Scholars awarded research grants

Undergraduates look for answers in Magellan program

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THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Every wondered about earthquakes in Peru? How about international coverage of Asian flu? Or music in post-Katrina New Orleans?

Undergraduate students have taken on these research projects and dozens more as part of the Magellan Scholars program, which pays up to $3,000 in research stipends per student in research grants and helps students work with USC faculty. The program is in its fourth semester and is still evolving. As Innovista develops, students get the chance to do research with industry professionals as well, said Julie Morris, program director for the Magellan Scholars.

This fall, 50 students at USC and satellite campuses per grants of $146,000 to explore topics on economics, engineering, journalism, psychology, chemistry and biology, among others.

Alexandra Basziliak, a third-year experimental psychology student, is studying test anxiety, effects of lobeline on methamphetamine users, etc. using rats as test subjects. DeSoto is cut down on her anxiety, for example, and what are the side effects of lobeline future.

Alex Mitchell, who worked with the professor since last September and said her research has helped but decide what she wants to do in the future.

"It was a very good cultural experience and I learned a lot about how people viewed medicine, and how skewed the perception is of that part of Dominican culture," she said.

"They will continue analysis of their findings this semester," Dalal said.

Tyler Ray, a fourth-year mechanical engineering student, is creating a model to predict behavior of gold nanoparticles, which are tiny particles that can change color and cause reactions. Gold nanoparticles have potential for use in treatment and drug delivery systems. "I really enjoy the research," Ray said. "It's rewarding too, "

"For a complete list of the faculty spots that have been filled in the College of Arts and Sciences, contact the Dean's office," she said. "We're looking for new professors in the coming years."

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Professor jurors said new hires for classrooms this semester will also find dozens of new colleagues, as colleges across the Carolinas have replaced faculty who have retired.

Thorne Compton spent months interviewing hundreds of candidates for the 64 faculty spots that have to fill in the College of Arts and Sciences.

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The rivers around Columbia provide a much-needed relief from the summer heat. It’s common to see Columbia residents and USC students swimming, running on the rocks and just hanging out on the riverbanks at any given time. But the three rivers in Columbia’s downtown area provide recreational opportunities as well as a cool place to spend the day.

“There’s so much to do so close by,” Richard Michell, Manager of Adventure Carolina, said. “It’s great to get out and take advantage of all the great outdoor resources.”

Adventure Carolina rents tubes and kayaks, organizes tubing, kayaking, canoeing and biking trips and also provides safety instruction.

The rivers have been a hot bed for student activities for decades, said Karen Kustafik, an employee of Columbia’s Parks and Recreation Department.

With a near drowning last year, Kustafik encourages people to avoid risky activities when going out on the water.

“Kayakers helped pull out a guy after he went down for the third time,” Kustafik said.

Currents can be strong and Kustafik advises people not to wade in deep and to avoid the consumption of alcohol.

The rivers also face pollution threats from a variety of sources. Roger Hall, the Watershed Manager for the Pee Dee and Saluda Basins at the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, said the Lower Saluda River below the dam is considered impaired due to pH levels in the river and a lack of dissolved oxygen.

Hall said this is likely a result of the release of algae, cold water from the bottom of Lake Murray. Dissolved oxygen is necessary for wildlife in the river.

Fisherman should know that a fish consumption advisory is currently in effect on the stretch of the Saluda between the dam and the Congaree River, Hall said.

River goers are not usually the cause of pollution in the river.

“While the broken bottles and other trash that lines the river banks in this area is certainly not pleasant to look at, this generally would not contribute to the types of impairments that we measure,” Hall said.

But Hall does encourage people to pick up after their pets because pet waste moving into waters causes fecal coliform to build up in the Saluda.

Fecal coliform is a pathogen that may indicate the presence of disease-causing microorganisms, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Although Columbia’s rivers face pollution issues, some residents feel that these issues do not mean that the rivers are bad overall.

“I wade and swim near the rocks and islands, and have never felt that I shouldn’t be doing so because of the pollution in the river,” he said.

Mark Gould, 38, of Irmo, meditates at the Ganden Mahayana temple Thursday afternoon.

Buddhist center offers calm

Center offers religious teaching, culture to students

Kate Jones
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Hidden away in a second floor apartment on the corner of Main and Gervais streets is the Ganden Mahayana Buddhist Center.

