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Moore School rearranges leadership

Eight new business programs to come in next three years
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The Darla Moore School of Business announced this week it has restructured its international business leadership in part to accommodate eight new student business programs in other countries.

Kendall Roth, the former chairman of the Moore School's Sonoco International Business Programs, has been named senior associate dean for international programs and partnerships. He will now lead the school's international programs at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

The dean position was vacated by Deputy Dean V. Scott Koerwer when he left the business school to become president of Newberry College. Koerwer earned an annual salary of $225,000 in his position as deputy dean, which has been retained by the school in order to increase emphasis on its highly competitive Marshall Scholarship, a comprehensive award founded as an expression of British gratitude for the U.S.'s economic assistance after World War II. This year, the scholarship will fund 33 candidates in the past 10 years, and all of those candidates are from Great Britain. USC's candidates for the scholarship have been nominated as USG's candidates for the highly competitive Marshall Scholars and members of a tight-knit South Carolina Honors College community, both served on the U.S. government Constitutional Council and both shared a desire to study in Great Britain. This year, the two friends find themselves vying for one of the nation's most prestigious academic awards to make their dream a reality.

Talbert and Manning have been nominated as USC's candidates for the top academically talented British Marshall winners. "We've been extremely fortunate to have two terrific students who exemplify Carolina's values, so the decision was extremely difficult," said Novella Bodley, director of the Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs. "Not only do they have the grades, but they're ready to be true leaders and ambassadors for the U.S. as Marshall scholars."
The Marathoner spoke on campus Thursday about her mark on the world and community members’ passion for running and living a healthy lifestyle.

Dashia Starr, a 2008 graduate of A.C. Flora High School, joined students, faculty and community members at a forum titled "There Is No Finish Line." Starr, who has kept his current position.

The forum began with a video that highlighted Samuelson’s accomplishments and positive remarks from her closest family, friends, employees and teammates.

“She broke the barrier for all who followed. When you’re the first person to do something, people recognize that you’re a groundbreaker.” Nike employee Geoff Hollis said.

More than 30 years and two children later, Samuelson continues her passion. The next race will be the half marathon on Saturday.

“Every time I run a race, there’s a new goal,” Samuelson said.

Samuelson has helped prepare economies to do more with their health and fitness and trains worldwide.

The Moore School plans to add eight new undergraduate international student cohort programs to its current program in China. Currently, students in the international business and Chinese enterprise program spend their first and third years at USC and second and fourth years at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Folks said registrations are underway to create similar programs in countries including France, Austria, Italy, Egypt and Chile. Folks hopes to start two more programs next academic year and said it could take three years to implement all eight programs.

What we’re doing there is creating additional opportunities for our master’s of international business and Chinese undergraduate international “student cohort” program, a Professional Research, who has prepared me for this wonderful experience.”

Sylvan Thomson said. “It’s been a wonderful experience.”

The university recognizes that anyone can be an Olympian.

“Anyone can understand what he’s talking about. "We can always find a way to make people happy," said Talbert of students who are really important to have scientists who are really important to have someone interested in what we do in the international business department is to promote health and wellness and "come off the sidelines."”

“Every time I run a marathon, it’s an opportunity to know what we are doing and if it’s worthwhile,” Talbert said.

The university’s role, he said, is to "be a positive role model for all who followed."

"Run your own race," said Talbert. "Often people think they have to run the right path to be a scientist or an engineer."

Samuelson shared training tips with the audience, emphasizing the importance of making definite, realistic goals to stay motivated. "The university has an opportunity to know what we are doing and if this is something valuable to do for others," Talbert said.

"It promised myself to give back to sport and state that’s given so much," Samuelson said. "I’m running a marathon to be a hero."
Students embrace month of stubble for charity

Don’t touch that razor. In fact, don’t touch it all month. No Shave November is here.

For guys, that means growing the gnarliest mountain-man beard possible. For ladies, that means saying goodbye to smooth legs and armpits for a while. But instead of simply channeling your inner lumberjack just for fun, Students Advocating a Greener Environment (SAGE) is offering a way for students to turn their hairy interest into a fundraising opportunity.

On Wednesday, SAGE kicked off No Shave November on Greene Street by taking “before pictures” and asking students to make pledges not to shave for the entire month and asking others to sponsor those who make the commitment.

