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USC President Andrew Sorenson is urging fans to wear their Gamecock colors Friday, Sept. 1, as part of national College Colors Day 2006.

“This year, I’m asking all Gamecock fans to join with our fellow Southeastern Conference institutions in wearing their favorite college colors to support higher education, athletics and the scholarship money that athletics generates,” Sorenson said.

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Top U.S. generals say violence curbed in Baghdad, attacks kill 6

Patrick Quinn
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — America's top generals in the Middle East said Thursday a security operation in Baghdad was helping curb violence after a surge of bombings and shootings there in recent months.

Although accurate casualty figures are not available and statistics have not been provided for violent deaths in August, an Associated Press count. That number was about 605, according to an estimate AP total of at least 1,015 killed for all of July.

But the government's count for July was far higher at 5,010, including 1,010 in Baghdad alone.

Political and sectarian violence across Iraq increased after a Feb. 22 bombing of a Shiite mosque in the town of Samarra, north of Baghdad. Most of the violence has been sectarian, often involving death squads from the majority Shiites or minority Sunni Al-Sadr and Al-Maliki has said his national unity government plans to gradually hand over security for specific regions and redeploy to larger bases. Those bases can act in a support or reserve role.

With one week remaining in August, the estimated August count for all of Iraq was at least 600, according to an AP count. That number was about 600 troops in the country; mostly in Najaf, and that force is expected to be withdrawn by year's end.

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A Year in the Life

One freshman’s journey into collegiate gauntlet

In order to survive, student must brave Russell House at lunchtime

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On first-year criminal justice student Brent Stratakos' first day of college, he showed up late to his 9:30 a.m. music class because his alarm clock did not go off.

On his way to his second class of the morning, he took a wrong turn in Jones Physical Science Center and was late again. Stratakos was just one of the many freshmen roaming around campus who had a terrible first day in college — and the sweat stains under his arms to prove it.

"I had no idea where I was going in the Physical Science Center," Stratakos said. "I sat on all of the doors were missing numbers, which really confused the back out of me."

Stratakos said he asked what time the building would have been a quick place for campus, but the student turned him down.

Stratakos said his got worse when he was late into the busy Russell House. He felt he eating when going down upon him. "Then he said he realized all the "cool" guys in the cafeteria line did not carry around those blood-red trays.

"I will never carry around one of those trays ever again," Stratakos said. Stratakos also said the only thing he feels remotely cool about is how his hair was party central earlier this week before classes began.

He said many other freshmen would kill to have so many friends as he does. "My stepbrother has been here already for two years, so he knows a lot of people and has introduced me to a lot of them," Stratakos said. "I feel I am on my way to being the big man on campus."

When asked how he is going to get to class on time from now on, Stratakos said he is going to set his cell phone alarm and have his alarm clock.

Stratakos' stepbrother, Jesse Flowers, a three-year criminal justice student, said he enjoyed meeting his phone calls from Stratakos being late again.

He said Stratakos left a frantic vocalmail about how he was late, and how he killed if he should lie to the teacher and say he was sick. "I tried to calm him down and tried telling him that it wasn't that big of a deal and that college is a lot different from high school," Flowers said. "I think Brent will fit in nicely. He just needs a couple days to get used to his surroundings."

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Delay of game: Online ticket distribution nixed

By ZANETTA GAGEKLE

Fast-paced action and time-sensitive events online, it would be an incredible convenience factor — Brewster said. But online ticketing may be required for the service, Gaekle said. “It could change but that’s what I’ve been told,” Gaekle said.

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“It is like this guy fell out of the sky for them and they’re trying to figure out what he has going,” said Laurie Larson, a professor at Loyola Law School and a former federal prosecutor. “They can’t really let go or proceed to convict him until they have the evidence.”

To a large extent, the evidence does not have to be presented in the affidavit to describe the nature of the evidence. Gaekle said the affidavit contains information about what the murderers of Polly Klaas did and where they went and what they thought and felt. But there was no confession, Gaekle said, or anything else to suggest Karr played a role in the JonBenet’s murder, which led to the arrest last week in Thailand. They said he might have entered the house, learned of the DNA on it (the DNA was taken at the house of Karr’s family in Colorado) and then committed the murder.

