuss how factors like a child’s class and race play into his or her development.

Maya Esther Gonzalez, an author of multicultural children’s books, will talk about her book “An evening of cuentos” tonight at 6:30 p.m. at Horrell Hill Elementary School, in Hopkins, S.C.

The event is open to the public, and children who come will receive a copy of one of Gonzalez’s books.

—— Compiled by Thad Moore, News Editor

TO SUBMIT TIPS
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The latter suggestion spurred a backlash among students and some community members, who made complaints about the measure.

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Police, students must stay vigilant, aware

The Columbia police have a rough few weeks ahead of them. The incidents from last weekend have raised safety concerns for everyone. It’s important for all the students to be aware of the surroundings and can also help in situations they find themselves in. We hope the police stick to their words and concentrate on the places they are needed the most, which is not just on the streets, and in the bars.

George, the topic has been having recent camps as well, as students wonder whether their campus still remains safe. An upcoming pending trial will end up turning into a major issue for campus security, which is just as important as they are needed. It’s a reasonable assumption.

Earlier this week, Columbia police Chief Ronumb Campbell expressed his concern for students at the bars and drinking would be a main focus of their new mission. However, the police have now slightly altered their plan. They are no longer going to ignore it, but they do believe that it is still necessary to call for more student safety awareness. We have should be with the police, but also the responsible enough of us, students to take care of our safety. There are, after all, going to be 80,000 and 500,000 people at the games. With only a well-coordinated police system and accountable civil rights, we can make Columbia a safe environment for everyone to live in.

Ohio, Florida lost opportunities for Romney

Despite his recent assertion in a CBS interview, Mitt Romney has an excellent chance of winning the election. Romney has a respectable portion of the Electoral College predicted as being locked down, 191 votes in fact, his remaining path toward the necessary 270 has come to an unannounced deadline tonight. President Barack Obama’s superior campaign strategy has bullied Romney into a corner and clinched Romney’s fate for the 2012 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. Obama has taken credit for turning the effort into an international spectacle just as he claims he can do with the Olympics in Salt Lake City victims. One of the crowning achievements of President Barack Obama’s career was his involvement with the 2012 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. Obama has taken credit for turning the effort into an international spectacle just as he claims he can do with the Olympics in Salt Lake City. Romney needs nothing less than an ace in the hole and a large decrease in favorability since their convention. It’s this kind of leadership and reaction that indicates who’s truly in the driver’s seat on the critically important pair. Romney’s approach to the national deficit has escalates what was once an manageable issue as the financial stability of this country before attempting to alter the course. Romney needs action, not empty promises. Romney needs to take these country victims. Romney has shown his commitment to future economy by increasing the deficit by over $1 trillion but only took in $2.1 trillion in 2010, according to the U.S. Treasury.

Fiscal prudence necessary to US growth, recovery

Fiscal responsibility has always been a concern for lawmakers, but recent changes of increased government spending and growing national debt raised the ongoing concern to the level of national security. Since 2001 the total national debt has increased by more than $300 billion each year, growing from $7.7 trillion in 2001 to $15.2 trillion in 2011, according to The Washington Post. With this spending, the government has moved millions of dollars of every dollar it spends. The government spends $2 trillion every year and we should be aware of the SCU we are managing as a nation.

Government overspending is no different. In addition to crooking new taxes, high interest rates cause the US dollar to drop and an increasingly weak dollar. Obama’s new actions have damaged faith in the U.S. currency, which could bankrupt this great economic system. Inflation and market volatility are just a few of the problems that are caused by the current fiscal environment. President Obama’s devastating actions have damaged faith in the U.S. currency, which could bankrupt this great economic system. Inflation and market volatility are just a few of the problems that are caused by the current fiscal environment.
Demetri Martin to star in stand-up special

Comedian speaks to college media about Saturday's Comedy Central premiere

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He's a sketch artist, an actor and a musician — and he tells jokes, too.

