Physicians question use of live pigs in USC’s medical training

“How do you justify this?”

– Dr. John Pippin on ethics of laboratory animal use at USC

Physicians question

The USC School of Medicine is accused of violating the Animal Welfare Act in a federal complaint to be filed Thursday by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine. According to the organization, the emergency medicine training program might be engaging in questionable practices by using pigs to teach surgical practices. Under federal law, universities and other research facilities must consider alternatives to animal use, particularly if the animals experience pain or distress. The Physicians Committee claims that, given recent medical progress and the alternatives available at USC, there is no justification for the continued use of live animals in medical training. In a press release, the Physicians Committee says that the USC Animal Care and Use Committee has been providing “adequate oversight of the training protocol.” The Animal Care and Use Committee is in charge of approving all use of animals at the university and is governed by the National Institute of Health. The emergency medicine training program’s use of pigs has been opposed by the committee.

A statement on the website of the USC vice president of research reads, “The University of South Carolina recognizes that the use of laboratory animals for teaching and research is fundamental to advances in biology and medicine.” In the most recent Animal Care Inspection Report, conducted by federal inspectors in April of this year, no direct or indirect non-compliance issues were listed. According to Dr. John Pippin, the director of academic affairs for the Physicians Committee, once the complaint is filed, the government has to conduct another inspection in the upcoming weeks. This inspection would be targeted at the specific compliance of organization is making, Pippin said.

USE report, forum highlight policing practices

USC is addressing the issue of police relations with a new report and an event discussing 21st century policing. The school’s Institute for Public Service and Policy Research released the report on reactions to last year’s incident between a school resource officer and a student at Spring Valley High School on Tuesday. This was two days after a forum at the School of Law entitled “Finding Common Ground: Policing in the 21st Century.” The report released last day by the ALCU filed a federal suit against the state of South Carolina over SRO policies, offers a look at what people across the Palmetto State think of policing in schools after the Spring Valley. It also examines how much people heard about the incident.

The forum is not the first on the topic of policing at the USC Law School, and this edition will feature Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin, Columbia Police Chief Skip Hollandsworth and USC Provost Joan Gabel. It will start at 5:30 p.m. at the School of Law Auditorium. To see the full report, see the online version of this story at dailygamecock.com

Embassy House reopens

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center will start at 5:30 p.m.

The fair is held at the beginning of every semester on Greene Street, with the number of participating clubs rising every year. The university has over 400 clubs and organizations varying in size and focus. Students had the opportunity to check out all the organizations and clubs that USC has to offer at the Student Organization Fair on Wednesday.

Fair brings students, clubs together

Victoria Richman

The fall semester’s fair gives USC students to a chance to connect with students.
SCDP renaming Jefferson and Jackson dinner

The South Carolina Democratic Party is changing the name of the annual Jefferson-Jackson Dinner amid criticism, The State reports. The party will drop the names after this year's event, scheduled for September. Although both former presidents are considered founding members of the party, SCDP had been criticized because both also owned slaves and Jackson oversaw a great deal of persecution of Native Americans including the “Trail of Tears.” The State Executive Committee will come up with a new name for the event.

- Compiled by Mary Ramsey, News Editor

Family sues Department of Corrections over inmate death

The family of an inmate who died at Lee Correctional Facility in 2015 is suing the Department of Corrections, WIS reports. The suit was filed by University of South Carolina health sciences student Valeria Boddie and Mary Ramsey, who were on a student trip to the prison that day. Boddie and Ramsey added that they were not paid or provided with any health services.

- Compiled by Mary Ramsey, News Editor

Man charged over Convention Center bomb threat

One man has been charged after a bomb threat against the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center was called in, WLTX reports. Michael Shadow was arrested late Tuesday afternoon over the incident. He is charged with making the threat that stood strong enough to warrant the presence of the bomb squad for part of Tuesday. A search of the facility by law enforcement found no hazardous materials.

- Compiled by Mary Ramsey, News Editor

**MEDICAL PAGE!**

If the inspector concludes that the university is complying with federal regulations, the department would not need to make any changes to their use of animals. If there was any violation detected, the university would be required to make any changes that the Department of Agriculture, which oversees the Animal Welfare Act, outlines.