The sample did not match the DNA from the JonBenet, Gaekle said, but there was a “strong possibility” that the DNA from the JonBenet’s DNA was too degraded to use as evidence, Gaekle said.

Gaeckle said society and the court are not as ‘in a bit of a limbo now.’”

The court filed motions in the affidavit filed in Wednesday’s court filing in which two would-be defendants were named by the Colorado public defender’s office. 

The court filing conflicts with the affidavit as it names two people who have not been identified publicly as suspects in the JonBenet case.

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The three-hour flight from Los Angeles landed shortly after 5 p.m. at the Jefferson County airport, a few miles from the upscale Boulder home where JonBenet’s father discovered her body on the day after Christmas 1996. Karr, in handcuffs both as he entered and exited the plane, was put into a black sport utility vehicle and driven in a convoy to the Boulder jail, with news helicopters trailing overhead.

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Hicks claimed Smith has his songs, William Smith Productions and Baldwin Entertainment, wrongly tried to make money from the songs that Hicks was planning to use for a new recording project.

Smith said he has signed contracts with Hicks, however. Smith also said he released the songs mainly to help fund off-off-Broadway performances of Hicks’ single “Do I Make You Proud.”

“Smash, the TV show, is set to film in New York on July 21.

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Taylor Hicks performs on stage during ABC’s “Good Morning America” summer concert series in New York on July 21.

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Border governors discuss immigration, security at Lone Star State Capitol

U.S. News & World Report ranks Carolina No. 1

Nick Niedhammer
The Daily Gamecock

USC's undergraduate international business program ranks first in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report, for the 12th year in a row.

The magazine also ranked the university's "First-Year Experiences" freshmen programs among the best in the nation.

The Most School of Business' ranking in undergraduate international business programs is based on 150 distinguished universities such as the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and New York University.

The graduate program in international business also grabbed the No. 1 spot among public universities in the country.

Researchers at the university's "Best Business Programs" category.

The university slipped slightly, to No. 18 on the "Best National Universities" category from No. 16 in 2005.

According to U.S. News & World Report, for 2006, USC's undergraduate international business program continues to net top honors.

The ranking comes at a time when USC, along with major universities, has been cited by governmental and other groups as a leader in the field of international business.

For many colleges and universities, the rankings have become a popular marketing tool to attract more students to schools.

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"We keep an eye on where other comprehensive, flagship universities in states relative to South Carolina's size are ranked in the last," Huckabee said.

As for next year, Huckabee said the university will move back up plus the last 19 programs and projects around campus are completed.

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Austrian police find young woman allegedly held prisoner for more than 8 years

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STRASSHOF, Austria — Natascha Kampusch vanished on her way to school on March 2, 1998, when she was 10. Police said Thursday they were "quite sure" she is the young woman who turned up this week claiming she had been a captive, confined much of the time in a small cellar.

The man who allegedly held the woman killed himself Wednesday, a few hours after she sought help at a home near the quiet, small-town street where she was said she was held.

While expressing confidence in the woman's identity, investigators said they were still waiting for DNA verification of the missing girl's claim by the young woman, who turned up in a garden near the man's house.

But the missing girl's parents met with the woman and said she was the daughter they had disappeared on her way to school in nearby Vienna eight years ago. Police said she had a surgery scar like the missing girl who was kidnapped and held in captivity for eight years. Police said they were still waiting for DNA verification of the woman's identity claim by the young woman.

A female police officer, Sabine Freudenberger, said the young woman told of spending her days with her captor and even doing gardening. She described the woman as "quite chatty."

Freudenberger, one of the first officers to have contact with the woman Wednesday, told Austrian television the man apparently threatened her, saying that was probably why she didn't try to run in the streets.

Police said the young woman who had had an exam earlier in the day by a doctor and did not have her glasses, said that her condition was still being studied.

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"She said 'mama mausi' to me," Sterz said, recalling the emotional moment she met the young woman.