Donors can either make a set donation or give money every day of the month a person goes without shaving. All of the money will then go toward buying books for Cocky’s Reading Express, a USC literary outreach program in which volunteers visit schools and read to children.

“Anyone can sponsor anyone,” said James Armstrong, a second-year political science student and event coordinator for SAGE.

Armstrong participated in No Shave November last year but continued to grow his hair and beard long after the end of the month, partly he said, to commemorate the death of his uncle, a man with a fondness for wild, overgrown hair.

“I didn’t want to shave unless it was for a good cause,” said Armstrong, who appeared clean-shaven on Greene Street in order to restart the hair growth process. He also organized the fundraising aspect of No Shave November and chose Cocky’s Reading Express as the recipient.

Armstrong says he hopes the money goes to purchase books on sustainability because “educating youth ties into sustainability education.”

Tegan Plock, fifth-year international studies and French student and member of the SAGE executive board, couldn’t agree more.

“People with higher education are more able to think critically about issues and issues of sustainability,” Plock said. “And reading is cool.”

No Shave November’s goal isn’t just to raise money for kids; it also aims to educate college students. SAGE members say they hope to make students realize that whenever they shave with a disposable razor, those razors end up in landfills or in the ocean where they could harm animals. Electric razors use electricity, and using water to shave also uses up a huge resource.

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“My recommendation is that girls just put on some deodorant,” she said. “We’ll see how long I can last,” she said.

An extra incentive for girls: A community member heavily involved in West (Green) Quad, a woman who goes by the name “Breedlove,” has agreed to sponsor one cent for every girl for every day she goes without shaving. In addition, SAGE will take “after pictures” for both girls and guys at the end of the month and award prizes for the most impressive transformations.

Students can get more information about No Shave November and sign up to be a participant or donor by visiting the event’s Facebook page, “USC’s No Shave November (SAGE)” or following it on Twitter @StayHairy_USC.
Walmart threatens students, money

A student’s sense of consumerism isn’t the most conscious in the world. How many times make this worse, and more, and that’s how it goes on. We're Gamecocks and all of South Carolina— is no picnic facing a cruel job market and an economy that has always worked closely with Capital City Stadium for $1 million to Bright-Meyers LLC, a company that has already worked deals with Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as a property buyer and developer. Perhaps even the idea of a Walmart wasn’t. Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

Walmart giant proves fatal to local growth

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It’s like music to the ears of Columbia’s scene junkies. The Vista bar crawl hooks up with the host of all genres, bringing together the headliners from the city’s signature music spots for just one day — or, this year, two.

Two stages will host the top acts from Free Times Music Crawl. There are six stages, 60 bands and just about every genre of music imaginable. The Vista’s bar crawl is as fun as the end of the night,” Burke said. “We worked with Free Times to figure out what kind of sound we wanted. There aren’t a lot of out-of-town programs coordinator Shannon Burke.

The Arts and Draughts meets Music Crawl. For the first year ever, the Music Crawl has teamed up with the Columbia Museum of Art for arts and Draughts stage.

Although all the Music Crawl scheduling is done in-house, there are open applications from May to July. Wall said he usually received anywhere from 60 to 180 applications each year for the event, and in his most humorous but true-to-life version of The Roots,” Wall said. “It’s just going to be continuous from point A to point B at Moda Lounge.”

“This is the point Wall emphasizes: It’s not just music crawl, it’s the city’s showing. “I always get, ‘These are what you think are the best bands in Columbia, right?’” Wall said. “I try to give a cross section of what’s going on in Columbia’s music scene.”

For the first time ever, the Music Museum will kick off Friday night at 7 p.m. with the Lumineers, a folk rock band from Denver, on its outdoor Boyd Plaza stage. This will be the museum’s first time using the outdoor area as a stage; the museum’s public programs coordinator Shannon Burke. “Arts and Draughts is the time for us to branch out to the community,” Burke said. “We worked with Free Times to figure out what we wanted. There aren’t a lot of out-of-town bands in the crawl, but they’ll be on the stage tomorrow night.”

The Arts and Draughts meets Music Crawl event will also invite attendees to bring gallery images to life by striking their pose in photo booth. There will also be button making and decorating projects and Mad Libs postcards. “The beginning of the night is going to be just as fun as the end of the night,” Burke said. There will be $13 tickets available for admission to both Arts and Draughts and the Music Crawl, or single Arts and Draught admission tickets for $8.

Individual Music Crawl tickets are available for $8, and the event is 21 and older.

