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Oder, the Polish pope who is spearheading the beatification cause, acknowledged recently that his probe was complex and by no means routine — particularly considering the vast amount of material his predecessor had to deal with.

About 130 people were interviewed, historians gathered books about John Paul from libraries around the globe, and theologians studied his personal writings to determine if he ever wrote anything heretical. Critics also had a voice, although Oder said the vast majority of the criticism was against John Paul as a person but against some aspect of his teachings or church doctrine. “To tell the truth, this doesn’t weigh heavily on the merits of the process much,” he said.

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Murders were rare in the town of 6,000 people. During the spring of 1996, police officers killed during a routine call were memorialized Saturday in a service with so many people it was held in a high school gym.

Grim-faced officers stood behind two flag-draped coffins into which police pallbearers escorted the bodies. Fire trucks with flashing lights lined the route to rest later during private ceremonies.

Throughout Saturday’s 90-minute service, people landed the pair for their devotion to the badge and their ultimate sacrifice.

“Marcus and Lonnie laid their lives on the line this past Sunday and made the ultimate sacrifice,” Moncks Corner police Lt. Michael Roach said. “But I submit to you that they laid their lives on the line and made sacrifices every day.”

Fire trucks with flashing lights lined the route into town Saturday, silent tribute to the fallen officers. Later, the wall of sirens and the rumble of police motorcycles signaled the arrival of the funeral procession and the hearse containing the bodies.

“His arms around both of them,” Roach said. “I am sure God met them at the end of their tour of duty. But they had reached the end of their tour of duty.... Now it is time for us to take their place in heaven. ... Now it is time for us to say goodbye. Thank you, over and out.”

But the service closed with a 21-gun salute. Then, a police dispatcher’s voice crackled through the air, sending out the final call. The dispatcher radioed Wells’ and Stiles’ call numbers three times. But they had reached the end of their tour of duty.

“They worked together, and they answered their last call together,” Roach said. “I am sure God met them at the gates of heaven, and with His Arms around both of them said, ‘Welcome home my faithful servants.’”
Illegal immigrants found selling sex in Myrtle Beach bust

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U.S. Attorney Reggie O. Lindsey said he plans an increased push against prostitution trafficking after authorities broke up a prostitution ring run by three illegal immigrants.

In the past, South Carolina authorities would simply deport women in the country illegally if they were arrested for prostitution and then let them go. But the bust on Palm Sunday was the largest one in South Carolina, and it was also the first time authorities had arrested an illegal immigrant for prostitution.

The bust was part of a sting operation that began last July and involved five officers from the U.S. Marshal's Service.

The operation included surveillance of a brothel in Myrtle Beach and a raid on the home of an illegal immigrant who was believed to be the ring's leader.

The police found three women and two men who were arrested on charges of prostitution and human trafficking.

The women were charged with prostitution, human trafficking, and conspiracy to traffic women.

The men were charged with human trafficking and conspiracy to traffic women.

The women were also charged with possession of a firearm by an illegal alien.

The women were held without bond.

The men were held on $10,000 bond.

The operation was part of the U.S. Marshals Service's Human Smuggling and Exploitation Unit, which targets human smuggling and trafficking.

The operation also involved the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Myrtle Beach Police Department, and the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

The bust was part of a larger effort to combat human trafficking in the area.

In a statement, Lindsey said the operation was a success because it targeted the ring's leaders and disrupted the operation.

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Former comedian would have had a rough life if he grew up in New York, not West

Marie you didn't notice the last time you got in your car to drive across the city that the person sharing the roadway with you are the country's worst drivers, or so the April issue of Men's Health magazine would have you believe.

Based on statistics of the rate of fatal accidents, accidents, speed and seatbelt usage from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Columbia tops the list of 100 cities of America's worst drivers. These statistics, though a little bit subjective, substantiate this rank.

Anyone who actually drives through this city on a daily basis knows the roads might be terrible to navigate, but in comparison to cities like Miami, New York and even Charlotte, Columbia isn't all that bad. Columbia might be the worst city to drive in, but that doesn't mean it has the worst drivers.

Blaming the drivers for the city's faults is like connecting similar puzzle pieces; they don't logically go together. Jumping from these numbers to "worst drivers" is a hard claim to make.

Seatbelt usage is a personal responsibility that doesn't necessarily affect whether or not someone can or cannot have a car accident. Pretty much all bad drivers never get in wrecks, while good drivers can encounter the bad luck of a terrible road or a tire blowout any day.