Even though there is subtle construction going on around the building, there is an air of calm in the Buddhist Center.

An old sign named “Tattoo” points the apartment, content to lay on any waver’s lap.

The Buddhist Center is part of the New Kadampa Tradition, an international Kadampa Buddhist Union.

They offer classes on all varieties of meditation and the teachings of Buddhism.

The center is based in Columbus but also has classes and courses at locations in Charleston, Hilton Head, Summerville, Columbia, Spartanburg and Savannah, Georgia.

“We have a lunch time meditation, where we do breathing relaxation, meditation and then all the other meditations and teachings are focused on helping us to change our minds,” resident teacher Michelle Gauthier said.

Gauthier said the classes help people work past overwhelming emotions.

“For everybody experiences a mind of anger... a lot of the teachings in Buddhism help you to overcome anger, or help you to overcome pride, jealousy, stress, anxiety, fear,” Gauthier said.

Gauthier estimates the Garden Mahayana Buddhist Center is the spiritual home to approximately twenty regular attendees, most of whom range in age from twenty to fifty.

But Srisuwan, a third-year Buddhist student, was raised Buddhist in Columbia.

“It was a very unique experience being raised Buddhist in a predominantly Christian region,” Srisuwan said. “As a child, it was very important to be strong-minded and steadfast in my beliefs because many people tried to convert me early on.

Srisuwan said being raised Buddhist helped him remain tolerant of religious differences.

“I learned to be open to others’ beliefs at a young age, and because I wasn’t part of the majority it was also very important to be humble about my religion,” Srisuwan said.

But he said he would “like a lot more people to be informed about Buddhism.”

Anyone can attend classes at the Buddhist Center while maintaining their personal faith. Gauthier said one attendee refers to himself as a “Jewish Buddhist.”

Gauthier said she was raised Catholic, but “wasn’t any religion at the time” she discovered Buddhism.

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“During a visit to a monastery, where her brother was preparing to become a Buddhist monk, Gauthier decided Buddhism was the right path for her.

“I started listening to the teachings and for me, they answered a lot of questions that I had, spiritually,” Gauthier said. “It just clicked. Everything just made sense.”

As with all religion, college can become a test of faith and discipline.

“Following Buddhism in college is a testing ground for faith and discipline just like it is in any other religion,” second-year finance student Christopher Caine said. “But ultimately being Buddhist has helped me in my college career by making me multi-personalistic and allowing me to realize my goals.”

For a meditation and class schedule for the Garden Mahayana Buddhist Center, see www.meditationinsc.org.

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Pilot disappears during African trek

**Lone wolf** pilot vanishes while ferrying plane over western Africa

Jennifer Kay

MIAMI - The first few hours of silence after Lori Love's plane disappeared over West Africa didn't come as much of a surprise to those who know her. The "lone wolf," as she likes to call herself, doesn't like mid-air chatter. She had asked for this solo flight through long stretches of sky not covered by radar. A longtime friend, Steve Hall, had hired her to ferry a single-engine Beechcraft from Florida to South Africa. She exchanged a cheerful, routine radio transmission with another pilot about an hour after taking off from Accra, Ghana, last Friday night, Hall said.

That was the last time anyone heard from Love. Ghana air traffic controllers failed to establish contact with her about 15 minutes later. Her expected arrival time in Windhoek, Namibia, late Saturday morning passed without her wheels touching down.

Most troubling: The ace pilot and skydiver never activated a handheld emergency beacon that would have tipped rescuers to her location by GPS, Hall said.

Search efforts from several African countries have stopped tracing her expected flight path, failing for almost a week to find any sign of her plane or her emergency raft, Hall said. Love would not have taken off from the Ghanaian capital if she hadn't been confident her plane was fine, Hall said. A minor electrical problem in the plane's alternator switch had been fixed during a brief layover in Accra, Ghana, last Friday night, Hall said.

"Something catastrophic must have happened," he said. It's not known whether the electrical glitch resurfaced, or if it was part of some fatal problem.

"I'm just praying she will reappear and give me hell and say, 'You gave me a lousy airplane,'" he said.
Department head on leave, says it's a transition year

The Arnold School of Public Health will get a new dean as current dean Donna Richter moves to head an academic program. Thomas Chandler will serve as interim dean next year, starting Sept. 1.