"I couldn't sleep last night ... I didn't even want to be around my grandchildren the first year or two," Nikolaus Koch, a lead investigator, said on Austrian television that the young woman had been kidnapped and held in captivity for more than eight years.

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Jazz trumpeter extraordinaire Maynard Ferguson dies in Southern California at 78

Jeff Wilson
The Associated Press

V E N T U R A , C a l i f . — Jazz trumpeter Maynard Ferguson, known for his soaring high notes and for his recording of "Gonna Fly Now," a hit version of the theme from the "Rocky" movies, has died. He was 70.

Ferguson, who lived in nearby Ojai, died Wednesday night at the Community Memorial Hospital of kidney and liver failure due to a brain aneurysm and an abdominal infection, friend and manager Steve Schankman said Thursday. Ferguson's four daughters, Kim, Lisa, Corby and Wilder, and other family members were at his side when he died, said Schankman.

"Somehow just said, 'Gabriel, move over to second trumpet,'" Schankman said from his St. Louis office. "He was the last of the greats. That era is now, no Ferguson."

Born into a musical family in Montreal, Ferguson began playing the piano and violin at age 4, took up the trumpet at 9 and joined with the Canadian Broadcasting Company Orchestra at 11, then quit school at 15 to pursue a career in music.

The next year he was leading his own dance band, the first of a number of big bands. His first recording was made more than 60 albums and three Grammy nominations.

Ferguson, also a much admired teacher, became identified with cut-piercing power and dazzling high notes that his big band, touring worldwide, could play with precision.

"My instrument is a thing of pleasure, and I play it only because I enjoy it," he once said.

"The most important thing is doing that which feels right for you." Ferguson was forced to scale down his big band, touring worldwide, as jazz declined in the 1960s, and he'll be remembered for his soaring high notes, for his work as an educator.

"He played for students, visiting schools, to raise money for instruments and music programs. And he left them with an inspiring message," Ferguson said.

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Instead of ribbon-cutting ceremonies and new tile floors, students returned to class Thursday greeted by orange cones, caution tape and four honeycombed tents still dotting the Columbia skyline.

Campus Planning has been dragging its feet on several projects, and some students are concerned that when students arrive this fall, is slated to open in mid-September. The Blatt Boards at USC is prepared to toast the Towers the Towers, USC is prepared to toast the Towers

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of the editor of the Daily Gamecock, regrets the error.

The first thing they deal with is registering students, new and returning, and tarnished its attack on Monday when

open-air store draws in students and doesn't deliver when promised. One

clubs are paying extra to play on off-campus fields. And some intramural sports

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Apple announced Thursday their plans to recall 1.8 million notebook computers that have been outfitted with Sony batteries that have been known to overheat or in some cases catch fire. The lithium-ion cells inside of the batteries of two specific Apple model notebooks, the iBook G4 and the PowerBook G4, have been linked to nine reports of overheating and two reports of minor burns.

1.1 million Apple notebooks affected by the recall were sold in the United States between October 2003 and August 2006. The additional 700,000 notebooks were sold abroad.

Some said in a statement that problems arise with the cell when microscopic particles in the cells hit other parts of the cell and lead to a short circuit. According to Reuters, Sony makes around 25 percent of notebook batteries—secret to Sony when it comes to the manufacture of the batteries. Apple’s announcement in cooperation with the Consumer Product Safety Commission, comes only 10 days after Dell’s historic record, setting recall of 41 million notebook batteries—also made by Sony. The Dell recall has become the largest electronics recall in the history of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The bundling of these two recalls is expected to cost Sony between $172 million and $500 million. News of the recall quickly spread, affecting Apple’s stock, as Sony stock fell 2.5 percent after the announcement, and Dell stocks, as Sony stocks quickly hit Sony and Apple news websites.

Apple said that the recalled batteries are being replaced with new batteries, made by Apple, for free.

Two major incidents were cited in the Dell recall, as a Japanese businessman watching his laptop go up in smoke, and a worker in Illinois who washed his own laptop’s battery.