The University of South Carolina does not have to believe we are all they have to do is look around at other programs, Pippen said. In a survey conducted by the Physicians Committee, they discovered that 12 percent of emergency response training programs use live animal experiments, compared to 62 percent in 1994 according to a 2008 report in Nature. Many universities have recently stopped using animals for medical training. Even Johns Hopkins University, which had been using live animals in medical training, announced in May that it would no longer use animals in its school of medicine.

“Both the School of Medicine and Palmetto Health believe that our greatest responsibility as health educators is to prepare health care providers to preserve human life,” USC’s statement said. Last year, there were 315 pigs reported in the annual USC inspection report in addition to 2,403 other animals. USC’s emergency response training program is among 19 in the US using live animals, according to an ongoing survey of 160 programs conducted by the Physicians Committee. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is the only other program in the Southeast that still uses animals to practice surgical procedures, according to the survey and Pippen. The Physicians Committee filed a similar complaint against that university on Aug. 4.

The USC statement said that the current use of animals in the training program is “limited to the very small number of circumstances which cannot be adequately replicated by simulation or other experiences.”

In a press release, the Physicians Committee claims that the Palmetto Health USC School of Medicine Simulation Center has adequate resources for simulators to be used for instruction instead of pigs.

“They could end the use of animals tomorrow,” Pippen said.

News editor T. Michael Boddie and Mary Ramsey contributed to this report.

**FAIRYTALE PAGE!**

from academic, service, faith-based, multicultural, political, interest and sports-based clubs.

With such a wide range of options to choose from, the fair gives students the opportunity to explore the various clubs and organizations firsthand. First-year-experience psychology student Elise Tjelta found that the fair provided students with a way to familiarize themselves with the organizations on campus.

“Tjelta said of the organizations that she had seen throughout the day. “While the fair is beneficial to students interested in bonding, it’s also a big opportunity for the participating clubs. With such a large number of clubs on campus, the clubs have to find ways to stand out. Many offer free goodies such as candy, stickers, cups and magnets. One common incentive seen throughout the fair was free popscicles as a way to catch students’ attention and to transport them across the day.”

Fourth-year biological sciences student Anthony Deas said that he had known about the fair for some time but was unable to attend the fair during school hours.

“It has given us a lot of exposure and so we’re able to see people we may not normally see at our events,” Glanton said.
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The technical symposium was also held that afternoon with a networking lunch between sessions. The event on Wednesday was Ann Marie Steritz, President and CEO of the South Carolina Council on Competitiveness.

"This conference continues to be an example of what can be achieved through what we call 'radical collaboration,'" Steritz said, referencing the five organizations that planned the conference: the McNAIR Center, the South Carolina Council on Competitiveness, the SC Department of Commerce, the SC Aeronautics Commission and the SC Aviation Association.

Steritz reminded those in attendance of the conference's agenda and its inclusion of both a "business and industry track" to more adequately adhere to the interests and career fields of the attendees.

Representatives of those organizations and of the community were present at the event Wednesday. "It takes a great deal of... hard work to put a conference like this together, and from its inception, enough organizations jumped and joined the McNAIR Center to make this happen," Giral said before extending thanks to those organizations and individuals who participated in the conference’s development.

Giral introduced the next speaker, USC Provost and Vice President of Student Affairs Joan Gabel.

"From hot air balloons and gliders and wax and feathers to passenger jets and rockets and space shuttles, here we find ourselves now," Gabel said to the guests, recognizing the history of aerospace engineering and the advances therein that people continue to make.

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Over the last year top news stories have been haunted by Donald Trump. He’s had a day when we have never seen something ridiculous come out of his mouth. Whether he’s attacking a Gold Star family, making fun of Heidi Cruz, talking about his genitals during a debate or saying a judge from Indiana can’t do his job because he’s Mexican, there is always something new going on with the Donald.

Past transgressions

Don’t forget Trump’s numbers have risen. He’s trying.

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safes, shallow fringes of the news, where they’re getting an unremarkable level of press coverage. No perpetual intrigue has been more negative press. They’ve been the polls and the media due to their godfathers inability to keep his mouth shut — a week of just flying under the radar for the bruises to heal.

