USC exceeds projected freshman enrollment

Mike Woodel

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With the class of 2021 numbering hundreds more than in years past, the question remains between now and August whether the university will be able to properly house its newest batch of freshmen. Though measures will be taken to expand accommodations, university president of student affairs and vice provost Dennis Pruit is positive it will, even believing the increase will assist a new round of staff hiring.

Elsewhere in the Southeastern Conference, the University of Missouri announced new layoffs Monday partly due to falling enrollment. That perhaps explains why Pruit, who also serves as USC's dean of students, isn't worried about having too many students. Though admitting that enrollment projections are somewhat unreliable due to a wide variety of factors he collectively refers to as “a summer melt,” he estimated the size of USC's 2017 freshman enrollment at 4,430 to 4,780 students, up from 4,036 in 2016. All ProFour predicts 6,800 to 8,500 new students will fall onto the campus to fill the class of 2017 between freshmen enrollment and transfer students.

ProFour Gateway and the university are so lucky here today compared to what's going on across the Southeastern Conference, Holbrook said in a press conference Wednesday.

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Professors awarded $1.3 million NSF grant

The United States is facing a severe shortage of people trained to take jobs in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). These are among the fastest growing occupations in the country, however, there are not enough educated scientists, engineers and mathematicians to fill these roles.

USC professors Adam Hartstone-Rose, Kelly Mulvey and Matt Irvin recently received a $1.3 million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to analyze the efficacy of informal science learning centers and their ability to influence students to pursue STEM careers. This grant was in conjunction with a $400,000 award from the Wellcome Trust awarded to a group at Goldsmiths, University of London with whom Hartstone-Rose, Mulvey and Irvin will be collaborating with regularly.

The group will be partnering with nontraditional learning sites around the country such as Edventures, the Riverbanks Zoo and the Virginia Aquarium to determine the effectiveness of certain practices and find the components of what makes a good program.

Informal science learning centers are programs at sites such as museums, aquariums and zoos where students get an opportunity to learn outside of the traditional classroom.

The team programs evolved, somewhat, independently at all of these different types of institutions and we have the theoretical foundation for why we think they should be doing great work, one’s ever really evaluated that formative work, Rose said.

Another goal of the study is to identify how these programs encourage young people from different backgrounds to view STEM as a field that anyone can pursue.

Mulvey hopes they can show, “there is not a one cookie-cutter image of who can or should be a scientist but that lots and lots of people could enter the STEM workforce.”

As of now, the STEM labor pool is “largely homogeneous,” according to Mulvey, with most of the people entering these fields coming of middle to upper class white men. To better understand this issue in STEM, the sites in the US target diverse groups in terms of ethnicity, gender, disabilities and socioeconomic backgrounds.

This study will last five years, and the children enrolled will range from as young as 11 years of age to high schoolers. The group is doing their initial survey data collection now and plan to add a new cohort of children every year until the grant period ends.

These recruitment for the project, the students will complete a survey each year where they will answer questions about their aspirations and how far they perceive themselves as being able to pursue STEM as a field.

Hartstone-Rose and Mulvey hope to develop some effective practices to help other informal learning sites encourage students to choose STEM careers.

In the future, they are excited at the idea of pursuing additional funding to follow up with these students and see after they finished college if they chose careers in STEM, went on to graduate school or wound up on a different path entirely.

If you are an undergraduate and would be interested in joining in on Hartstone-Rose, Mulvey and Irvin’s research, reach out to them via email at hartsonerose@usc.edu. There are many sources of funding for graduate research at USC. For more information visit http://www.sc.edu/out/

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**Wonder Woman** rejuvenates DC films; stellar performance by Gadot

**Brad Dountz**

**Delta Saints discuss latest album, West Coast inspirations**

Nashville rockers The Delta Saints have always strayed true to the blues and kept with that tradition when making music. For almost a decade, The Delta Saints have flown under the radar as one of Nashville’s most promising acts. Now, they have a new album out called “Monte Vista” that was inspired by the golden hour of California.

One of the biggest comparisons for their new album, singer Ben Ringel says, is that the band had written the album all of last year and had only six days to record it this year.

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The call of California also had a hand in forming “Monte Vista.” Guitarist Dylan Fitch has family in La Jolla. The street they live on is where the album’s name comes from.

“We are an East Coast songwriting group, but I feel like we’ve gotten so into the idea of being a feeling too tempting not to capture,” Ringel said.

Ringel remembers how he had to keep his character’s roots when Diana makes her way to the frontlines. Her “coming-of-age” moment, in which she crosses No Man’s Land and helps the Allies move forward, will be known forever. As much as Gadot (V Superman: Dawn of Justice) serves as a sister of male strength, there’s an added element of humanity and importance to the film industry and the film itself to just another CGI superhero.

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Concerts, roller derby and more in Columbia

Jenna Schaffer

Columbia is a city with a rich and diverse art scene. If you are staying in Columbia over the summer, here is a brief list of events, concerts and events happening in Soda City during the month of June.