Dr. Paul Crutsinger, interim dean of the Moore School of Business, said one of the challenges of leaving the Arnold School is that it will be a transition year.

"It's a little thin," Chandler said. "It's an interesting but also a fun 12 months for all of us."

Chandler will serve as dean while the school searches for a permanent replacement. When a new dean is named, Chandler said that it will be a transition year.

Greg Domnick, a third-year doctoral student in public health who believes Richter is doing a good job, hopes Chandler will be a positive impact on the school.

"I'm really excited about working with him and the new dean," Domnick said.

For the music school, hiring new professors is the top priority. Richter said for other schools, Dean Dwayne Porter has planned to hire new professors in the next three years and will lose another 15 percent of his faculty by 2013 to Dean Joel Smith. Smith said that for the music school, there are "predominantly TAs and research assistants."

In addition to filling full-time positions, the school is expanding its faculty by allowing more adjunct professors to teach.

"The school's reputation is drawing more and more adjunct professors to the school and we're catching up with the growth of the school," Richter said.

But the school hasn't had a dean for the past two years.

"There are a lot of benefits to having a few people in the market," Smith said, "but we need the right people in the market."

Smith said the music school is also one of the departments that have lost experienced professors.

Integrating a New Staff

With any big change comes a lot of challenges. Richter said that one of the biggest communication challenges is that there are new professoors who have replaced others and that can get lost in the shuffle. Richter also said that the change of knowing the old professors and the new professors will take time.

"We have wisdom, who have experience and who have long-term commitment to the institution," Compton said. "It's important we get to know everyone who's here."

"Some are just joining us this month," Chandler said.

Within the school, Bierer set up a mentoring program

A 55-year-old man was arrested in Charleston Wednesday night at a Fort Mill home, Bryant said.

Bryant said two pipe bombs were discovered. The man said a tip led to the arrests.

Several calls come in from banks, which has led to extra patrols.

Charleston - An inmate scheduled to be released Aug. 31 after serving more than four years in prison gets him a temporary extension so he can return to his leadership and teaching duties as chairman of Education, Health, Sciences within the Arnold School. Then post will be held temporarily by professor Dwayne Porter.

Mr. Chandler will be filling the position of the retiring dean, Kathleen Kemp.

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Drop murder case, officer recommends

Marine charged with murder of Iraqis, assaulting others

Elliott Spagat
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A Marine accused of murdering Iraqi civilians, including children, in the town of Haditha should have all charges dropped against him because of weak evidence, an investigating officer recommended on Thursday.

Lance Cpl. Stephen B. Tatum, 26, is charged with unpremeditated murder of two girls and negligent homicide on suspicion that he unlawfully killed two men, a woman and a boy. He is also accused of assaulting another boy and a girl.

The investigating officer, Lt. Col. Paul Ware, said the evidence was too weak for a court-martial. Tatum, of Edmond, Okla., shot and killed civilians, but "he did so because of his training and the circumstances he was placed in, not to exact revenge and commit murder," Ware wrote.

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Remains of last Russian czar’s heir may have been found

Royal family killed in Bolshevik revolution, bones found

Steve Gunther
The Associated Press

MOSCOW - The remains of the last czar’s hemophiliac son and heir to the throne, missing since the royal family was gunned down nine decades ago by Bolsheviks in a basement room, may have been found, an archaeologist said Thursday.

Bones were found in a burned area in the ground near Yekaterinburg, the city where Czar Nicholas II and his family were held prisoner and then shot down nine decades ago by Bolsheviks in a basement room in a nobleman’s house in Yekaterinburg. The bodies were loaded in a truck and disposed of first in a mine shaft, according to most accounts.

According to NTV, a 1914 report based on Yurovsky’s words indicated that the bodies of nine victims were then doused with sulfuric acid and buried along a road, while those of Aleksei and a nurse were burned and left in a pit nearby.

In the back of a peasant cart, was carried out of Russia on July 17, 1918.

Czar Nicholas II, seated second from left, Czarina Alexandra and their family are shown in this undated file photo.

