Students dressing up for K-run Saturday

A row of beer taps line the wall behind the bar Thursday at Delaney’s Irish Pub in Five Points. The bar is a favorite spot for revelers on St. Patrick’s Day and is across the street from Saturday’s annual festival.

Shamrock ‘sorority’ seeks a pot of gold for charity

Jeff Roberson

Kappa Delta sorority chapters nationwide have been fundraising for the Child Abuse of America charity, but this week KD is raising awareness about the issue at USC with its annual “Shamrock Project.”

The sorority raised more than $12,000 during last year’s annual parade held in Five Points. According to Arcell, a lot of KD’s money comes from ticket sales. Ticket prices typically range from $5 to $15.

This year KD is hoping to increase community awareness. KD encourages students to march in the parade, as the more people that march, the larger donation cut they receive from the Five Points Association. For more information on how to register for the parade, see www.shamrockproject.com.

“KD’s philanthropy is all about being involved with the campus,” said Arcell. “It’s a great way to come together, and we’re trying to get the KD sisters involved in the community.”

KD has been active all this week, giving out blue ribbons and stickers in front of the Russell House on Greene Street. They have been working to raise awareness about childhood and collect donations to support the cause.

“The philanthropy says a lot for the community,” Arcell said. “We are raising awareness beyond the boundaries of the campus and reaching out to the community.”

The philanthropy culminates in the popular St. Patrick’s Day annual parade held in Five Points this Saturday at 10 a.m. The parade will begin at Dreher High School and proceed down Devine Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

KD is heavily involved with the parade. Members help to organize the floats and march behind them to keep them in order. KD even has its own float in the parade, along with a float dedicated to child abuse that is intended to increase community awareness.

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KD is also affiliated with three other organizations: Girl Scouts of America, America Academic of Orthopedic Surgeons and Children’s Hospital of Richmond, Va.

KD will accept donations until the day of the parade. Any donations may be brought to the KD house in the Greek Village or directed to Meredith Swilley, who can be contacted at swilley@mailbox.sc.edu.

The RHA Spring Charity Ball planned for Friday, April 7 at the Columbia Conference Center is in danger of being canceled because of poor ticket sales, said RHA senator and third-year criminal justice student Randall Phillips. Phillips said his committee has put a lot of effort into running this ball and would hate to see this happen. Phillips did say that this week’s planning has been beginning to organize a large-scale advertising campaign to increase the event’s visibility.

“Hopefully, this week I can get with some people, and we can talk about ’what do we need to do to make this ball attractive to the community?’” Phillips said. The ball is open to all USC students. Tickets for the normal cost $20 and are available at the Russell House Information Center until March 24. However, there is this chance the date will be extended.

“One hundred percent of the ticket sales will be donated to charity,” Phillips said. These proceeds will also fund a state-wide camp for mentally handicapped children, and Camp Setonum, which caters to specifically-
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State

Congress votes to up war, relief spending
WASHINGTON — Congress pushed the ceiling on the national debt to nearly $9 trillion Thursday, and the House and Senate publicly voted for major spending initiatives for the war in Iraq, hurricane relief and education.

The Senate, on a 12-48 vote, sent President Bush a measure allowing the government to borrow an additional $781 billion and preventing a first-ever default on Treasury notes. The move allows lawmakers and the president to pay for the war in Iraq, raising taxes or cutting popular domestic programs.

Hours after the House approved by a 348-71 vote $52 billion in new money for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Senate actuated the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast.

The blueprint for the budget year that begins Oct. 1 bears little resemblance to one from Bush last month. The votes set up a confrontation with the House, which is certain to oppose the additional spending.

The debt limit increase was the fourth of Bush’s presidency, totaling $1 trillion. With the budget deficit expected to approach $400 billion for both this fiscal year and next, the debt limit increase in the deficit limit almost certainly will be required next year.

Nation

U.S. military launches attack for insurgents
BAGHDAD, Iraq — In a well-publicized show of force, U.S. and Iraqi forces swept into the countryside north of the capital in 50 helicopters Thursday, looking for insurgents in what the American military calls in "largest air assault" in nearly three years.