June 7

10 Years of CQS Roller Derby — Columbia QuadSquad is an all-female roller derby team that competes regularly. The team will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a day packed with derby games. Tickets are $20 in advance or $20 for the last two games. Doors open at 9:30 a.m., and the last game is scheduled for 9 p.m.

Summer Drive-In Festival Series: Throwback Night — Hosted by What’s Next Midlands, the second installment of the Summer Drive-In Series will feature a showing of the cult classic film “Grease.” The drive-in will take place at the Historic Columbia Foundation’s tiki bar and is $20 per car.

June 9

Deconstructing the Beatles: Revolver” at the Nickelodeon Theatre — This film was originally released in 2009 but is coming to Columbia for a one day only screening at the Nick. Writer Scott Freiman and producer Richard Abramowitz explore the mechanics and production of the classic album that some consider to be one of the preeminent of all time. The show starts at 6 p.m., and tickets are $10.

June 12

Vulcan Maker, Grace Joyner and Those Lavender Whales at New Brookland Tavern — Those three local bands are full of alternative pop and indie vibes. The show’s Facebook page even suggests that attendees “get ready to have their teeth rattled out by all the sweetness.” The show starts at 7 p.m., and tickets are $10 and can be purchased online.

June 30

An Evening of Music of Art — This event aims to celebrate the opening of the newly-renovated second floor of the Richland County Public Library. The second floor now serves as a public creative space, complete with equipment rentals and instructive classes on art, video production and other creative skills. The night kicks off at 7 p.m. and is completely free to the public. There will be live performances from BRTS WIND, Contour and DJ Sqi.

Opening of “That ‘70s Show” exhibit — The Columbia Museum of Art will feature 27 works from the 1970s, with iconic artists including Andy Warhol, Robert Rauschenberg and Alexander Calder. The exhibit will be on view through Sept. 17.

Things to do in Columbia and surrounding areas on a budget

Four fun tourist attractions for road trips

Taylor Harrison

Feel like you’re stuck in Columbia all summer? Here are some ideas for quick, cheap getaways.

DuPont Falls

Cedar Mountain, NC

If you’re in an outdoorsy type, head up to DuPont Falls where lovely waterfalls and hiking trails of various lengths reside. After only a 2-hour and 45-minute drive, any visitor can enjoy the fresh air and lovely foliage of the DuPont State Recreational Forest for free. Pack a lunch, have a picnic and bring your furry friend along on the adventure.

Sushi Yoshi

501 N. 1st Street

Don’t let the name fool you, Sushi Yoshi is a sushi spot that you want to try. The sushi options are affordable and it’s one of the only spots in the area you can get a happy hour special. After you’ve gotten your fill of sushi, take a walk to the nearby Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Garden.

For more information about these and other activities, visit the Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau site.

Biltmore Estate

Asheville, NC

All summer, kids 16 and under have free admission at the Biltmore Estate. Enjoy the stately, outdoor concert and K-12 student photography opportunities for capturing, horseback riding, exploring and photography. Special events are also available for Biltmore guests.

Offerings for brunch, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner across the estate are expanded during the summer months. Between meals, you can enjoy behind-the-scenes tours as well as complimentary wine tastings.

High Annual Music City Hot Chicken Festival

Nashville, TN

What better way to spend the Fourth of July than surrounded by great food and fireworks? Head to Nashville to experience the festival that hosts many local vendors who serve Hot Chicken preceded by a fun Fire Truck Parade. What is Hot Chicken? It’s Nashville’s signature dish that is composed of breaded chicken and recycled pickles. The show starts at 5 p.m. and is free to the public.

Walking Tour: The Touring Dead

Woodbury and Alexandria, Georgia

Check out this two-hour guided tour of various filming locations from seasons three through six. This is the second installment of the Walking Dead? It’s a walking tour of various scenes from the hit show, “The Walking Dead.” For only $25 a person, enjoy behind-the-scenes information from the cast and stars from the series as they continue to shoot season six.

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It has been nearly three months since President Trump’s most recent travel ban was struck down by a Federal District Judge. This time around, officials must be more careful because Trump has announced that the new travel ban would pass the Supreme Court. He has said that passing the Supreme Court would “make the section look appealing to the American public”.

I have written many times about food waste and produce the past two months. So much so that it may seem like I am obsessed with the topic, and maybe I am. But the reason I have written so much about food waste is because it is a very easy topic to overlook. Food is vital to life and what happens with it, and around it, has deep and lasting effects on more than just your diet.

The other reason that I wrote about food is because I have first-hand experience with it. My first job was in a grocery store and while working there I discovered not only my interest in food, but topics that have stuck with me for a long time after I left. One thing I discovered is that we waste a lot of food.

I worked in stock at my local grocery store, and it was my job to take product from the delivery truck and put it in the shelves. I also made sure that the milk and condiments were full and stocked. It was there that I usually began my shift. Before I walked behind the shelf into the walk on frozen section, I had to check that the milk expiration date was the right day, and the milk gallons off the shelf at a time, what I had done wrong. He turned to me and said, “you really should have known that by the expiration date and he wanted to give himself some work tomorrow.”