An anthropologist has determined that the bones belong to a young male and a young woman apparently aged roughly 10-13 and another, a young woman about 18-23, he told NTV television.

Radzinsky, the author of a book about Nicholas II, told NTV that if the remains are confirmed to those of the czar’s daughters, either Maria or Anastasia, remained missing.

In the 1990s, DNA tests revealed she was a Polish peasant named Franziska Schankowska.

The two daughters were exhumed in 1991 and reburied in 1998 in the imperial-era capital of St. Petersburg, following years of investigation and DNA tests in Britain and the U.S.

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The two missing corpses are confirmed to those of Nicholas, his wife, Alexandra, and their five children and four attendants in a small basement room in a nobleman’s house in Yekaterinburg.

According to NTV, a 1934 documentary affirmation of the two sisters as martyrs in Our Lady of Kazan, a national cult figure, was broadcast on state television.

Parts of the royal bodies were exhumed in 1993 and reburied in 1998 in the imperial-era capital of St. Petersburg, following years of investigation and DNA tests in Britain and the U.S.

But the bodies of Alexei and one of the czar’s daughters, either Maria or Anastasia, remained missing.

The two daughters were only a year apart, and DNA testing cannot distinguish between siblings. Most Russian scientists believe the missing daughter was Maria, and scientific tests have indicated the bones of Anastasia were among the remains buried.

The Russian Orthodox Church canonized Nicholas, Alexandra, Alexei and his four sisters as martyrs in 2000. But the church cited the two missing corpses and questions over whether the recovered bones were actually those of the royal family in its decision to scale down its participation in the 1998 burial ceremony.

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DILLON - Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama visited a high-poverty school on Thursday in rural South Carolina and said children educated in rundown facilities are being shortchanged.

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The Boardmans are shown in their FEMA Trailer in Morenci, Ariz.

**FEMA moves Katrina victims**

**Formaldehyde found in trailers, residents fear illness**

Michael Kunzelman

The Associated Press

**NEW ORLEANS — About 1,000 families in Louisiana have asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency to move them out of government-issued trailers and mobile homes amid concerns that the temporary shelters are contaminated by a carcinogen, FEMA officials said Thursday.**

Jim Stark, director of FEMA’s Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office, said FEMA already has moved or is in the process of moving about 140 of those families out of trailers.

**Gil Jamieson, FEMA’s spokesman said Thursday.**

“Mr. Graham is understandably weak from five days in bed, three bleeding episodes and an invasive procedure,” said Graham’s spokesman, Larry Ross. “But he is continuing to recover and regain strength.”

During the last decade, Graham has faced an increasing number of age-related health concerns. In 1994, physicians first diagnosed him with symptoms of Parkinson’s disease. Six years later they inserted a shunt to drain fluid from his brain.

Graham has prostate cancer and uses a walker or the support of another person to move around. And his once booming voice is now weak. It’s a stark contrast to Graham’s past, which took him around the world and to the pulpit in front of millions.

But for the past several years, he has largely been confined to his mountainside home in Montreat. He spent several months at the bedside of his wife, Ruth Bell Graham, until she died in June.

Now, Graham spends his days hosting a revolving door of relatives who come to keep him company. He follows the news and corresponds with well-wishers who offered condolences after his wife’s death.

Though his physical health isn’t what it used to be, Graham remains mentally active — participating in the leadership process of the evangelistic association he founded 50 years ago and considering the possibility of writing a new book, said Ross, the preacher’s spokesman.

“While he’s got some physical limitations, his spirit and his mental curiosity is as strong as ever,” Ross said.

**BLEEDS SHOW PREACHER’S FRAGILE CONDITION, STARK CONTRAST TO PAST**

**RALEIGH, N.C. — For nearly a week, evangelist Billy Graham has continued to a hospital. Friends say his strong spirit and courtesy are intact, but he remains frail as a result of health concerns continue to take their toll on the once globe-trotting preacher.**

Intestinal bleeds forced Graham to stay in a western North Carolina hospital since Saturday. Doctors said the bleeds appear common and treatable, and are likely caused by diverticulitis, or small pouches that can form in the lower intestine.

A diverticular bleed, which is common among the elderly, often begins suddenly and may stop on its own. But doctors still want to closely monitor the 88-year-old until after a colonoscopy and they’ve put Graham on a liquid diet.