The military said the assault — Operation Swarm — had caught 41 people, found stolen uniforms and captured weapons including explosives used in roadside bombs. It said the operation would continue over several days.

There was no bombing or firing from the air in the offensive northeast of Samarra, a town 60 miles north of Baghdad, the military said.

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While it’s unlikely the offline war was more than a show of force, it might lead to the offline war being in Five Points a much better way to celebrate the holiday as a college town like Five Points.

``The problem is a drunk driving.``

``We're really excited to share that energy and creative energy with each other with a syringe at 6 p.m.,`` said Amie Dillard, a second-year student at USC who organized the program with classmates John Drew Allen and Ian Jeffress.

``This is a great opportunity for us to put our creative energy together and organize the program with classmate John Drew Allen junior and professor of music performance and visual art and design Virginia Stokes.

``Drew Allen brought the syringe to the Rodrigo E. Lee academy on Tuesday, headmaster Virginia Stokes said.

``The needle may have belonged to the third-grader's grandmother, who is a nurse, Stokes said.``

``During lunch time, he began to stick some of his classmates,`` she said.``They saw it as a fun thing to do, so some of them even took it to another grade.

``A teacher discovered the children had been pricked and took them to the school nurse,`` Stokes said.``The needle had small puncture wounds with alcohol, Stokes said.

``The school also contacted parents, encouraging them to take the children to the doctor.``

``It's unlikely that the children contracted any disease,`` the Department of Health and Environmental Control has recommended that all children struck by the syringe be tested for HIV and Hepatitis B and C.

``The boy has been suspended and could be expelled,`` Stokes said.``He believes he did not realize he was putting his classmates in danger.``

CRIME REPORT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

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Suspended activity, 4:16 p.m.

Saturday, March 18

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The menu for the evening will be heavy hors d’oeuvres such as southern herb cream cheese, smoked salmon mousse, brie and bacon on pita wedges and bruschetta.

The Columbia Conference Center is located at 169 Laurelhurst Ave., near Interstate 26. Bus transportation will be provided.

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Failing grade. The higher grade earned would be counted towards the student’s GPA, but the failing grade would still stay on the student’s record. “The motivation here is not to inflate GPAs in any way, shape, or form,” Becker said, but to offer students a chance to compensate for “extenuating” circumstances, such as deaths in the family or serious illnesses.

Member Othniel H. Wienges Jr., a farmer and 1947 USC alum, inquired if the extra classes would be funded from the state lottery. Becker said that wasn’t the case.

Becker said it was “very likely” that the Faculty Senate would choose to modify the program as proposed to satisfy their own intentions for the program, rather than approve the program without any grievances.

Regardless, Preston and Holt both expressed happiness that the Board was receptive.

Preston said this left the proposal to the Faculty Senate’s jurisdiction, where it properly belonged. Grade forgiveness programs are in place in several ACC, Big 10 and SEC schools, including the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Florida, the University of North Carolina and Clemson.

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RACE

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The race will be very competitive because of the cash prizes,” Lomas said. “Last year we had three runners finish in less than 16 minutes, and this year we will probably have five.”

Lomas said the number of runners already registered promises a strong turnout for the race, and he expects many college students in the mix.

“So far we have over 900 runners, and we are shooting for the 900 mark, but we could get 1000,” Lomas said. “We have had a strong turnout from the college including many first time runners, which is always good.”

Third-year history student Will Gillette said the early start time of the race deterred him from entering.

“The time is just too early for me as far as entering a competitive race goes. If it started later in the day, then maybe, but 8:30 is too early,” Gillette said.

Food, drinks and first aid will be available at the end of the race, and the awards ceremony will commence at 9:30 a.m. at Delaney’s Irish Pub.

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True meaning behind St. Patrick's Day isn't about getting drunk

Firstly, I’d like to point out my colleague’s completely tongue in cheek. At no point was the holiday ever intended to offended any person, except perhaps the K campus Board of Education. Now that’s out the way, on to the actual subject.