Stand-up comedian Demetri Martin's new television special, "Demetri Martin: Standup Comedian," premieres Saturday night on Comedy Central. The funnyman participated in a conference call with college media earlier this week to discuss his life before comedy and his upcoming projects.

Martin did not always want to be a stand-up comedian. He received a degree in history from Yale University and briefly attended law school, something he had wanted to do since seventh grade, but he was not happy there.

“In law school, I was feeling fried,” Martin said.

While law school may not have been the right path for the comedian, Martin said he is glad he had a chance to be a regular guy.

“I’m grateful that I had a life before doing stand-up,” he said.

While Martin was in law school, he served as an intern in the White House during Bill Clinton’s presidency in 1996. Despite his early interest in politics, Martin does not like to mix his humor with current events.

“I find it kind of distracting and overwhelming,” he said. “I like writing stuff about little things — things that aren’t going away anytime soon.”

Martin explained that stand-up comedy is a “big bunch of jokes.” For past filmed shows, the comedian brought props to perform, but “Demetri Martin: Standup Comedian” is simpler. Martin does incorporate some drawings and a little guitar playing, but it’s a less flashy and more understated show.

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To learn more about the comedian, visit demetrimartin.com or follow him on Twitter at @DemetriMartin.
The movie industry has presented plenty of horror films that have haunted our lives and made us wet our pants: “The Nightmare on Elm Street” replayed in our dreams, “Halloween” frightened us from going out that time of year and “The Exorcist” made church terrifying. These days, the horror genre is so lacking in quality that jump-scares and gore are believed to make up for it. “House at the End of the Street” is such a film, except without even good gore or jump-scares. A brooding teenager and wannabe rocker from Chicago, Elissa (Jennifer Lawrence), moves across the country with her newly divorced mother (Elisabeth Shue). They move into what appears to be the house of their dreams. But as a movie like this would suggest, it isn’t, because there is a secret the town is keeping from them. When unexplainable things start to happen, Elissa learns a daughter killed her parents in the house next door and disappeared years earlier, leaving the brother Ryan (Max Thieriot) living alone in the house. Her mother advised her to stay away from Ryan, but Elissa forms that kind of teenage relationship that leads to making out on the couch — you know, the kind of steamy, sexual attraction designed to entertain the adolescent audience. The movie is basically an attempt to get the adolescent “Hunger Games” fans out of high school football games and into the movie theater, especially the fantasy-hungry girls. You’ve got the rebellious teenage girl who goes against her mother’s wishes and a dreamy, emotionally damaged teenage boy, both of which attract girls like a magnet. Throughout the film, the viewer gets the sense that Ryan was more involved in the incident than he says, which adds a bit of suspense to the film. But then, the film gives us the only thing worth jumping out of our seats for, in a bad way: a plot twist that feels completely ripped from the script to “Psycho.” Lawrence does her best to make an impression despite the dull and unoriginal script by David Loucka, whose previous films include the nightmarish “Dream House.” But she can’t save herself from a role that’s written to be just another characterless, scream-happy bimbo. Then again, this can be forgiven since the movie was shot back in 2010, a time before Lawrence’s rise to fame. She wouldn’t dare touch a script this bad these days. But since Lawrence has already gained such a cult following with her “Hunger Games” role, the underage crowd will no doubt sit through this dread and find it terrifying. There is basically nothing else here for anyone else, even horror fans. For them, watching “House at the End of the Street” is like drinking non-alcohol vodka at a nightclub — why bother? The film’s Twitter hashtag is #HATES, and it’s perfectly fitting.
LEO
Consider all options before taking on new responsibilities. A risky proposition may fail. Trust your instincts, and be willing to accept the consequences.

SAGITTARIUS
Public duties take from private time at first. Later, relax at home away from noise and curious crowds. Tell your friends you’ll see them later. Class hours are not far from home. Explore. Aquarius
Develop a creative plan of action. Expand wisely, without haste or waste. Functions center money, but cash may not be the core issue. Go ahead and be outrageous.

PISCES
Watch out, or you will be the victim of a simple fraud. Be on the lookout for hidden agendas, though.