Music Crawl Events FRIDAY, NOV. 4

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• Mat Laughter & My Ragged Company, 8-8:45 p.m.

COLUMBIA MUSEUM OF ART (OUTDOORS)
• The Bravery, 8-8:45 p.m.
• Shovels and Rope, 10 p.m.

SATURDAY, NO. 5

ART BAR OUTDOORS
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• The Fat Wats, 8-8:30 p.m.
• Death of Paris, 9-9:30 p.m.
• kemp ridley, 10-10:30 p.m.

KELLY’S
• Pinna, 7-10:30 p.m.
• The Shaaw Brothers, 7:45–8:00 p.m.
• The Get Wets, 8-8:30 p.m.
• Haley Dreis, 7-7:30 p.m.
• Those Lavender Whales, 7:30–8 p.m.

DRAUGHTS MUSEUM LOUNGE
• Shovelton, 10:30–11 p.m.
• The Sea Wolf Mutiny, 9:40–10:10 p.m.
• The Unawares, 10:50–11:20 p.m.
• The Casual Kings, 12:40–2 a.m.

TIN ROOF
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“"One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain."
— Bob Marley
Just down the street from the Nickelodeon Theatre and the Columbia Museum of Art, a new art hub is emerging. After 12 months of construction, Tapp's Arts Center on Main Street has been transformed from a former department store to an artist's paradise, complete with rentable studios and performance and exhibition space.

While the center was open throughout renovations, Wednesday was deemed the grand opening, with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by Mayor Steve Benjamin.

Thursday evening was a continuation of the opening celebration with food, art exhibits and musical performances for all gallerygoers to enjoy.

Tapp's Arts Center boasts 30 artist studios spread over two floors, a modern performance area with a stage and plenty of wall space to showcase artwork. Artists are able to rent studio, gallery and window installation space to both create, display and sell their material.

Featured artists of the night included Brad Grizzle, a mixed media artist exhibiting portraits of politicians; Charlotte Hacker-Mullen, a fourth-year art studio student showing off her dreamlike doodle art; and Susan Lenz with her new sea-inspired window installation.

Lenz’s installment, titled “Two Hours at the Beach,” is an art quilt made from trash collected from the beach. The piece marks Lenz’s fourth time displaying at Tapp’s.

“I’m excited to be here; the renovations have been remarkable,” Lenz said. “There are an awful lot of artists in Columbia that need studio space, and they have that here. It has given me opportunities I’m not able to get anywhere else.”

Among the crowd milling around and chatting over art and hors d’oeuvres were Krystal Webber and Katie Okawa, who described themselves as art admirers.

Webber said they came to Tapp’s to see the way the building had been revitalized.

“Tapp’s is a really good and near-use of the space,” Webber said.

Besides photography, sculpture, print and mixed media artwork, Tapp’s also brings musical acts to the center.

Thursday night spotlighted three shows: Dan King and members from cast of “Spring Awakening” from Trustus Theatre, King Amin and Pan each playing an hour set.

Overall, it was an evening to enjoy a wide range of art and to get a feel for one of Columbia’s up-and-coming art spaces.

“In just over a year, Tapp’s has become a hub for artists and creative people in the Midlands,” said Brenda Schwarz, executive director of Tapp’s Arts Center in a press release. “And while we’ve been having shows while renovating the building, now that construction is complete and artists are in their studios, Tapp’s will continue to grow into what our artistic community in Columbia wants it to be.”
Congratulations to Rachel Neugroschel, Senior Psychology major, for winning a brand new I-Pad 2 in our Carolina Dining/ Sodexo Dining Survey.

Thank you to all who participated!
Swearinger. “I’ve been watching him on the field, and he makes a lot of good throws. We’re going to have to play with good technique and be ready to play when the time comes.”

Wilson has thrown just three interceptions on the year. But South Carolina leads the SEC with 16 interceptions this season.

“This is a good quarterback,” said defensive coordinator Lorenzo Ward. “He’s shown that he controls the ball. He doesn’t turn the ball over much. When you throw the ball as much as they do and only have three interceptions, that shows that he understands what [Arkansas coach] Bobby (Petrino) wants in his offensive system.

“We have to do a great job of disguising, and hopefully we can try to confuse them a little bit and maybe he’ll throw us one or two.”

Spurrier said he has focused more on preparing Carolina’s defense than he has on Arkansas’ offense, but he praised the Razorbacks’ first-year starter for his toughness.