Any good party starts with... Sex.

Being March 17, apparently according to old Patent as a reason to celebrate. Patrick was born as a Briton and, by copying other people, managed to look the part. For a Briton — the new type from the United Kingdom, and not the old Celtic type like Patrick — with a keen sense of history, the day is at best amusing and gets some suspicion.

That its real purpose was to send the U.S. into two wars and occupied two nations came as a savage attack in New York. Yet, for decades, the U.S. put up with the Irish and the British occupation of the city centers, pubs and whorehouses of its own.

Sex was key, such lustful acts were wounded, and hundreds were killed. Sadly, this story is only 33 years old.


In your opinion

By college students, become adults

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Music School event showcases talented students, faculty

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been looking for a way to spend a wad of cash all at once while playing the parts of both conspicuous consumer and philanthropist? Now's your chance! This weekend you can fulfill your latent desire to play at being an 18th century French nobleman at court when you arrive at the Moveable Musical Feast festooned in your powdered wig and breeches.

USC's School of Music will showcase all its talent Saturday when it presents the annual fundraising event at the Hotel Palmetto Ballroom.

Sponsored by the Friends of the School of Music, the extravaganza will be held in the Ballroom. Tickets cost $125 each, with proceeds going toward scholarships for USC music students.

Dr. Bert Ligon, professor of jazz studies at the School of Music, said, "Everyone [in the School of Music] benefits from it." Ligon also mentioned that, in addition to the proceeds from tickets, there is a silent auction for a jazz T-shirt.

"That money goes to the jazz program," Ligon said, "so you can count on even more of your favorite from the jazz studies program!" Ligon also noted the effectiveness of the Moveable Musical Feast in increasing awareness of the different ensembles at the School of Music.

"There's something for everyone," Ligon added, "even if your face isn't represented," he said. "The School of Music supports only a few ensembles, but you can raise funds on other ensembles like the jazz band." "This exposes them to things they haven't been to before," Ligon said. "The Moveable Musical Feast will have quite a spread, featuring both exotic entrées and crunchy snack foods! Festivities begin with a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and an hour-long concert by USC music faculty and students. The program includes performances by pianist Marina Lomazov, the Concert Choir conducted by Larry Wyatt, Left Bank Jazz conducted by Ligon, USC Orchestra with student Cindy Hannah and a classical guitar and jazz trio.

The Friends of the School of Music, a nonprofit organization launched in 1992, comprises citizens who appreciate music and music education. The group encourages public support of USC music events and raises money for student scholarships.

But some students find the $125 price tag to be too much to attend the event.

Brittany Skiles, a second-year psychology student, said, while pulling her pockets inside out, "It sounds really interesting and I'd like to go, but I'm just a poor college student."
**Top Ten Sports Films**

1. **“Field of Dreams”**
   - “Anytime Iowa and corn are mentioned in the same sentence, everyone thinks of, “If you build it, he will come.” “Field of Dreams” has humorous moments as well as tear-jerking ones and offers something for everyone.

2. **“Rudy”**
   - Sean Astin found a hit in “Rudy” as the Notre Dame football player who refused to stop believing in the power of his dreams. Viewers can’t help but cheer along with the film when the packed stadium begins chanting his name.

3. **“The Rookie”**
   - Provides one of sports film’s most morose endings. The dramatic plot who promises his players he’ll try out for the majors if they make the playoffs. Tom Hanks as manager Jimmy Dugan epitomizes the film and baseball when he reveals the heart of athletes facing monetary and celebrity distractions.

4. **“Remember the Titans”**
   - Not only provides an endearing football story, but it refused to stop believing in the power of his dreams. Viewers can’t help but cheer along with the film when the packed stadium begins chanting his name.

5. **“Rocky”**
   - Sylvester Stallone brought brawn to the masses with his tough-guy-against-the-odds story, which sparked numerous sequels. Sports fans can’t help but root and watch when a “Rocky” film surfaces on cable.