CANCER
Watch over your reserves. There’s nothing to be afraid of. Libra
Focus emotional energy on work, not on drama. The job may get complex, but it’s also rewarding. You may enjoy the experience. Watch out for hidden agendas, though.

SCORPIO
Access your creative side to overcome obstacles with playfulness and joy. Avoid distractions from things that are truly important. Share love.

ARIES
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Where are you watching the game on Saturday?

From Columbia to Kentucky, show your Gamecock pride

GARNET ON GAME DAY

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 4, 2012
Equestrian vs. Auburn – 2 PM

Friday, October 5, 2012
Women’s Soccer vs. Tennessee – 7 PM

Saturday, October 6, 2012
Football vs. Georgia – 7 PM

Sunday, October 7, 2012
Women’s Soccer vs. Georgia – 1 PM
Men’s Soccer vs. UCF – 3:30 PM
For USC, last week’s 31-10 win against Missouri was a success by any measure. Offensively, junior quarterback Connor Shaw completed 20 consecutive passes to finish the day 20-for-21. On defense, the Gamecocks held the Tigers to a single field goal until they pushed through a meaningless touchdown with 17 seconds to play. Special teams had perhaps the most remarkable performance, highlighted by sophomore Bruce Ellington’s 50-yard kickoff return and junior Ace Sanders’ six punt returns for a combined 106 yards.

Despite last week’s success and the fact that South Carolina heads to Kentucky for a game against a struggling team, the Gamecocks are far from a finished product. “I think it’s always a work in progress,” Shaw said. “Our goal is always to get better every week — passing game, run game and all aspects of the game. I think we’ve been doing that. We’re progressing each week.”

Coach Steve Spurrier said his team still has plenty to prove, even after wins over two Eastern Division rivals. “We’re going to be ready for Kentucky,” Spurrier said in a release. “We know that sports happen, and we know why they happen, usually when a team is not ready to play, simple as that. Then, we’re not having that much yet. We’ve beaten the teams that were supposed to beat, but we’ve gone to try to play better than last week. Lot of areas we can improve.”

The special teams will look to build on its breakout game by playing with more consistency. The Gamecocks appear to be settling into their roles, with sophomore Taylor Hull as punter, senior Adam Yates as kicker and all of players on the unit performing better in their coverages. But special teams coach Joe Robinson said he expects his unit to improve in order to give Sanders and Ellington more opportunities for game-changing plays.

“We’re still a work in progress on offense, trying to make sure we get the ball into our playmakers’ hands,” Spurrier said. “And Ace is a playmaker, we all know that, and so is Bruce. Bruce can run with it. We still want to run more than we throw. “As we all know, statistically, the team that runs more than it throws wins at a lot higher percentage. So we’ll try to do that, try to get the ball toward Bruce and Ace a little bit more.”

USC has watched the emergence of new leaders on defense, particularly junior defensive end Chaz Sutton, who was challenged by the coaching staff to raise his level of play. Sutton played in all 13 games last season, starting against the Wildcats. While he is listed behind sophomore Jadeveon Clowney on the depth chart, he is part of South Carolina’s so-called “rabbit package,” in which four defensive ends line up to add quickness to the defense. “It’s his time in the program right now,” said defensive line coach Brad Lawing. “I challenged him because we needed him to give us some quality snaps in the game, and he’s done that.”

Lawing attributed Sutton’s improvement to his commitment level, which he said is something the junior learned at South Carolina. “His fundamentals have gotten better,” Lawing said. “He’s become a better player simply because of work ethic. He didn’t know how to (work) when he first got here. He had no clue. He’d been a running back in high school, out at Fork Union. Some guy about 5 feet tall was giving him orders.”

USC vs. Kentucky

“Like any other week, there’s a ton of things we can do better.”

— Joe Robinson

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Auguste to make season debut

The Gamecock's Secondary has been one of the team's strongest in recent years. Senior defensive back Akeem Auguste has been a key player for the secondary, and his return from injury has been awaited by both players and fans alike.