Major property damage has also been linked to the Dell recall, as a Florida man has blamed a Dell laptop for the fire that destroyed his home, Louis Minnear claimed his laptop was sitting on a stack of papers on the family couch when the couch caught fire. The fire quickly spread and devoured the home. Investigators have not reached the conclusion that the Dell laptop was the cause of the fire.

Dell users affected by the recall can call 1-866-342-0011 for a free replacement battery, or log on to www.dellbatteryprogram.com for further details.


game web site source

Gamer Web site peaks students’ Internet hits

Justin Farner
THE DAILY GRIFFIN

Ah, the Internet. It seems like our entire existence depends on it! We surf and browse and search and... and... and... you know the drill. And yet, your school directory and VIP, we can get a bunch done in a short amount of time.

Or not.

The World Wide Web is devoted to Classic Internet Time Killers, AIM, MySpace, and everyone’s favorite, Facebook. A simple five-minute check to see who’s left the latest comment on your wall or can turn into a three hour breakup and reconciliation session. But that’s another article.

What if you find ways to kill time on the internet, and one of the many new sites quickly climbs to popularity is NationStates.com. Stylized along the lines of the highly privatized world in the Mad Max novel “Judge Dredd,” NationStates allows users to create virtual countries to rule at their discretion.

Are there virtual countries that you can create? Can you build a nation and lead it to victory? Are you interested in these kinds of virtual politics?

Do you want to play a part in the creation of an entire nation through the internet? Can you rule a nation through your own internet hits? Can you win a revolution just with a few clicks of your mouse? Can you be the hero of your own uncharted territory? Can you be a leader of your own people? Can you pass laws and make deals? Can you dominate your own virtual world? Can you be a virtual statesman? Can you be the master of your own country?

The answer is yes. And if you thought that your Facebook was addictive, NationStates is the next step. It’s the virtual crack of computer addiction. Everyone wants to be in on the action with this site that directly affects the course of events in your country. Decisions on compulsory voting and other pressing issues will ask you to choose between the wealth of your country and your virtual friends or professional civil rights activists, and it all happens through the addictive and fast-paced world of NationStates.

In the history of the U.S. recall, has already fallen 6 percent of notebook computers.

To digitally divide and conquer.

Rock chicks have tough time finding right place in industry

Gemma Tarlach
THE DAILY GRIFFIN

Remember when Gwen Stefani was “Just a Girl”? Oh, the irony.

For most of the 90’s, Stefani hit the stage with No Doubt in baggy pants, mismatched shirts, hair in a ponytail and for real, Son. No Doubt was a pop-rock act, but Stefani was a rock chick, fearless and feisty as any of the other leading women of the early 80s, when we had dead gorgeous R&B singers such as Beyonce or highly-styled after the Japanese pop group, the Go-Gos, The Bangles, Wilson’s sophomore album, “The Hits,” has already fallen 6 percent of notebook computers.

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Female inspired music publications such as ROCKRGRL magazine ad in the resurgence of women in rock.
Despite recent studies attempting to prove otherwise, there are still some health benefits associated with coffee, which have yet to be found entirely true.

Maria McCullough

PHILADELPHIA — Over the centuries, coffee has been cursed for making soldiers undependable, women infertile, peasants rebellious and worse.

Coffee has always been more than a beverage, and its health effects have always been controversial. After all, coffee is chock-full of the drug 1,3,7-trimethylxanthine better known as caffeine (even decaf has caffeine) plus a whudabye of other chemicals and additives.

Recently, the buzz on brew has been good. Glib enough of it, research suggests, and you’ll lower your risk of diabetes, liver cirrhosis, Parkinson’s disease, gallstones and better. You’ll also sleep better.

But not long ago, it was connected incorrectly, experts now say, to pancreatic cancer, heart attacks, birth defects, miscarriage, osteoporosis and other ill effects. The surprising thing is that even after a thousand years, this ubiquitous liquid remains quixotic coffee in some studies, but not others.

