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Foundation raises diabetes awareness

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Diabetes is a health risk nationwide, and November is National Diabetes Month to promote better health for diabetics.

In Columbia, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation held a fundraising walk Sunday at Carolina Research Park.

The two-mile walk raised money for research to cure diabetes, said Roberta Jupp, a registered dietician and certified diabetes educator. Jupp said, “As of 2007, there were about three million Americans with type 1 diabetes.”

Diabetes is a chronic condition in which the body produces too little insulin or can’t use available insulin efficiently. Insulin is a hormone vital to helping the body use digested food for growth and energy.

The foundation is trying to raise $900,000 this year, but would not have updated totals of how much was raised so far, Jupp said.

The Palmetto Health hospital group will host a series of free lunches in November to teach people about diabetes and how to eat for the disease, said Tammi Epps, media relations manager for Palmetto Health.

The classes will be offered Nov. 9, 16, 19 and 30 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Palmetto Health Baptist and Richland. Topics include “The Healthy Scoop on Eating,” “Diabetes: What You Need to Know,” “Getting Carbs the Healthy Way,” and “Diabetes Resources,” Epps said. Lunch will be provided, and seating is limited.

Free diabetes blood test screenings also will be provided today, Nov. 9, 16 and 20 at Palmetto Health Baptist in the community services office at 1301 Sumter St. from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

In addition, screenings will be offered at 1520 Laurel Street on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:45-7:20 p.m., Epps said.

Roniece Weaver and Fabiola Gaines, the authors of the recently published book, “The New Soul Food Cookbook for People with Diabetes,” said diabetes is referenced to genetic causes, your diet and lifestyle that a person leads.

Weaver said if diabetics is a family trait, then you are prone to get it. She said diabetes affects our lifestyle because we are eating large amounts food with carbohydrates in them and not eating like we should.

“We must control what we’re eating, what you’re eating, the exercise you’re getting, the exercise you’re not getting.”

Cardwell said she does water aerobics three times a week and is now looking forward to living healthily and having a healthy lifestyle.

“About to eat fruits and vegetables,” Cardwell said. “It wasn’t me I had to worry about because with gestational diabetes, I had to worry about this baby. When I was pregnant I had to watch my sugar because if my sugar dropped, it was harmful to the baby.”

More information can be found at www.JDRF.org on how to participate in annual walks on diabetes, get diabetic facts and make contributions toward the cause.

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Visas pose problem for study abroad students

Some visas are received upon arrival, others require long drives

Kathleen Rogers

Students who plan to study abroad next semester are making their final preparations and in some cases, finding they have to go great lengths to get visas.

At today’s study abroad orientation, students will hear about preparing for cultural differences and what to pack in addition to what they need to do to get visas. Approximately 200 USC students will study abroad next semester, and most of them will need to obtain student visas from their host country either prior to departure or upon arrival. The United States is not the only country that requires visas for foreigners. From France to Spain, those going to study abroad must have visas in order to stay more than three months.

“Some visas are based on the length of study, some are good for up to 90 days, and Spain has a treaty with other countries,” said Kathleen Rogers, a representative from the study abroad office said.

The three types of student visas are based on the length of study, length of stay and the country they are going to. Students apply for a visa for the 'Schengen countries', named for the treaty is unique for each. Students apply for a visa for the countries they will live in that can travel freely in any of the 15 countries.

Outside the European nations, the visa process changes drastically. Students do not apply for a visa in Argentina or France and an agency can help with applications.

“I am very lucky I have friends in Paris and they can help with the visa applications because I am not from the U.S., but I am from the U.K. and the visa is a harder process to apply for,” said Erin Polnazar, a fourth-year honors college student and baseball player.

Agencies to help apply for visas are available for other countries including France and Spain, but the study abroad office cannot recommend any one agency.

Costs for study abroad visas also tend to be high. The cost for a college student is going to range from five to six thousand. The French Consulate charges about $140, depending on the year, the Spanish Consulate requires $160, and the British Consulate requires $140 and the highest is Australia with a $855 application fee, according to travel guide. Students should apply at least two months before going abroad. After the application and application are finalized, students can take two to three weeks to three months to be issued.