One method that I use to reject the idea that the whole carton of eggs had to be thrown out. A completely broken egg makes sense because the yolk spills all over the container and other eggs, but this also applies to anything slightly broken or cracked. Milk isn’t the only thing being thrown out. Eggs are one of the most common reasons to reject produce that looked slightly damaged. This often applies particularly in the chain of wasted food. Food is lost from the source because it is not aesthetically appealing and it cannot be sold.

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I was startled, I had not seen anything that had gone out of date. So I went back to the dairy section and asked the worker. He told me that any milk that had gone bad. It was my job to do, but I was not checking for this.

There were not opportunities for donating edible food. Anything that was not pristine, and weeks removed from the expiration date, was scanned, counted and thrown directly into a dumpster. I was not even counting the days the expiration date in the future applied to the product. For example, the President’s executive order. We have the capability to fix this and routinely throw out similar quantities of food. It was alarming to me how much food could be wasted at the store. But this is only one step in the chain of wasted food. For example, the Five Points neighborhood of South Carolina is known as "freshmen bars" by USC students. In fact, some bars are so crowded that they have been known as "freshmen bars" by USC students.

Occasionally, there’s a crop of students walking around even among others who seem to be avoiding outbreaks. At one point, for the most part, it is widely accepted that if you aren’t on the ground, you don’t need to worry too much about getting in trouble.

Of course, there are always exceptions. Every once in a while, a student enters a bar and selects students at random to issue MIPs. Or at least to President Wilson. Wilson understands that it is fully within the rights of the law for the police to do this, but it is done far more harm than good.

If the police are concerned about underage drinking and want to put a stop to it, they should enforce the law instead of targeting a particular group. The emptying of bars should become a regular occurrence to eliminate underage drinking. Bars should be closed only after accepting fake IDs. On the other hand, if police are merely concerned for the health of students drinking; they should deal only with those who seem dangerously intoxicated or acting wildly.

The police have the legal and official reason for drug enforcement of rules that is going on is simply resulting in untreated students being arrested and not getting the help they need. The police district, the campus police, and the South Carolina Highway Patrol, and the City of Columbia will all play a role in enforcing these laws. The police district, the campus police, and the South Carolina Highway Patrol, and the City of Columbia will all play a role in enforcing these laws.

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Have fun with someone sweet today and tomorrow. Avoid controversy, risk or expense. Relax and spend easy time together. Listen more than you speak.

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Home draws you in magnetically today and tomorrow. Avoid domestic arts, crafts and beautification projects. Handle chores and routines. Share the fruits of your labor.

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Monitor communications through tomorrow. There’s a difference of opinion. Beware contradictions and trite responses. Avoid gossip and rumors. An answer is always, “Let me think.”

Scorpio
Bring in the money today and tomorrow. Slow down to untangle misunderstandings before they grow. Update schedules and keep everyone in the loop. Have patience with delays.

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You’re ready to spread your wings and fly today and tomorrow. Avoid controversy or risk breakdowns. Note emotion as well as logic. Distractions cause impacts. Keep calm.

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Find a quiet, private thinking place. Rest and recuperate today and tomorrow. Slow down and avoid irritation at delays and misunderstandings. Let it all blow over.

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What went wrong in 2017?

South Carolina baseball is watching the NCAA Tournament from home for the second time in three years, and let’s just say Gamecock fans aren’t too happy about it.

The program is six years removed from the second of back-to-back College World Series titles and just months from a Super Regional berth, but there’s not much room for optimism anymore. Ranked No. 4 in the preseason, this team was supposed to be the team. The team that brought garnet and black back to Omaha.

That’s supposed to be the team. The team that was in position to beat its biggest rival in the series for the first time since 2014. But the highly-anticipated bullpen allowed three runs in the seventh and eighth innings to tie the game at five before Reed Scott coughed up three in the ninth on the way to an 8-7 loss.

Sunday was even worse for the Gamecocks, who had the Tigers down to a last strike when Josh Reagan gave up a game-tying home run to slugger Seth Beer. South Carolina loaded the bases in the bottom of the ninth, but failed to score before losing in extra innings.

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Column: WBB signs should be up longer

Thornwell honored with scholarship

After capping an illustrious career by leading a storybook run to the Final Four, Sindarius Thornwell will continue to be honored in Columbia, even years after his final game in garnet and black.

The South Carolina athletic department will be starting a drive this month to fund the Sindarius Thornwell Scholarship, a team spokesman said Monday. The scholarship will be awarded to "a men’s basketball student-athlete who exemplifies the competitive edge and effort that Thornwell put forth during his record-setting career at Carolina," according to a team press release. The scholarship will be the first to be presented in honor of a men’s basketball player at South Carolina.

Thornwell, who will likely be selected in the NBA Draft later this month, finished his career as the third-leading scorer in school history with 1,441 points, in addition to ranking in the top 10 in games played (first with 132), free throws made (third with 758), assists (fourth with 906), and rebounds (10th with 684).

With a 35-25 record, South Carolina missed the postseason for the second time in three years, leading to Chad Holbrook’s resignation Tuesday.