“I really don’t watch other teams’ offenses that much,” Spurrier said. “I try to watch the defense and see if we can find a small hole to plug in here and there. Obviously [Wilson’s] statistics are very good. Watching him against Randy, he stays and makes the throws. He got hit a bunch of times. He’s a tough kid and plays with courage. He’ll stay in the pocket and make the throws.”

The Gamecock pass defense has been dominant this season, the Gamecocks don’t just want to avoid a repeat of last year’s disastrous performance. They will face a tougher challenge to date.

“We know that we control our own destiny,” Spurrier said. “We can’t worry about any other team but Arkansas. This is a do-or-die game, and we have to have this win to accomplish a lot of our goals. They embarrassed us at our home field last year. It would be nice to go down there and embarrass them.”
GAMEDAY 411:
Tennessee vs. South Carolina

WHERE: Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium in Fayetteville, Ark. (capacity of 72,000)

WHEN: Kickoff is scheduled for 6:15 p.m.

THE LINE: Arkansas by 4.5 points

TELEVISION: The game will be televised on ESPN. Brad Nessler will handle play-by-play duties. Todd Blackledge is the color analyst. Holly Rowe is the sideline reporter. A replay will be shown Sunday at 6 p.m. on SportSouth. Andy Demotra will be the game analyst and Brad Muiler the analyst on the replay.

RADIO: Locally, the game will be broadcast on 107.5 FM. Todd Ellis will handle play-by-play duties. Tommy Suggs is the color analyst. Terry Cousin is the sideline reporter. Additionally, a simulcast of the Gamecock Radio Network broadcast will be shown on Sirius XM Satellite Radio. The game will be on Sirius channel 220 and XM channel 199.

WEATHER: The forecast for the Fayetteville area on Saturday calls for sunny with a 10-percent chance of precipitation. The high temperature is supposed to be 65 degrees with a low of 46.

SERIES: Arkansas leads 12-7.

LAST MEETING: Arkansas 41-20 in 2010 at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia

Career Receiving Yards
1. Kenny McKinley 2,781
2. Alshon Jeffery 2,748
3. Sterling Sharpe 2,497

Career Receiving Touchdowns
1. Sidney Rice 23
2. Alshon Jeffery 20
3. R. Brooks / J. Kelly / K. McKinley 19

Career Receptions
1. Kenny McKinley 207
2. Sterling Sharpe 169
3. Alshon Jeffery 167

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Senior spur linebacker Antonio Allen leads the Gamecocks in tackles this season.

OFFENSE

Isabelle Khurshudyan

Through eight games this season, South Carolina boasts a 7-1 record and is ranked in the top 10 for the second time in a row.

But the Gamecocks’ identity is still largely undefined on offense due to a variety of personnel changes that have taken place throughout the season. Essentially, it’s still growing. With that come growing pains, and as USC prepares to face Arkansas, it looks to move past the frustration and find its stride in the passing game.

“We know we have a stout defense, but we can’t rely on them to keep [the opponent] out,” said quarterback Connor Shaw. “We have to put points on the board.”

Arkansas has the best pass offense in the Southeastern Conference, so the Gamecocks know they will need to have more than the 87 yards passing they tallied at Tennessee in order to maintain first place in the SEC East.

“We just want to go in there and be us and play as a team,” said receiver Bruce Ellington. “Hopefully, we’ll be able to run some.”

Ellington will be back to full speed for Saturday’s matchup. He said he was limited to 81 percent against the Vols after tweaking his hamstring last week.

Spurrier has worked on with Shaw has “for sure” given the Gamecocks the opportunity to have more efficiency in the passing game.

One of the things that coach Steve Spurrier has worked on with Shaw has been passing rather than running with the ball, even if there’s an open lane. Shaw had 79 yards rushing against Tennessee, just eight yards less than his passing total.

“If you can trust the routes,” Shaw said. “Keep your eyes downfield instead of tucking it. Things I can work on like that.”

Shaw said that’s “crazier than it’s been,” but he hopes to take what’s worked in practice and execute it during a game.

The offensive line also seems to have more success running block than pass blocking, which has been an issue in protecting Shaw. He was sacked three times in the Volunteers’ loss.

“At times they’re greatful, and at other times they’re decent,” said offensive lineman Shad McLendon. “It’s all relative to what down and [the] distance it is and play around things like that. We’ve got to improve on that to be a better passing team.”