The French Consulate site says students need to apply approximately two months prior to the beginning of the study abroad program, and appointment times are quickly booked. Students who plan to study abroad in the spring semester should log into VIP, click on the student tab, then “USC Police in the use of the system” under “Industry and Business” and finally “USC tests texting alert system” under “More Links”.

“Time is of the essence, and this system is geared to allow us to help this response,” South said.

The next text on freshman is part of the ongoing text messaging system of the University Technology Services.

“The system is fully operational,” South said. “We know that students now know that calling landlines will work. We want to test text because it’s what students are using.”

The purpose of the test is to gauge student reaction to the text messaging system.

“We have been sending surveys out among the students to find out what they thought about the messages and the text messaging service,” South said.

“The results have been positive so far.” UTS also tested how quickly text messages were received by cell phones. Students were asked to get the test messages to phones in less than five minutes. South said, “That’s what we’ve been hearing from students.” Students got the message in less than five minutes.

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This ruling, combined with Colbert’s refusal to pay the $22,500 filing fee for the primary, ends any chance of him being among the candidates the Charleston native’s run will average.

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**Celebrity highlights**

**Stars spend Halloween dressing up, hooking up**

The article highlights various celebrities who dressed up for Halloween and either attended costume parties or enjoyed a night out. It mentions the celebrity's outfits, the events they attended, and their celebrity friends. The article also touches on the social aspect of Halloween, as it is a time when many celebrities enjoy dressing up and participating in various festivities.

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**Paris Hilton, the party princess, had fun on the dance floor, but that's not the case for her famous friends. It doesn't have kids. It's good party living it up like she does.**

This statement highlights Paris Hilton's party lifestyle and how her lack of children affects her ability to enjoy partying. It also mentions the contrast between Paris Hilton's partying and her famous friends, who may have different priorities or responsibilities that affect their ability to party as much.

**The quickest connection to music is voice but not on the level that would be Josephine Abrahms of Be Your Own Band does solo a couple dozen declamations. It's a medium that often works well playing with barflies in a sweet, somewhat singed manner.**

This statement emphasizes the importance of voice in music but also notes that it is not the only or most effective way to connect with an audience. It mentions Josephine Abrahms of Be Your Own Band as an example of someone who excels in using declamations as a musical medium.

**Guitarist Thorston Moore generally enjoys staying out of the mainstream limelight and over the years has garnered a reputation for an unusual style of tuning and performing.**

This statement highlights Guitarist Thorston Moore's preference for staying out of the mainstream and his reputation for an unique style of playing, which may include unusual tuning or performance techniques.

**This article on the album that shines is Living Colour's classic: "Guitar at its best. The guitar on the song from Vernon Reid is perfect in sound and movement. It is a perfect addition to a game dedicated to the guitar.**

The review praises Living Colour's album, noting its standout guitar track and its value as part of a video game dedicated to celebrating the music of the guitar. It also mentions the perfect addition of Vernon Reid's guitar work to the game.

**"This Machine is Me" is the band's new album debuts Saturday.**

This statement announces the release of the band's new album, "This Machine is Me," which is set to debut on a specific date, Saturday.

**The review praises the album for its blend of pop and rock influences, noting the band's ability to create a unique sound that is both accessible and engaging.**

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“Ah-ha, Thag! I caught you getting on one of those dating sites again.”

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**HOROSCOPES**

*By Paul Bowers*

**Aries** The lucky Charms marshmallow that has been lodged in your nose will emerge after three years in the form of an actual pot of gold. Grab a tissue to sop up the homingbehavior, then share the wealth.

**Taurus** Dancing cats from nearby in your future. Techno music may be involved.

**Gemini** It’s time. Cancer A lucrative business venture will be presented to you. You will respond by sitting on your butt watching "Scrubs" reruns.

**Leo** You will not forget your keys today. Virgo It’s a new day, Virgo. One more chance for you to completely screw things up. Libra You know those ratty, old Chucks that you love so much? Shovel them down. They smell like cabbage.

**Scorpio** Christmas trip to Wal-Mart will take a pleasant turn when the entire staff joins you in singing “Sometimes When We Touch” with choreographed dancing.

**Sagittarius** After visiting the George Washington Carver museum, you will switch to an all-peanut diet. Two months later, you will probably die of some kind of deficiency.

**Capricorn** Your ska band will hit a rough patch when the trombonist loses control and clubs an elderly audience member in the sternum with his slide.