People who make these outrageous claims are the ones to look out for. Columbia is a city with a growing population of non-traditional students. The University needs a college without walls in order to accommodate the needs of these and other students who are looking for a better education.

College kids shouldn't fear high hopes

Despite youth, fighting for what you believe in can create real changes.

College students have the ability to change the world if we are willing to invest our time and passion into the causes we care about. The problems and injustices of this world can be remedied if students take their talents and values and put them into action.

One of the best examples of a college student taking up a cause and making a difference is when Wendell Wilkie ran for President in 1940. The story of Wilkie's life is that of one of the most eloquent, powerful speakers America has ever known. Wilkie was loudly against the African slave trade. He talked with slaves, climbed through the ships used in the Middle Passage, and watched as slaves were sold like animals in the street. His first book was published in 1807 with a vote of 283 to 77. The measure passed the failed vote after failed vote. Wilkie even led a movement to topple a pillar of the British Empire. Wilkie even led a movement to topple a pillar of the British Empire.

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In our search for lodging, freshmen are being ignored

The time of the year when you find out where you will stay on campus is rapidly approaching for the next year, housing sign-ups, too, pass

Housing puts concerns of average Joe behind freshmen, on list

To some students who have been through the school and have been shifted between residence halls so many times, it may seem minor, but to others who have never had a place to call home, worry is on their minds. "I'm not trying to rant or anything," said one engineering student assigned to Bates House. "I'm just not sure the rooms are easier said than done, but what is housing department doing for us?" "I'm not sure," said an engineering student.

The university lacks the expertise of a group of non-traditional students. Athens, C. Neil Scott, is one example of Wilberforce and the Burqa.

Aside from Jones' annoying British habit of giving talks with an "a" and civilized with an "e," did you notice anything else? Jones seems to be under the impression that Iran's seizure of 15 British sailors and Royal Marine soldiers is the root of all their problems. The things held in Guantanamo Bay are needed to help the war effort. Those, and Jones, once member of famed 1970 comedy troupe "Monty Python," seems to have left behind his comedic skill once he possessed in that decade.

In the spirit of Jones' "I'm not sure you have seen the equivalence leads you to believe." Jones might have had a rough life if he became a college student taking up a cause and making a difference as when Wendell Wilkie ran for President in 1940. The story of Wilkie's life is that of one of the most eloquent, powerful speakers America has ever known. Wilkie was loudly against the African slave trade. He talked with slaves, climbed through the ships used in the Middle Passage, and watched as slaves were sold like animals in the street. His first book was published in 1807 with a vote of 283 to 77. The measure passed the failed vote after failed vote. Wilkie even led a movement to topple a pillar of the British Empire. Wilkie even led a movement to topple a pillar of the British Empire.

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Blades of Glory’ goes for the gold

Comedy team brings cheesiness, amusing antics to skating film

"Blades of Glory" ★★★★★

Tyler Mebley
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Ever since Will Ferrell and Jon Heder came close to over-exposing themselves over the past couple years, fans have had their fingers crossed over each release to see if they can go off the funny deep end. Luckily, it seems “Talladega Nights” got Ferrell back on track as the hairy genius we all know and love, and Heder at least not acting like he’s still on “Napoleon Dynamite.”

With “Blades of Glory,” Ferrell plays an overly masculine, extreme dimwitted character, much like those he’s played in the past. This time, instead of normcore camera men or success, Ferrell straps on a pair of ice skates and has Heder in the apparently arthritic arena of Lakeside rink skating. "Blades of Glory” is one of those movies that could either be hilarious or

Jimmy MacElroy, played by Jon Heder, is one half of a competitive male-male ice skating team in “Blades of Glory.”

‘Rent’ playwright’s musical highlights struggling artists

“If...tick...BOOM!” ★★★★★

Maura Clement
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Through the adept eyes of director Randy Hanna, the Trustus Theatre has again searched off-Broadway and found a hit. The rock n’ roll heart of “tick...tick...BOOM!” speaks to anyone who has ever considered pursuing a life in the arts or pursuing any dreams out of the ordinary.

“tick...tick...BOOM!” is an autobiographical rock musical by Jonathan Larson, writer of “Rent.” Local actor Kevin Bush skillfully plays Jon, a struggling musician trying to write a rock musical to define his generation. Robin Gottlieb and Kyle L. Collins play Jon’s girlfriend Susan and best friend Michael, respectively. All three are strong vocally and in their characterization.