“This is a standard-setting process to move people where they can be a standard-setting organization,” he told The Associated Press during an interview Thursday.

“We’re going to try to move people where they can do this,” he said. “We bear responsibility because we’re putting disaster victims in their place or our mission to be a standard-setting organization.”

In Mississippi, 461 households have asked to be moved to an apartment or other housing because of formaldehyde concerns, said FEMA spokesman Robert Josephson. To date, he said, 83 had been relocated but about 25 more households are scheduled to move at the beginning of September when apartments, he said, 83 had been relocated but about 25 more households are scheduled to move at the beginning of September when apartments.

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**Graham Library in Charlotte in late May.**

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New solutions needed for parking problems

Parking spaces are like money—no matter how much you have, you always seem to need more. Parking Services’ decision to close the Coliseum parking lot overnight next month may solve USC’s parking problem worse, and with a steadily growing student population, the problem will not solve itself anytime soon.

We’ve brought parking at the Coliseum, students without garbage spaces will have to walk from lots near Bates all the way to Capstone or Wade Hampton, often at distances they have never imagined.

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Epic comedy at its baddest

Flick echoes reality of high school experience with disarming sarcasm, relatable scenarios

Lorna Festa
THE BALTIMORE SUN
Superbad
★★★★
Debuting at number one, this summer’s crudest comedy, “Superbad,” lines up to boom. The movie is truly a hilarious epic for this generation.

“Superbad,” reminiscent of predecessors such as “American Graffiti,” succeeds at acquiring comparable praise. The authenticity, and often hilarity, of the movie will leave young viewers wanting from remainders of their own embarrassing adolescence. It’s too bad many of the people who would identify with its message are too young to view the R-rated film.

The plot centers around senior best buddies Seth and Evan (Jonah Hill and Michael Cera), who fail to get accepted to the same university. While they avoid facing issues of growing up and perhaps growing apart, the boys promise their crushes alcohol for a huge year-end bash. The movie truly hits when that event happens.

Both of the actors contribute convincing and real portrayals of high school duals. Hill and Cera have chemistry down and are a perfect fit for their roles.

“Superbad” is the start of a new film genre. The next time you’ve got a comedy to catch up, don’t sleep on this one.

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British actors invade American airwaves with style

Charlie McCullen
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BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — This coming season on network television, the sun will never set on what remains of the British empire.

While English, Irish, Scottish and Australian actors working in Hollywood is hardly new — it dates all the way back to the days of silent films and Charlie Chaplin — the upcoming television season will play a flood of British performers in lead roles on such high-profile new series as NBC’s “Bionic Woman,” ABC’s “Secret Policeman’s Other TV Show” and CBS’s “Vera Laughlin.”

Chances are good you won’t be able to tell they’re from across the pond — their American accents are too impeccable — but they are.

It’s an organized invasion, and pretty soon, everybody is going to be speaking like a fellow Brit. James Bond is leading the British invasion as a breakout star on CBS’s “Teri-haz” last season who was born in south London of Trinidadian parents.

Helen Miren, one of the grand dames of the British acting world, acting in a recent interview that “what is happening in the world is more and more that is the American TV industry is looking to British actors because they’re realized that they’re very, very good. They speak the same language...and they are cheap.”

To a certain extent, you can blame much of what’s taking place on Hugh Laurie, the English-born actor who has made a big splash on Fox’s “House.”

His success as the lead in a very American series has increased interest in British actors (on the part of the networks and studios) and in doing U.S. television on the part of performers in the United Kingdom.

“Hugh has more going for him than just a lot of credits,” says Fox Entertainment president Kevin Reilly. “People realized, ‘Oh, actors act. They play all sorts of different characters. Nobody would know Hugh Laurie was English if he didn’t tell them.’