**Aquarius** With the “Rocky” theme stuck in your head, you will jog up the steps of the State House. A theme stuck in your head, you will cry like a pansy.

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**A7**
USC football players pay tribute to our fallen Gamecocks - see page B3 for story.
**Mitchell set to stay for season**

Reign of offense returned to fifth-year senior quarterback

By John Leac
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

If the offensive line provides ample time, Blake should be successful throwing the ball and most of those passes will go to Kenny McKinley, who caught a career high 14 passes against the Volunteers.

Given that the offense is going to put the ball in the air, Spurrier needs to keep an eye out for Jerell Norton, the ball-hawking cornerback on Arkansas.

Norton is currently tied for fourth in the nation with five interceptions this year. Despite only being a sophomore, he has a significant impact on the Razorbacks defense.

The 6-foot cornerback from Cedar Hill, Texas will be looking to lock down South Carolina’s go-to receiver and force the quarterback to look elsewhere if Norton has success against McKinley, the passing game will need someone due to have an impact on the game.

Look for Jared Cook to occasionally find the mismatch, but the offense is looking for another receiver to step up. So far this season, nobody has risen to the occasion as a steady complement to McKinley.

Dion Lecorn has been making some solid plays over the past few games, but the receiving corps will have to do much more to draw the defense’s attention from McKinley.

Given the results of solid decision-making at the quarterback position, those last couple of minutes where the Gamecocks might need to put points on the board with time running out. Considering this will be the last game of Mitchell’s career, he will be looking to beat Arkansas in Reynolds Stadium for the second time. During Spurrier’s first season, Blake led the offense as a sophomore with two touchdown passes.

“Looking back, we think Blake is probably our best guy to go play. He’s very capable. If we pass block very well he has a chance to do well back there,” Spurrier said.

Despite mentioning that Smelley will likely play and that Bechler may also enter the game this weekend, Spurrier will not have to make any changes if the offense is successful.

“Hopefully Blake will do most of the playing,” Spurrier said.

**Defense to tackle devastating duo**

Game rests on containing potent combo of Jones, McFadden

By Keith Locklear
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

This week’s preview: South Carolina vs. Arkansas

The Gamecocks head into this weekend’s matchup with Arkansas needing a victory to keep alive any hopes of possible winning the SEC East division. The Razorbacks will not go down without a fight though, as they are looking for their sixth win on the season and bowl eligibility.

Coach Steve Spurrier knows that his defense is going to have to make plays in order to help out an offense that is still struggling.

“If we are to beat these guys, hopefully it won’t be a high scoring game,” Spurrier said.

Carolina’s defense will not have to watch much game tape before they figure out the key to stopping Arkansas’ offense. The Razorbacks will enter the game with the third-best rushing offense in the country, averaging 288 yards per game. They are led by the dual rushing attack of seniors Darren McFadden and Felix Jones, both of whom are averaging over 100 yards rushing per game this season.

Spurrier realizes how important it will be for the Gamecocks to try and control the Razorbacks running game. “They are by far the best running attack in the SEC,” Spurrier said.

If Sapp and the rest of the Gamecock defense can come up with a strong performance this weekend, Carolina will have an excellent shot at leaving Arkansas with a victory.
On a normal week, the students and fans of South Carolina would be focused on being the Gamecock community searching for answers. "It's been sad obviously. It's a tragedy. My heart goes to the families involved," Spurrier said. "We'll remember these students and hopefully we can recover."

"I've seen some real supportive nature in the campus," Sapp said. "I think on our team to really perform our best and really give the football team can continue to help enable a healing process."

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"It was a terrible tragedy obviously for our university and the families involved," Spurrier said. "We'll remember these students and hopefully we can recover." While an event like this is never a good thing, Sapp has seen the good that can come out of tragedies is people coming around, rallying for support and giving out their prayers 'cause it centralizes on one issue. It brings a lot of love out."
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1. No. 3 LSU vs. No. 17 Alabama
   
   This game possibly the most exciting matchup of the weekend. LSU hasn’t looked dominant since they crushed T骆me in their fourth game. Everyone who should win, will win. It appears that normal. This weekend seems to be the norm once again.