The play gets off to a quick start with the opening number “525,600,” as Jon dreads turning 30 in 1990. All three characters fear they might not be cut out for a life in the arts and that they might be missing out on “real life.” The three-person cast works well together, each being receptive to the reactions and emotions of the others. The depth of the connection between the actors was evident in their flawless performance of Larson’s three part harmonies. Like “Rent,” “tick...tick...BOOM!” is set in 1990s New York City. Larson focuses on the Bohemian artist’s pursuit of any dreams out of the ordinary. Robin Gottlieb adeptly plays “Rent” writer of “Rent.” Local actor Kevin Bush skillfully plays Jon, a struggling musician trying to write a rock musical to define his generation. Robin Gottlieb and Kyle L. Collins play Jon’s girlfriend Susan and best friend Michael, respectively. All three are strong vocally and in their characterization.

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Will Speck and Josh "caveman" commercials, opportunity to work with I've worked on, and that we as opposed to like maybe like.

Dreamworks production is 6 of "College Hill." From forward to on this season viewers have a lot to look

exactly why it's funny. who is more manly, but that's actually fun to watch. Yes, they are two grown men in we skates bickering about who is more manly, but that's exactly why it's funny.

Most of the dialogue between the characters, especially between Ferrell and Heder, feels improved. While they're never flying by the seat of their pants, you never get the feeling that everyone is reading from a set script. Even Heder, whose character isn't nearly as out-there as Ferrell, does a good job of keeping up with the pace of the conversations.

Honorables mention go to Tanya Palermo ("Saturday Night Live") and Jenna Fischer ("The Office"). Both of whom steal the majority of their scenes. Palermo plays a great ice queen type with all of her evil plotting and inhumanity. Meanwhile, Fischer gets her moment for generally being the prettiest and most adorable person on-camera. You'll want to hug her.

"Blades of Glory" is very funny movie. It's not as consistently funny as "Talladega Nights," but it is worlds funnier than it promised to be.

While the subject should obviously make the funniest movie in years. Ferrell and Heder seemed from the trailers that they might just be mauling their performances in. Honestly, a "We Happy Few" reference is not going to be funny whether it's Ferrell saying it or not.

"Blades of Glory" is the home movie of male-fig skating. Something that really does think it was kind of nice, " Heder said. "It wasn't," Heder said. "I was going into a spin, but my foot stayed planted in the ice, and so I just kind of crumpled and toppled over after it," he said.

For an actor to sacrifice this much for a laugh, you can be sure to see Heder in many more roles to come.

"Blades of Glory" is now playing.
Junior infielder Travis Jones runs toward a ground ball during the Gamecocks’ 8-2 win over the Vanderbilt Commodores at Sarge Frye Field on Sunday afternoon.

HOROSCOPES
Aries
Don’t expect to agree with your partner about everything. It may be difficult, actually, to agree about anything.
Taurus
You’re very good at what you do, and rapidly getting better. The job is getting to be more fun.
Gemini
You’re being tested on how well you can handle your temper. Don’t tell the boss exactly what you think now, either.
Cancer
Take extra time to make sure your home is snug and comfortable. That extra attention to detail will be especially appreciated now.
Leo
You may discover an error in your accounting, if you look carefully.
Virgo
Divining up the treasure is always one of your favorite jobs. This time, the challenge is to keep it from appearing.
Libra
A confrontation now is apt to lead to a breakthrough. Both you and your adversary get to consider another option.
Scorpio
Take a little time for yourself. You need to hide away in a quiet place and plan your next move.
Sagittarius
You’ve an excellent talker. Now, however, your best strategy is to listen carefully.
Capricorn
You’re in the enviable position of being able to direct the flow of wealth into your pocket.
Aquarius
Better limit your voyages to flights of fancy now. There’s not quite enough time to get as far as you want to go.
Pisces
The decisions you’re facing concern allocation of your funds. You’ll probably decide in favor of spending, so be very careful.

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Minimum age limits raise b-ball standards

League restrictions first step in improving game, must maintain direction

A year ago, the powers that be decided they'd benefit everyone if they made high school basketball players wait until they were at least 18 before entering the NBA draft. The college game is filled with superstars who are not necessarily the best player in their age bracket but who have a role to play in events like the NCAA tournament. The NBA is about to decide it's not having to deal with high school stars and raw talent but no fundamentals. But as long as national champions manage to get away with it, we're not likely to see many realizations that 19 isn't too young to play in the pros.

Players like the NCAAs and the NBA Players union agree that players wait three years out of high school before they declare for the draft, a move that should help the NFL, with the pros and college players, have better players to start off the season.

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