There’s also a growing belief in the network TV business that, for characters of a certain age, with real gravitas and charisma, anyone in America who could play that part already has it, he adds. “That’s particularly true for male leads. Causing me assurances against the American male acting pool, but somehow...
3. Timbaland feat. Keri
"Superbad" possess a phallic two pals' antics and their mostly instigated from the protagonists. Impeding the aims of the number of obstacles and ultimately get laid. Trying to determine how been arrested. Impression that Fogell has and Seth remain under the witted cops on a riotous more implausible and more Hawaiian organ donor. “McLovin, 25-year-old dense cops (Bill Hader and somehow convinces two young actors' conversational is robbed, however, Fogell played by Christopher Evan's plans begin to go earnest performances, their adventures grow matter, “Superbad” even more so than “Bionics Woman,” which stars long-time British soap star across Michael Ryan. Ren Silverman, the former chairman of NBC Entertainment concurs, suggesting that these British actors have tremendous experience and talent, but they aren’t yet famous. So they fall in a great space for television.” “You don’t have to pick the 23-year-old kid who just fell off the bus as he entered L.A. And the fact that they’re not really known by the audience allows them to be discovered by the audience.” The stars of “Rome” – Scotsman Kevin McKidd and Irishman Ray Stevenson were two of the hottest properties during casting for new series. McKidd's “Journeyman” made the SRC lineup. Stevenson’s pilot was not picked up. English-born Zuleikha Robinson also made a splash in “Rome” as a slave girl. Lloyd Owen, the star of “Vera Laughlin,” got a lot of exposure on the BBC America series “Monarch of the Glen” and “The Innocence Project.” Then there is the matter of accents – or, more precisely, the seemingly arbitrary ability of actors from the United Kingdom to drop into unaccented, region-specific American speech. “British performers have a good feel for American accent, and they are sounding effortlessly American,” Eck says. “That makes it much easier for American casting and casting directors into producers to take that leap of faith and cast them in lead roles.” The actors themselves are bemused by the discussion of accents and, largely, don’t consider it a big deal, just something they picked up during their training. “My indigenous accent is completely unrepeatable. Even I don’t understand it sometimes,” McKidd says. When he “went to drama school in Edinburgh, they said, ‘You know, you’re never going to work with a voice like this!’” So, McKidd had to develop more “generic, neutral” accents from the very beginning. Damian Lewis, the star of NBC’s new “Life,” says that after establishing the accent he wants for a role, he “finds it’s very easy. I just stay in it. I feel confident. I stay in my American accent when I’m surrounded by American people.” And Laurie adds that, after a while, you just don’t think about it. “Television scripts – there simply is no time to really reflect on how you would say ‘unemployment’ as an American,” he says. “You say it and it’s gone, cut, and we’re going on to the next setting.” The what the actors also agree on is the appeal of working in American television. Brought up in an acting world where TV is seen as simply another venue for your craft and not a poor cousin to stage and film, they come for the work. “As an actor, you have to travel where the work is,” says Sofia Myles, co-star of CBS’ new “Moonlight.” “In England, at the moment, our government isn’t putting any money into the film business. And American television, especially in the last few years, is on a par, if not better than, a lot of movies out there.” Laurie says that “it’s anything like my experience, what draws the other actors, what draws me was an absolutely stunning script. It could have been a Latin circus piece – or it could have been a choice of American television. For an actor, a good script is like sprinkling breadcrumbs.” Or, as Lewis says, “Why are there a lot of Brits over here? Because you keep adding auditing!” “Thank you very much.”

COMEDY
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earnest performances, establishing an unyielding foundation for the film. Horny Seth and awkward Evan’s plans begin to go awry when Fogell’s silly dorky acquaintance Fogell, played by Christopher Mintz-Plasse, and his newly acquired fake ID. "Mintz-Plasse, and his newly acquired fake ID. Hornet Seth and awkward awkward Seth and awkward awkward Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Hornet Seth and awkward Horne...
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How Ravy Spent His Summer Vacation

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Inside the Box
By Marlowe Levertte

Solution to Thursday's Sudoku

Horoscopes

Aries
You're in the mood to say you’ll do anything. Better find out exactly what's required before you agree to a timeline.

Taurus
The exchange of ideas and discovery of new areas of interest is very highly favored.

Gemini
Have all the pertinent facts you can find when you talk to the experts. You may not know everything, but they'll be impressed if you know something.

Cancer
You're smart, but you don't know everything. Find somebody who has parts of the puzzle you lack.

Leo
Your natural positive attitude serves you well in difficult conditions.

Virgo
Follow through on a whim. It'll lead you in the right direction.

Libra
You're a very talented person, and you're in a creative mood. Not everything you try will work the first time but don't give up.