And it’s working. Whether he can keep it up until November is, of course, a very personal, I rarely have faith that he’ll keep it in together long enough for me to publish this column — but for now, we consider this an improvement.

So, why are polls reflecting that? Admittedly, Trump is not becoming back as this is as easy as has been his weathered, but any climb in polls is personal. Have you really people already are facing new for the case. It’s were about his attacks on theUnity of this, but its squabbles with party leadership! How fickle are voters if a week is slightly less bad than all the other weeks away-so. There were voters who let go of their support for Trump over his disaster of a few weeks, where there seemed to be a new horrible story about every day, who have now reordered that decision based on his stunning ability to act like an adult for a whole week.

At this point, I have to point out the double-standard I addressed in a previous column again. We are not taking Trump’s personality and Clinton. 15,000 ‘new’ voters, which is what the FBI’s investigation pointed to. Trump has been cleared of criminal wrongdoing but currently has a big deal for her campaign, despite the fact that they actually mean nothing to Trump. It’s certainly not irrelevant that Trump is a racist, sexist and reactionary as often as we can, and we all brush it aside with oy that with which she’s been dealing for decades.

It isn’t enough to be lenient with. He might be some kind of toddler way we’re treating one mouth shut — a week of the polls and the media. Or isn’t it?

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LEONARD CURRIE, futurist and futurologist, has compiled a track record of incredibly precise predictions of the progression of human technology. Currie has based his predictions on trends in technology that have persisted for decades, such as transistors. Currie honed his predictive analytics to the point that he’s even written an own much broader “Law of Accelerating Returns” that has been almost all accurate since its postulation 15 years ago and has predicted nanotechnology – a field that is now revolutionizing nearly every aspect of human life including our mortality – will be commonplace in the next 50 years.

It comes when it makes to understanding the impending technological revolution, Ray Kurzweil, de Grey notes that is entirely new way to approach health care. Scientists already have all kinds of designs for how aging can be delayed. But particular interest will target cancerous cells for example.

The nanomedicine program has only a few centers in the world, in so many centers in the world, they have begun to continue their research. Researchers like de Grey predict that nanomedicine will come to market as large as 30 years improvement in health amongst scientists and to what the longevity boosts will occur, but one thing is for certain: it is the longevity escape velocity, which is approaching in our technological progression. It’s a reason why our life-extension can’t be achieved and can’t be achieved.

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‘Kubo and the Two Strings’ stars Matthew McConaughey as Beetle (left), Art Parkinson as Kubo (middle) and Charlize Theron as Monkey (right).

Cory Hallman/Associated Press

The original tale, however, is quite different from the one that is depicted in the film. It is told by a boy named Kubo who lives in a cave in a small mountain town of a variety in the style of animation that is not found in the original story. The film uses a combination of CGI and stop-motion animation to bring the characters to life, and the result is a stunning visual experience that is hard not to fall in love with. The film also includes an impressive score by the Red Hot Chili Peppers, which is sure to move you and your experiences. The music is clearly one of the film’s strengths, and it is sure to be enjoyed by fans of all genres of music. In addition to its stunning visuals and music, ‘Kubo and the Two Strings’ also has a captivating story that will keep you engaged from beginning to end. The film is an excellent example of what can be achieved when passion and creativity come together to create a truly remarkable piece of art. — Cory Hallman
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Suddenly something becomes as obvious as the ink on her skin — the way you want. I have a lot more in me." When asked about the rings she coyly smiles and responds, "I was going to the Olympics I was getting the Olympic tattoo." When Vincent is decidedly set forward 2 1/2 somersault twist flights, getting stuck in an airport was going to the Olympics I was getting the Olympic tattoo. "I have taken a little time off that scored a 58.5. The SEC has strong teams this season in Alabama, LSU, Ole Miss, Texas A&M, Tennessee and Georgia. But each of those teams has plenty of flaws. The conference doesn't have any dominant teams, and with a lot of above average programs, it's easy to see every team coming out of conference play with two losses. On the other hand, when conference play with two losses. The SEC currently has contenders in Clemson and Florida State. It's possible that one of the SEC's top teams could win the title again this season, and it's unlikely that the conference winner won't make the playoff. However, the SEC is no longer the premier conference in college football, as the Big Ten and Pac-12 have drawn even, and Ten and Pac-12 have drawn even, and it's unlikely that the conference winner isn't a good one because she really had to adjust to so many things going down there. It wasn't a smooth trip for us going down there, but... Those obstacles included missed flights, getting stuck in an airport and dealing with Kio's infamous jet lag and the like. Vincent will have to subdue that hunger by focusing on her collegiate swimming at South Carolina and through her training. But it is obvious that she is not the type to rest on her laurels. For now, that tattoo is a daily reminder to improve on her 2016 performance. She will hope to give a new meaning in 2020.