2. No. 6 Arizona State vs. No. 4 Oregon
   
   Arizona State is a strong challenger to Wisconsin’s throne as the most overrated team of the season. The Sun Devils have faced only three opponents with a winning record and those three are collectively only five games over .500.

3. No. 2 Boston College vs. Florida State
   
   Matt Ryan had his signature Heisman moment last Thursday against Virginia Tech by leading his team back against being down two scores with two minutes left. Ryan will most likely have another signature Heisman moment if the Seminoles defense only to let him down by a weaker offense.

4. No. 8 Kansas vs. Nebraska
   
   Nebraska fans are stupid. After finally buying into Bill Callahan’s offensive system, they were convinced that their beloved Cornhuskers were returning to national prominence.

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The University of Alabama will host the University of Mississippi for a game that will decide who will win the SEC West.

Tulane in their fourth game will win.

Michigan State doesn’t have any real competition between now and Wisconsin’s 7-2 record is proof that sometimes the numbers do lie. In a season that has has been one of the greatest collegiate seasons in recent history, Wisconsin was the most overrated of them all. The Buckeyes games against teams that were supposed to be much worse than them.

The Gamecocks are reeling after a crushing loss to Georgia in the game formerly known as the World’s Largest Cocktail Party.

As South Carolina fans now know, Vanderbilt is no joke this season. The Commodores have just the right team to pull off an upset against the Gators, a defense strong enough to contain Tim Tebow and a passing game that may be just good enough to eat up some yards against a weak UF secondary. Unfortunately the talent gap is just a bit too much for Vanderbilt.

The Deacons have just barely managed to hold on and their national championship hopes are fading fast.

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Mike Adams

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Questions with Jake Broom

1. Can USC slow down the Arkansas running game?
   Arkansas loves to run the ball. No, really, trust me on this one. The Razorbacks average 288 rushing yards per game. They average 6.0 yards per carry and have 22 rushing touchdowns on the year. Meanwhile, the Gamecocks can’t stop anybody from running the ball. I still have nightmares about Louisiana-Lafayette’s quarterback. USC has to load the box and force Casey Dick to throw the ball. Of course, every team Arkansas has played this year has had the same game plan.

2. How will Blake Mitchell react to being the starter again?
   After Mitchell trotted out on the field last week against Tennessee and drove the Gamecocks to their first touchdown, I started screaming, “I believed in you Blake! I knew it all along!” and people in my section started laughing as if I was being sarcastic. Okay, I was being sarcastic. But the guy has proven he can play. About this time last year he started channeling Danny Wuerffel and playing completely out of his mind. If Good Blake shows up, USC’s offense is nearly unstoppable. If Bad Blake makes his triumphant return, we might see the beginning of the Tommy Beecher era.

3. What is the deal with all the cramps?
   The Gamecocks caught a lot of cramps last week. It was borderline ridiculous. Every time I took a break from berating the pudgy hillbilly kid in front of me who kept waving his giant foam finger in my line of sight, I saw a Gamecock being carried off or hobbling to the locker room for fluids. At one point, Kenny McKinley caught a cramp while standing still on a play where USC was taking a knee to run the clock out. Who gets cramps in late October? It was like 50 degrees. USC can beat Arkansas, but not with their best players sitting in the locker room with IVs in their arms. Somebody get these guys some water.

4. Will the black pants be retired for a while?
   Last week was the first time USC wore black pants since switching to Under Armour. Since they lost, I have a feeling we might not see them again for a while. Steve Spurrier might not admit to being superstitious, but he always says things like “Well, we lost with the black so we’ll try something else.” Personally I hope we burn those things. I’m not really superstitious or anything, but I am the guy who insists on having my Peyton Manning bobblehead doll facing the TV during every Colts game. I even leave the game on for him when I leave. Listen, they have won 12 straight games. Don’t judge me.

5. What have we learned in the last week?
   I was still angry about losing the Tennessee game on Sunday when I got back in town from Knoxville, but when I heard about what happened in North Carolina I realized how unimportant football really is. In South Carolina we treat football like it is the most important thing in life. And, for three hours every Saturday, that’s fine. But just remember that no matter what happens, the worst day you’ll ever spend watching USC football is still an absolute blessing.

JAKE BROOM
Graduate student
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6. Oklahoma
7. West Virginia
8. Kansas
9. Missouri
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