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Coffee has always been more than a beverage, and its health effects have always been controversial. After all, coffee is chock-full of the drug 1,3,7-trimethylxanthine better known as caffeine (even decaf has caffeine) plus a whudabye of other chemicals and additives.

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**Volleyball enters tourney**

Somera starts second season as head coach, prepares team for showdown against Boise State

Nothing can make a team more prepared than having a chance to prove itself. For the Gamecock volleyball team, the chance has finally arrived and they are ready to seize it.

"I'm glad to report that we've a little further along than we were one year ago, and we've certainly made big improvements in all of the fundamentals of the game," head coach Nancy Somera said at Tuesday’s Fall Sports Luncheon. “As a result, we are just playing the game of volleyball better.”

After months of spring exhibitions and summer workouts, USC is set to start its second season under Somera on Friday in a tournament hosted by Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

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**Candidates for Heisman too obvious**

Major individual award already decided before players take the field

Unfortunately for college football fans, the candidates for the Heisman Trophy are finalized well before the season actually starts. A dark horse player coming out of nowhere and winning the trophy is rare and most of the time the list of possible winners is narrowed down before any college player has even thrown a down. This year is no different.

Not everyone has Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn at the top of their list. He will rack up stats against defenses Army, Navy, Air Force, Stanford, and North Carolina; but Notre Dame’s offense could struggle against the good teams they play this year (Georgia Tech, Penn State, Michigan/Michigan State, and Southern Cal). Also, a Heisman would cement Brady as the most famous Quinn in America, surpassing Dr. Quinn,” said Broom. 

**The biggest area they could surpass Dr. Quinn?**

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With the high profile of the SEC East and its division USA today will be testing the strength of the SEC East with fewer teams than last fall, it could be a rough season for USC. Though they will be better than last year, it could take a while for the unit to gel.
Soccer teams face tough foes early on

Men’s, women’s teams kickoff season against highly touted opponents

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The road to another postseason berth begins Friday night for the Gamecocks as No. 18-ranked Clemson comes to town. The Tigers also have postseason on their minds after reaching the Final Four last season with a 6-3 record. Clemson will play a starting lineup of seven starters and 11 players returning. Both teams have to prove themselves early before they begin to think about the future.

The 18th-ranked Gamecocks will be welcoming back eight starters from last season’s Conference USA champion squad. Among the players returning forward/midfielder Mike Sambursky. The ‘91 banquet team scored in all-conference and all South Region honors when he led the Gamecocks in scoring with 24 points on eight goals and eight assists. Second year goalkeeper Mike Gustavson will also be returning back to block opponents’ shots, as he spent his summer playing for the US National under 20 team where he led the red, white, and blue to the finals of the Miller Cup. Clemson enters Friday’s contest slightly more experienced. Last week the Tigers played two games in the Akron Exhibition Tournament, where they defeated 17th-ranked St. John’s 1-0 and doused a 2-1-2 tie against Creighton.

Much like the men’s squad, the Gamecock women’s soccer team will be playing quality teams to start the season. The women’s squad travels to Columbus, Mo. this weekend to battle some tough Big Ten teams in the Tiger Invitational. Carolina will spend the tournament playing Illinois on Friday night and the Iowa Hawkeyes on Sunday afternoon.

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“I’m really more excited to play than nervous,” she said on Tuesday. “I really just want to get out there and prove to everyone that I’ve overcome the worry of it going to happen again.”

Success in this first tournament is important, but wins early don’t always mean wins later. USC won its first tournament last season but followed the performance with a 1-11 conference record.

Wins, though, will be welcomed by Somers.

“Our goal isn’t to go 4-0, it certainly would be nice,” she said. “I wouldn’t be too happy if we came back below .500.”

The Boise State match starts today at 4 p.m. followed by the TCU match at 8:30 p.m. Carolina then faces Loyola (Mo.) Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and Texas A&M-Corpus Crist at 6 p.m.

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Florida quarterback Chris Leak, left, and Oklahoma running back Adrian Peterson are frontrunners for this year’s Heisman Trophy. Both players will need to overcome significant hurdles to remain in contention for the award.

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