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EL DORADO, Ark. — Police in Arkansas said a drunken man stole a parked school bus and then asked a woman if she wanted to go for a ride. Police say 44-year-old Joseph P. Fannin faces theft and driving while intoxicated charges for the incident Friday night. Police say Fannin took an El Dorado School District bus parked near a bar and left it in a motel driveway. They said a woman called them after Fannin asked if she wanted a ride.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — The staff dietitian at a doctors group says a minor-league baseball team in Grand Rapids, Mich., should warn fans that a 4,800-calorie burger it plans to sell is bad for them. A four-pound, $20 burger features five beef patties, nearly a cup of chili and liberal doses of salt and corn chips.

Parents and teachers in a state with one of the nation’s worst graduation rates are predicting their governor’s vow to reject federal cash for schools will cost hundreds of teaching jobs, classroom closures and hurt poor children.

Republican Gov. Mark Sanford faces a Friday deadline to decide whether he will refuse $700 million in federal stimulus cash, primarily for education over two years, which he said would be better spent paying down debt. “I understand the issue of trying to pay down debt. But it’s akin to trying to pay off your mortgage while your kids are starving,” said Frank Sanborn, a legislator in South Carolina.

Sanford said legislators can write an adequate budget without the money and dismiss a growing chorus of fellow Republicans, editorial writers, business leaders and anti-tax groups supporting teachers and protesting as victims of political scatrattics.
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Birdcage did little to build understanding

On-campus drag show failed to promote Creed Week values

You shouldn't excel the virtues of the person who's scaring down a hamburger. Likewise, by being friendly, you may be for the right to marry while flying the bumper sticker. I recently read the online commentary for "Scarfing down a hamburger. Fierce and Feathered," and writing an article for a BGSU event, it attracted its fair share of bigotry and commenters. For example, this one: Why would an organization that promotes gay rights host an event during a political event during the election season, especially with the "battles over Proposition 8." Creed Week should be about celebrating diversity, not to reinforce stereotypes. Yes, there is a lot of bigotry about gay culture, but that's not what this is about. The most important part of this event was showing people that gays can take someone who is already looking unattractive and make them beautiful. They see homosexuality as something to be recovered. But the gay rights movement as a whole has made a lot of progress. That's down right offensive. Harvey Milk, not Rick Santorum, should always come first. The governor has called the stimulus "fiscal child abuse." No doubt, the children of today will face the consequences of the unpopular move, but it is only seems fair that the governor has to face the consequences of the stimulus. He should always come first. The governor has not budged. There's something to be done with the stimulus. It is published daily during the fall, spring, and nine times during the summer with the exception of holidays. Opinions expressed in its columns do not necessarily reflect the views of the Daily Gamecock. It is an editorially independent student publication. The Daily Gamecock encourages readers to voice opinions and offers arguments to back their views.

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Better Off Ted

Creator: Victor Fresco
Director: Michael Fresco
Actors: Jay Harrington, Portia de Rossi, Malcolm Barrett

Workplace comedies have been atop the critics’ and audience’s favorites of late with the immense success of NBC’s “The Office” and “30 Rock.” ABC throws its hat into the world of quirky corporate structure with the nimble, surprisingly-effective “Better Off Ted.”

From creator Victor Fresco (“Andy Richter Controls the Universe”), the show follows research and development head Ted (Jay Harrington), who heads a group of scientists and engineers at Viridian Dynamics, a company that develops cutting-edge products.

Harrington anchors the show with his fast delivery, occasionally breaking the fourth wall to address the audience with various side commentaries. He always makes Ted likeable and smart despite his limited range as an actor.

Portia de Rossi, direly missed since “Arrested Development,” stars opposite Harrington as icy boss Veronica. Though uneven at times, as if not sure how far to stretch Veronica’s detached demeanor, de Rossi has managed to evolve the character over the show’s first three episodes, settling into steady cadences and witty delivery that breathes more and more out of the character.

Malcolm Barrett and Jonathan Slavin, as two incessantly bickering genius scientists, turn in competent work. Their relationship tends to rely almost too heavily on the traditional dynamics of “geek partners,” as a lot of the humor generates out of their social ineptitudes instead of a deeper place within their character.

Regardless, the two have learned to feed off each other as episodes progress, creating personalities that both complement and undermine the other.

The show’s secret weapon is Andrea Anders, Ted’s awkward office crush Linda. She may be the quirkiest character on the show, but she subdues it with effective, realistic delivery that never becomes contrived. Her gestures and quick changes of tempo shift give effortlessly throughout single conversations, and her sense of delivery helps a bulk of her jokes shine through.

The single-camera shooting style skillfully deprives the show of a laugh track, but the camera work has a smooth quality different from the handheld, faux-documentary work on “The Office” or even “30 Rock.” Tracking shots and pans work effectively, and plenty of low angles and sharp lighting accent the well-designed corporate environment.

The writing feels hit-and-miss at times, but when it hits, it delivers. “Better Off Ted,” to its credit, does launch a volley of jokes and detours in each episode, and even if many of them don’t stick, the ones that do are impressive for their simple set-up and effective delivery. The diversity of the humor, though largely confined to the vein of outlandish corporate satire, ensures that each passing moment has an enjoyable mixture of interactions between characters.

Each episode also contains a fake commercial for the show’s company, Viridian Dynamics, detailing one of their specialties. Perfectly nailing the lackladiacal commercial voiceover, these brief bits provide the best laughs of each episode. They always stay close enough to reality and far enough into silliness.

“Better Off Ted,” though undoubtedly shaky, shines with an endearing cast and enough charm in the writing to forge its more generic, recycled moments. It has yet to take off into distinguishing territory, but it shows promise to evolve if carried beyond its initial seven-episode contract.

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USC sees chance against Razorbacks

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Maggie Hudley

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