Auguste was one of the team's best players last season, and his presence in the secondary has been a key factor in the team's success. When he was injured, the team had to rely on younger players to fill in, and the results were not always positive. With Auguste back in the lineup, the team can return to its usual form and focus on the games ahead.

The team's secondary is one of its strengths, and Auguste's return will help the team to continue to play at a high level. The team will have to adjust to his return and get used to playing with him, but the benefits of his presence will be felt for the rest of the season.
Coach attributes success to Spurrier setting tone

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Special teams coach Joe Robinson was honored with a game ball after USC’s victory over Missouri, a testament to the difference his unit made in the game. By Sunday afternoon, he had not received it yet.

After practice, with a smile on his face, Robinson humorously described how special teams became a focus for South Carolina, crediting head coach Steve Spurrier with recognizing a need to improve the unit.

“A week ago, I had not bought into it. I had not bought into special teams. He’s the one that set the tone for this team, and they’ve brought the enthusiasm,” Spurrier said.

“You have players that are actually buying into it, working hard, willing to make sacrifices to make the blocks that they need for me to execute runs,” Spurrier said.

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Atlantic Division. Despite the loss, no one can question that quarterback the favorite in this contest. Clemson's scoring abilities. Anything is possible, but Clemson is clearly per game, and their offense will be very hard pressed to keep up with Golden Eagles' defense has allowed an average of more than 38 points Clemson defense that has been sieve-like at times this year. However, the that isn't as bad as its 1-2 record would indicate after losing close games to dangerous offenses. Their opponent this week is Boston College, a team running back Andre Ellington make up one of college football's most Florida State in a 49-37 shootout, losing control of their own destiny in the ACC for 2012. The Tigers suffered a huge setback when they lost to No. 17 Clemson @ Boston College, 3:30 p.m., ESPN2 No. 25 Baylor @ No. 9 West Virginia, noon, FX Last week Baylor took up the daunting task of facing 2012's "Cinderella" — the Bearcats are a team with a lot of new faces and has Yet, the Bearcats have a very small body of work, as they have only played two games this season. However, they have the makings of a contender for a conference title. Meanwhile, the Virginia Tech Hokies are one of the most confusing teams in college football. Quarterback Logan Thomas is one of the most talented players in the nation, yet he seems to consistently make head- scratchings decisions that cost him game. Frank Beamer's normally well-coached, mistake-free Hokies have shot themselves in the foot far too often this year to be counted on to remain among the elite in college football. Virginia Tech could very well be walking into a trap on the road against a well-rested Cincinnati team.
1. How much is Big Blue Nation calling for Joker Phillips’ job right now? Could he be fired midseason?

The state of Joker Phillips’ job is beyond fans calling for him to be removed. Since UK’s 32-31 loss to the Sun Devils’ Western Kentucky, Big Blue Nation has found his chair, set it in a fire pit, rubbed their sticks together and made a fire. As I type this they have found a can of gasoline to make it burn a little quicker. Holding out on the fact that sophomore quarterback Maxwell Smith wouldn’t start Saturday until pregame warm-ups didn’t harm him. It’s a fair assumption that Smith hasn’t and won’t start until Mark Newton, who has been at the end of a lot of finger pointing in recent year, but you can’t tell him prior to the game that he is starting after he had previously been practicing at positions elsewhere.

With all that said, Phillips is safe until season’s end. UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart isn’t going to bring Back to Blue with a true blueblood. At the end of the day, fans like Phillips, but his coaching isn’t up to their over-the-top expectations. Best case for everyone in Phillips agrees to resign, he finishes the season and he can go out in a good manner.

2. What’s the feeling around the locker room after being shut out by Florida? Do you get the sense the players have given up on the rest of the season, or are they still confident they can upset South Carolina, like the last time the Gamecocks were in Lexington, Ky.?