Scorpio
The others are enthusiastic but they're looking for leadership. You're the one most likely to figure it out, though you'll be set free.

Sagittarius
The money's tight but that's okay because you have new household expenses. If you don't yet, you will soon.

Capricorn
Don't go far today if you can possibly avoid it. Traffic will be horrible, and there'll be all sorts of breakdowns. Do yourself a favor and stay out of the mess.

Aquarius
You're not obsessed with money, quite the contrary. If you take a moment to learn more about it, however, you'll be set free.

Pisces
You've always been the person that others could depend upon. This time let them give you a hand, literally and figuratively.
Mitchell turns over quarterback position again, finds himself suspended

Michael Aguila

A decidedly frustrated Steve Spurrier spoke to the media on Thursday afternoon about the latest Gamecock football player in trouble. Fifth-year senior quarterback Blake Mitchell was suspended for the season opener against Louisiana-Lafayette, along with Mitchell, junior tailback Bobby Wallace and sophomore cornerback Chris Hail.

The suspensions are a continuation of the punishment that Mitchell and the others received for missing class earlier in the summer. All of the players had to sit out of the first week of practice due to attendance issues.

“That’s the way the ball bounces,” Spurrier said. “He should have gone to class better this summer, I know that. So if he has to miss one, we’ll deal with that.”

Mitchell has faced suspensions before, including last year when he turned himself in and was arrested, charged with assaulting a bartender at a local bar. The LaGrange, Ga., native faced charges for several days until they were dropped. He was suspended from one game for that incident.

The reins of the offense were handed over to Syvelle Newton, a converted wide receiver, and it wasn’t until six weeks later that Mitchell saw action on the field. Once he did resume play, he returned with what Spurrier called “the best half of football I’ve ever seen a quarterback play.” Mitchell then proceeded to lead the Gamecocks inches from victory against eventual national champions Florida.

“Blake’s out. If Blake’s in, we might play all of them. His fault,” Smelley said.

Smelley has seen action in favor of Mitchell several times in his short career. In both of the two games that started the 2006-2007 season Smelley replaced Mitchell on two occasions. His performance was average and it was obvious he was lacking the experience necessary to be a good quarterback. This time is different.

“I’ll definitely feel a lot better than I did last year against Mississippi State,” Smelley said. “I feel comfortable with the offense and I have confidence that I can get in and help the team win.”

Smelley also made it clear that nothing would change for the Gamecocks just because of this incident, and that even though the team currently finds itself without its starting quarterback, Spurrier is keeping everyone’s heads on straight.

“The team is focused and we’re going to go,” Spurrier said. “We’ve got a lot of veteran leaders out here. So the team is working just as hard as it will be. Coach Spurrier works hard out here everyday, so this hasn’t been a distraction and the team is ready to go.”

As usually happens after any sort of suspension in a Division I football program, there was a media frenzy surrounding practice. Sophomore quarterback Tommy Bowsher, one of the two most likely candidates to replace Mitchell, kept a straight face.

“Everyone is behind him one hundred percent,” Beecher said. “It was really known what’s going to happen so we’re trying not to make judgement calls, but I hope that Blake is out there.”

Can You Dig It?

USC quarterback Blake Mitchell will find himself on the bench for Carolina’s opener.

Bobby Wallace

Blake Mitchell

Chris Hail

Volleyball set to start

Gamecocks look to spike trio at upcoming Delaware/Asics Invitational

Michael Foran

The Carolina women’s volleyball team opens its 2007 campaign at the Delaware/Asics Invitational Aug 24-25, and the team is eager to get on the court with no off season changes.

Former head coach Nancy Somera stepped down, leading to a round of musical chairs for the coaching staff. Ben Somera steps in to become the head coach and Damian Elder replaces Coach Somera as the top assistant. Last year’s graduate assistant, Shannon Pallardy, was promoted to second assistant.

Along with having a new coach, the Gamecocks will have to replace six varsity players, including four-time All-SEC and AVCA All-South region middles Cole, who accounted for over 35 percent of the team’s kills. In losing fellow seniors Mari Mosiclovic and Lynae Vanden Hull to graduation, the team lost just under 75 percent of its kills.