Antonio Allen expected to play Saturday

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Frustration has also surfaced on the part of the receiving corps, as it has not been able to get the same statistical production since USC beat Kentucky 14-3.

“In my speech they have to be [frustrated],” Shaw said. “They’re receivers to catch the ball, and when you don’t catch that many balls, it’s frustrating. They’re staying positive. They know they’re time’s coming.”

Perhaps the frustration is most evident from Jeffery, who is getting the most defensive coverage and hasn’t been able to have the same success as he did last season. Against Tennessee, Jeffery only had 7 receiving yards. He comes over and tells the coaches me what’s open and what’s there and what’s the plan,” Shaw said of Jeffery. “He’s not down about it. He’s not pouting or anything. He knows about the defense, and he’s not too frustrated.”

And while the growing pains for the offense have been a factor for the passing offense, Spurrier is focused on beating Arkansas, something the Gamecocks were unable to do last season at home. For Spurrier, a win is no matter how it comes.

“When you’re the offensive coordinator, sometimes you worry about how many yards you make and the score,” Spurrier said. “When you’re the head coach, you worry about wins and losses. We’re going to do whatever it takes we feel is best to win the game. If that’s running on the ground, then that’s not a bad way to do it. Hopefully we can throw the ball around. It’s frustrating, but it is what it is.”

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“They just came in here and beat us,” said Johnson after practice. Allen has missed the past few days of practice with a muscle spasm in his hip. Coach Steve Spurrier said on his weekly radio show Thursday that Allen should be cleared to play, but nothing is guaranteed. Allen doesn’t have a structural problem in his neck, Johnson said. The fact he didn’t have a full week of practice is somewhat of a concern, Johnson said, but Allen shouldn’t have any issues.

If Allen can’t play, Johnson said he was confident backup spur Damario Jeffery could step in and produce in Allen’s place. Jeffery, who had several starts at spur the season, had moved to will linebacker during summer camp before heading back to spur.

“Ever since he moved, he’s been consistent,” Johnson said. “The problem would be if he has to go too many snaps. But we need to get ourselves off the field.”

Safety DeVonte Holloman, who moved to spur during the offseason before transitioning back to the secondary, could also see time there if Allen can’t play. Johnson said.

“We could [play Holloman at spur] in an emergency,” said Johnson, adding the transition wouldn’t be difficult for Holloman, but he’d prefer not to have to make the move if possible.

The loss of Allen would be tough, Johnson said, but not necessarily insurmountable.

“We don’t have to have anybody,” Johnson said. “He’s obviously played really well this year, and it would be a tremendous loss. But that’s just part of football. If he’s out there, somebody is going to have to step up and get the job done.”

Allen leads the Gamecocks in tackles this season with 62. The Orazione, Fla., native also has three interceptions, forced fumbles and fumble recoveries. The senior has two defensive scores.

The Gamecocks lost to the Razorbacks 46-30 last season in a game that wasn’t even as close as the score suggests. Earlier in the week, Allen was very vocal about USC wanting to gain a measure of revenge for that outing.

“They just came in here and beat the crap out of us,” Allen said. “We want to get that taste out of our mouths.”
Alabama, LSU finally meet in hyped conference clash

James Kratch

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The Crimson Tide and Tigers are both undoubtedly Top 5 teams, and certainly Top 10 teams. They have been credentialed for gameday by Alabama's sports information office and ESPN has been on both campuses all week long, a record 650 media members have come to Tuscaloosa, Ala., Saturday night in the most anticipated and hyped matchup in the history of college football.

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Kentucky, Ole Miss face off in key SEC ESPN
In Div. I-A football, Ole Miss coach Houston "right way," Phillips said. "This is an
important week because it gets tougher every week," Phillips said. "They know some of your goals start slipping away from you. They've got some motivation to keep coming to get them, but you just have to
continue to be very tough."

Middle Tennessee at Tennessee (Saturday at 7 p.m. on ESPN)
Tennessee is looking for a win after reeling from straight losses. Middle Tennessee coach Derek Dooley isn't taking the middle class lightly. "Of course, they run fast, spread," said Dooley. "It's hard to prepare for them. They are Dfam. I think they are
extremely athletic, fast to the football. But they've had some big breaks. They've had some big drops. They should be beaten Purdue. A couple other teams they had beaten, and they just didn't get the break of the
weather, that's the weather. I know they're good enough to beat us, every bit. If we don't
figure out a way to score some points, we will be in next week not feeling too
good either."