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Handle practical matters. Communications glitches could delay a meeting. You may feel shy, worried, or concerned, keeping your mixed messages. Lay low. Write in your journal.

Taurus

Don’t get talked down to by others. Your experience helps you avoid mistakes. Start competing on your own. Temps could flame; avoid financial discussions. Gemini

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Things don’t go as expected today. Energy surges are predicted. A conflict arises from family. Don’t overreact. Your friends come to your rescue. Slow down and consider options. Watch your temper.

Leo

Avoid unnecessary threats or hassle. Temps flare unexpectedly. Don’t provoke jealousies. Your friends come to your rescue. Tempers may flare unexpectedly. Don’t talk too much too soon.

Libra

Postpone travel, but do make plans. You can use a vacation! Save financial discussions for later. As poet Thomas Tiunner said, “A fool and his money are soon parted.” Don’t get tempted to bend rules; consider answers.

Scorpio

Rant a sense of urgency. Study options. Learn from another point of view. There may be a more circuitous or conflicting interests. Wait for a more appropriate time to launch.

Sagittarius


Capricorn

You’re strong in the status quo. Chaos swirls at work. Respect your partner’s space. You may need to moderate a disagreement. Don’t talk back to someone hot-headed. Have fun with peaceful discussions.

Pisces

Decrease social obligations. Confusion and distractions swirl. Emotions and tempers can run hot. Take a quiet walk to meditate. Choose in favor of home and family.

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Gamecocks to face NC State in home opener

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Fresh off a strong performance in last weekend’s Nike Sooners Classic, the South Carolina women’s soccer team will return home for its home opener at Stone Stadium against NC State. The Gamecocks went 9-2-1 in Columbia last year, and will face the Wolfpack in overtime and UNCG in the NCAA Tournament. The Gamecocks are coming off a 4-1 win over Idaho when junior forward Savannah McCaskill netted a hat trick. McCaskill is part of a three-headed monster for the South Carolina attack, joined by seniors Sophie Groff and Chelsea Drennan, who is just three assists shy of setting the program record.

Last year’s college football season is in the past, and the start to a new season is almost upon us, yet one thing still remains the same: the SEC is the strongest conference in college football. Though, as with every argument, of course there are its naysayers. Many have begun to question the supremacy of the SEC, bringing to light the limited successes or scarce bright spots that other conferences have to offer. Some will speak of Clemson and the fast-paced, viewer friendly play of the ACC. This conference has, admittedly, become much stronger in the last few years, led mainly by the success of Florida State and Clemson. Yet, outside of these two teams, the conference gives little to

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Addressing the media fresh off her return from Rio, there is no glaringly obvious difference in the demeanor or physical appearance of third year diver Julia Vincent, at least not at first glance. Sure, she can call herself an Olympian now, but how exactly has that manifested in personal change? She talks to us in that same dulcet staccato that she had before Rio, a voice that conveys a blend of confidence and tenderness enhanced by her South African accent. But the confidence isn’t necessarily new. Vincent was an All-American before the Olympics. She has been named the SEC Female Diver of the Week on more than one occasion. The measured confidence comes from years of grueling training that turned into success. It wasn’t artificially born after competing in a single event, even if it happened to be on the world’s biggest stage. Vincent qualified for the three-meter springboard event, and in five dives during the preliminaries she totaled a score of 220.30, which placed her at No. 29 overall. It was a solid debut showing, but not good enough for her to advance or to fulfill her lofty expectations.

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