The injury bug is UK’s biggest question mark. With a banged up Maxwell Smith, UK should rely more on the run. If Smith can resemble what he showed in earlier weeks, UK is capable of making the first half interesting. It doesn’t seem the players have given up, but rather the decisions among the coaching staff are beginning to become more and more questionable. The Cats recall what happened last season and don’t want (USC head coach) Spurrier to prove why he wasn’t “god awful,” as Phillips announced this week.

3. In his press conference, Phillips talked a lot about South Carolina’s defensive front. How will the Wildcats’ offensive line stack up?

UK’s offensive line, although not anticipated to live up to the hype of last season, has exceeded expectations. However, the problem for Cats lies in the fact they have yet to play a defensive front that resembles that of South Carolina’s. Phillips raved about (Jadeveon) Clowney and (Devon) Taylor, saying every team should get two players that resembled them. They don’t, and the Gamecocks have them. It’s where talent shows through. I expect Smith to get banged up, forcing players that resembled them. They don’t, and the Cats should be able to feature three freshmen. And while they are talented, freshmen in the SEC don’t excel so fast, especially against such a formidable foe. (Connor) Shaw should be able to improve on last season’s numbers despite the fact they were already extremely impressive. (Marcus) Lattimore’s run will be the key, though, as the UK defensive line has finally made strides. It comes down to talent, for Lattimore should help provide a balance for the UK secondary to get burned on numerous occasions.

4. If Kentucky wants to upset the Gamecocks, what in-game matchup must it win?

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5. Prediction time – who ya got? South Carolina 42, UK 10
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Ole Miss @ No. 1 Alabama, 9:15 p.m., ESPN

Ole Miss took care of Tulane in the Superdome last weekend as the Rebels beat the Green Wave 39-0. The Rebels produced 448 yards, and freshman quarterback Bo Wallace attempted a mere 16 passes, completing only seven of them for 101 yards. The Tide’s defense, led by junior linebacker C.J. Mosley, surrendered 304 on the ground. Sophomore quarterback Bo Wallace attempted a mere 16 passes, completing only seven of them for 101 yards. Ole Miss (1-1) will play its first SEC game of the season Saturday when it meets the No. 1 Crimson Tide in Tuscaloosa.

Arkansas @ Texas A&M, Noon, SEC Network

The train continues to fall off the track in Fayetteville. After a bizarre press conference, news broke last week that coach John L. Smith was $25.7 million in bankruptcy debt. To make problems worse for Smith, his brother passed away last Monday, and he attended the funeral Friday before the Razorbacks hosted Rutgers the next day. Even with the return of senior quarterback Tyler Wilson, Arkansas managed to fall to the Scarlet Knights 35-26. In case the embarrassment couldn’t get any worse, Wilson threw two interceptions, and the Hogs rushed for only 73 yards. The defense managed to fall to the track in Fayetteville. After a bizarre press conference, news broke last week that coach John L. Smith was $25.7 million in bankruptcy debt. To make problems worse for Smith, his brother passed away last Monday, and he attended the funeral Friday before the Razorbacks hosted Rutgers the next day. Even with the return of senior quarterback Tyler Wilson, Arkansas managed to fall to the Scarlet Knights 35-26. In case the embarrassment couldn’t get any worse, Wilson threw two interceptions, and the Hogs rushed for only 73 yards. The defense allowed 525 yards as sophomore Gary Nova threw five touchdown passes.

Missouri @ UCf, noon, ESPN

Missouri will face Central Florida this week coming off the heels of a 31-10 defeat to South Carolina. The Tigers struggled offensively, managing only 109 rushing yards and fewer than 150 passing. Missouri didn’t score a touchdown until the final 17 seconds of the game, when junior wide receiver Marcus Lucas caught a pass from backup quarterback Corbin Berkstresser. The Tigers will look for a big game this week to rejuvenate themselves after last week’s loss, which was their first SEC road game as a member of the conference. UCF will enter this week’s contest sitting at 2-1 after a 33-21 win over FBC last Saturday. Sophomore quarterback Blake Bortles had a solid game against the Panthers, completing 20 of 30 passes for more than 250 yards and two touchdowns.

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