Vanderbilt at Florida (Saturday at 12:30 p.m. on SEC Network)
After narrowly off- rencont Florida, the Commodores gained to play the Gators, who are coming off a loss to Georgia. Vanderbilt coach James Franklin enquired on Florida quarterback John Brantley as to his full speed and has
preparred accordingly. "He's a very talented kid," Franklin said of Brantley. "He's surrounded by talent in the backfield. But he wasn't as mobile last week as I think he'll be this week. Our
offensive game does a great job and our defense does a great job, and I assume Florida's do as well."

New Mexico State at No. 18 Georgia (Saturday at 12:30 p.m. on ESPN)
After a week surrounded by controversy as several players, including running back Isaiah Crowell, have been suspended after violating team rules, Georgia looks to continue its streak in a tight SEC-East game. The Bulldogs need to win out, as well as some help from USC, to win the East so Georgia coach Mark Richt is not overlooking New Mexico State. "We can't take New Mexico State lightly," Richt said. "They are just like any other team we've played this season. We're going to prepare and compete like it's the biggest game of the season. We're on a short week and I don't like to slip up so we want to reach our
potential."
Arkansas cornerbuck Greg Gatson (left) and the Razorbacks have struggled in the first half in recent games but are still 7-1 in the SEC Western Division race.

The back-to-back bad games are a huge red flag. Arkansas beat Ole Miss and Vanderbilt — teams with a combined 1-9 SEC record — by just eight total points. The Razorbacks have had issues for a lot longer than the last two weeks, though.

The Hogs have been outscored 81-12 in the first half of their last five games, dating back to the Alabama game Sept. 24. Arkansas has faced a double-digit deficit in the first half four times in the stretch.

The Razorbacks have come back from three of those deficits, losing 18-14 to the Crimson Tide. The slow starts are a huge cause for concern around Fayetteville, though.

The defense struggles to stop opposing offenses in the first half but plays better in the second half after making halftime adjustments. The offense starts slow then turns it on in time to come back.

You’ve got to think the first-half struggles will cost the Hogs if they don’t fix them soon. This was a swing game last season, and the Hogs would have to beat the Tigers and be ranked highest in the BCS standings. That’s a lot to have to fall in place. If Arkansas wants to have a shot at a repeat BCS appearance, then beating South Carolina is a must. This was a swing game last season, and the Razorbacks played their best game in a 41-20 road win.

1. The back-to-back poor outings against Ole Miss and Vandy — a cause for concern in Fayetteville?

BEHIND ENEMY LINES:

Five Questions with The Daily Traveler

1. How has this team managed without Knile Davis?

2. Have the Hogs found a way to slow down a Gamecocks’ running attack that didn’t lose a lot of steam without Marcus Lattimore.

3. In what ways are Tyler Wilson and Ryan Mallett different? Similar?

4. Does this team think it can still win the West, or is that not in focus at this point?

5. Prediction time — who you got?

Arkansas needs to start fast for the first time in six games if it wants to win. The matchup of the Razorbacks’ pass offense and South Carolina’s secondary should be great. Conversely, the Hogs will have to find a way to slow down a Gamecocks’ running attack that didn’t lose a lot of steam against Marcus Lattimore.

Arkansas is at home. South Carolina has lost 22 consecutive games on the road to top-10 foes. Make it 23 — Arkansas, 24-16.

This week’s games

Vanderbilt at Florida
Texas A&M at Oklahoma
Northwestern at Nebraska
Purdue at Wisconsin
Ole Miss at Kentucky
Arizona State at UCLA
LSU at Alabama
Kansas State at Oklahoma State
Oregon at Washington
South Carolina at Arkansas

Last Week: 8-2
Season: 68-21
Florida
Oklahoma
Nebraska
Wisconsin
Ole Miss
Arizona State
LSU
Oklahoma State
Oregon
Arkansas 24, USC 21

Last Week: 9-1
Season: 69-21
Florida
Oklahoma
Nebraska
Wisconsin
Arizona State
Louisiana
Oklahoma State
Oregon
USC 21, Arkansas 17

Last Week: 8-2
Season: 64-26
Florida
Oklahoma
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Wisconsin
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Arizona State
Alabama
Oklahoma State
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Season: 64-26
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