6. **“The Natural”**
   - For anyone who has ever played a pickup game of baseball or grown up in a close-knit group of neighborhood kids, “The Natural” evokes childhood adventures and produces roaring laughs with its clever writing.

7. **Friday Night Lights**
   - Based on a true story, “Friday Night Lights” shows high school football’s great intensity and how much it means to small towns. The dramatic plot by Cuba Gooding Jr.’s performance. “Jerry Maguire” adventures and produces riotous laughs with its clever writing.

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10. **“A League of Their Own”**
    - “A League of Their Own” proves that girls can play ball and still look pretty. The ending is typical of a chick flick, but it wouldn’t have worked any other way. White McConaughey and Parker are rumored to have negotiations about one another offscreen, but absolutely without any onscreen. McConaughey should be named current chick flick king because he’s perfect for these movies. He is an actor with an-adorable-grin role. Tripp in “Failure to Launch” is reminiscent of Ben from “How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days” and Steve in “The Wedding Planner.” Parker transitioned from the lovable Carreiro Bradshaw in her negotiate “sex and the city” series to chick flick star status rather easily. This is your childhood dream. She was the girl you loved to hate in “The Family Stone.” She is cutey and intelligent in “Failure to Launch.” Her one annoying trait she should ditch in all future roles is the ear-piercing screech she exudes when she’s supposedly startled.

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43. "Don’t Stop"
Despite early controversy, the U.S. would have been eliminated.

but scored less than seven runs, the U.S. team would still have been able to advance. If Japan had won, the U.S. would have lost to the South Korean squad, a South Korean victory against Japan means that the possibility of reaching the semifinal round of the tournament remains open.

Actually, had Japan won the game and scored seven runs, the U.S. team would still have been able to defeat South Korea if Japan had won, but scored less than seven runs, the U.S. would have been eliminated. And this would all be a moot point unless the U.S. beat Mexico in its final second-round game.

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Tournament officials.

The possibility of an all star multimillion-dollar contract suffering a season-ending injury during the Classic has remained the elephant in the room for tournament officials. The tournament also entered the realm of the political when the U.S. Commerce Department announced that Cuba would not be able to play because of the ongoing trade embargo with Castro’s dictatorship. Cuba was eventually allowed to play after agreeing to donate all the proceeds to Hurricane Katrina relief. The gathering was a “Down with Fidel” event, held in Puerto Rico when a fan held up a “Down with Fidel” floor general. The older and younger players view this weekend as something to be looked forward to as an end of the season. The World Baseball Classic will continue to grow. This inaugural tournament has had several problems, indeed, but the concept has come to fruition in the midst of baseball fans around the world, including here in America. Hopefully it won’t take a humiliating exit by Team USA, a team with the greatest collection of baseball talent ever assembled, for the general public to awaken and see the importance of international competition. We already had that with USA Basketball.

Dave is looking to build on a solid finish to 2005. In USC’s last four games, he rushed for 411 yards and four touchdowns. “I want to work on running the ball and ‘Speed power — everything needs that move’,” he said.

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Davis also sounded excited about Boyd’s return to the offense. “I’ve always wanted to play with him since high school,” Davis said. “I’m having some time playing with him right now. We are really getting into a rhythm and I’m going to make us and the best matchups have not really look forward to playing with him more, he’s a great player and a team leader.”

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On top of Tisby’s performance, Stephen McDowell was a perfect 3-for-3 from behind the arc and scored 10 points. The third-seeded Gamecocks avowed the winner of the Florida State-Butler matchup for their opponent in next Tuesday’s round. If FSU wins, the Gamecocks will travel to Jacksonville. Should Butler win, the Gamecocks would play host at the Colonial Center. "It's always a blessing to be here in the postseason," Kinsey said. "We're just out here having fun. We have another chance to play in the postseason." USC missed out on an NCAA bid by losing to Florida on Sunday.

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**USC shutout Reese Havens tries to throw out a runner during the Gamecocks’ 8-2 victory over Yale.**

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