This year, Somera looks for a more balanced attack. “We are a very physical team with individual players,” Somera said. “We haven’t been able to grasp ‘we’ yet.”

And Somera hopes that this year, the team will be able to be a team of more, as opposed to having individual players. Being a team and spreading the ball around is the only way a team can make up for the loss of those great players.

Defensively, Somera is looking more for quality days than blocks.

“The best teams don’t have the most blocks, but have the most digs,” Coach Somera said. He also knows that you need to control the digs as well. “The digs need to be up and to the setters. Dig, set, hit, but not dig set, free ball.”

This team is young with eight freshmen vying for playing time and only three seniors and will look to redshirt junior Reita Selma as the team captain and emotional leader.

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**WOMEN** Continued from 15

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opponents. In the first game of the tournament, the team will tangle with the Binghamton Bearcats. This will be the first ever meeting between the two schools.

In the second game, the Gamecocks will face another foe in the Boston College Golden Eagles. The two teams have met once before, back in 1988. The Gamecocks took round one, sweeping Boston College 3-0.

The last game will put the Gamecocks against a familiar face to the volleyball program, former Gamecock coach Bonnie Kenny will lead her Delaware Blue Hens in the third meeting between the two schools. Carolina won the last match 3-1, which was luck in 1994.

Sooner hopes the team will get together and have many offensive weapons. “I hope that the we are not a team with one big gun, but a team of good hitters. Not one bomber, but many little guns.”

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**SPORTS BRIEFS**

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by half.com

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**NCAA won’t overturn text messaging ban on recruiting**

Board maintains strong stance against communicating with prospective athletes

**INDIANAPOLIS — College coaches must keep recruiting the old-fashioned way for now.**

The NCAA’s board of directors took no action Thursday toward overturning a text messaging ban it approved in April, simply sending it back to the membership for further work at January’s annual NCAA convention. Until then, the rule that went into effect Aug. 1 will remain in place.

“The proposals were discussed in April and the board of directors followed the advice of student-athletes that text messaging be eliminated,” Division I vice president David Berst said. “I think even then the board realized there might be a better solution than elimination, but we haven’t seen any yet.”

At least 10 schools must request an appeal in writing for the board of directors to reconsider. Berst, who is also 18-member committee then has three options. To affirm the original decision, sending it back to the membership for another vote while the rule remains in place; overruling the rule; or approving an emergency amendment to change the rule and possibly push back the date for implementation.

It takes a simple majority to overturn the ruling; but the committee took no vote and sent it to the full membership.

There is precedent for overturning board rulings at the convention. It has happened twice since 2006, when the NCAA adopted a new appeals process. But schools also voided four times not to change the rules. When the ban was approved in April, the board of directors was not willing to reconsider. Several proposals are being drafted. Berst said. One would allow coaches to text prospects two more times after they are signed a national letter of intent, but Berst wasn’t sure that would be a better answer than the current rule.

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Smelley’s going to get an easy first test against the Ragin’ Cajuns on Sept. 1 at Williams-Brice Stadium, and a better than good performance from him on opening night will give way to a second start for him the following week at Georgia. If he has a second great game and the players buy into him as their leader, then Blake Mitchell’s career at Carolina could be over.

Because of Carolina’s daunting schedule this year, the quarterback position is only going to be a factor in five or four games. At best, the Gamecocks will go 7-5, so it makes sense to just give Smelley the season to prove he has the experience under his belt. That way, come next year, Smelley won’t be a rookie and the Gamecocks will have a quarterback with experience.

**The problem with Mitchell is that he has shown he is unable to follow both team rules and the law for an extended period of time.**

The law is one thing, but Spurrier cannot send a message to his players that there are not consequences for breaking his rules. If he did not come down on Mitchell, it would not be long before the players were running the locker room.

Eric Norwood told me he expects Smelley will get the job done for the offense come opening night against the Ragin’ Cajuns. On the other hand, if Smelley sticks it up, then Carolina fans better hope Blake Mitchell does what he didn’t do after it was discovered that Mitchell was cutting class. When the ban was approved in April, the board of directors was not willing to reconsider. Several proposals are being drafted. Berst said. One would allow coaches to text prospects two more times after they are signed a national letter of intent, but Berst wasn’t sure that would be a better answer than the current rule.

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