Jeremy Peters, a Pulitzer Prize–winning reporter for The New York Times, spoke to USC students Thursday in an event sponsored by Capstone Scholars and Student Government.


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It's no secret that Super Bowl ads can be extravagent and squinty, and nearly all of them take up some airtime during the biggest football game of the year. Many fans look forward to these commercials, and each year the creators of the winning ad are invited to accept the award in New Orleans.

Classmates will view the Super Bowl together at WTVS and pay to watch national commercials to cast their votes electronically, and a winner is selected following the game.

Students experiencing flu-like symptoms are encouraged to make an appointment with Student Health Services. Health services also recommends that students with symptoms isolate themselves, or contact medical attention, until at least 24 hours after fever subsides. Students experiencing flu-like symptoms are encouraged to make an appointment with Student Health Services.
Fans in Williams-Brice Stadium are no strangers to frustration.

But last year, in the midst of a school-record 11-win season, it wasn’t the football team doling out disappointment.

Instead, students often found themselves embroiled in issues with their tickets — and with the police, as a shortage of wristbands and influx of nonstudents in the student section spurred a number of run-ins with law enforcement.

At the Carolina–Clemson game, the seasonlong ticketing issues came to a head, as a group of about 150 students denied access to the game tried to push their way past officers and event staff into the stadium. Twenty-nine of them were later taken into custody by police.

To remedy the spate of incidents, student ticketing has floated a number of suggestions. Among them: charging for tickets, assigning seats in the lower deck and switching the office’s system from TicketReturn to Ticketmaster.

Those ideas were not received well by many USC students, but few of them showed up at a ticketing forum last semester to discuss them.

Student ticketing is hosting another three meetings next week and sent a campuswide email encouraging students to attend them.

“Please come out and hear about what’s next for student ticketing and share your opinions and concerns,” they wrote.

— Compiled by Thad Moore, Assistant News Editor

**Ticketing to host three student forums**

**Forum times**

**Monday, Feb. 6, 2012**

Russell House Room 315

3 p.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012**

Russell House Room 315

Noon

**Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012**

Russell House Room 315

5:30 p.m.
Freshmen favored by housing move

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“arif this integration better in our college experience,” one freshman in South Tower said. “This means fewer bathrooms to wait in and closer housing to the majority of the courses.”

This integration obviously better in our college experience as well. Freshmen move in to South Tower in August and to South Tower, but transfers have been all but eliminated from the mix. Now that Housing can say it will fall in this situation in the fall, it will provide a bigger and better solution creating a community — by complaining about Housing.

All considered — even our reservations — we can support this move by Housing. Freshmen are more a part of campus and more of a campus presence strengthens the integration of freshmen into the overall community. However, moving around students cannot be perfect. Some might not like the change, but this is a step in the right direction. Freshmen must adjust their living situation and accept the change.

Romney, Paul unite to save right

To this point, the battle for the Republican presidential nomination has been a fierce and bloody affair. In the distant past, the number of candidates has fluctuated from seven to four. The attack has been brutal, the campaigning biting. Two remaining candidates, however, have been the one idea that can unite the right. mint Romney and Rick Paul.

According to The Washington Post, Ron and Paul have earned back the trust of the GOP and are driving the narrative of the campaign in their own respective ways. 

Both know that to succeed and win support in the nomination and the general election, they are going to have to not only present their policies and cause, but they also have to combine Romney's staunch conservative base with Paul's more diverse and powerful Republican base.

The Republican Party is not going to beat President Barack Obama in November without the help of Ron Paul and his supporters. The two men have banded together to form a powerful grassroots movement.

In the battle against President Obama, the group has been able to help propel Ron Paul to victory in the Iowa straw poll.

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Fat Rat Da Czar, a longtime Columbia hip-hop artist, will perform at New Brookland Tavern on Saturday night.

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When half of a restaurant’s menu is dedicated to desserts, the place has to be good.

Such is the case with Nonnah’s. The Gervais Street restaurant has become known for serving up

When he moved back to Virginia during his sophomore year, he was stationed at Fort

In a fitting tribute,

Austin Price

She’s a staple in the Columbia hip-hop scene, and at 6 feet 3 inches, an imposing figure when he takes the stage. Fat Rat Da Czar has been performing in the triangle almost since he moved from Virginia in 1995 and will be hitting the familiar New Brookland Tavern stage once again Saturday for his first show of 2012. Although he was born and raised in Newport News, Va., Fat Rat was no stranger to Columbia even in 1995.

“My relationship with South Carolina started back in 1976,” he said. His father was in the military and was stationed at Fort Jackson. When his parents divorced, he moved back to Virginia with his father.

“Even though I left and went back with my father... South Carolina is where I spent all my childhood, here with my mom and everything,” Fat Rat said. He even attended two different Columbia high schools, Dreher and Lower Richland, during his sophomore year, but moved back to Virginia again during his junior year. After graduating in 1995, though, Fat Rat said he came straight back. He began his career in Columbia as part of the now-defunct hip-hop trio StreetSide and in September 1993 was even able to open for The Notorious B.I.G. at the Township Auditorium. While he wasn’t able to personally talk to Biggie, he still credits the rap superstar with giving him and the group one of their first breaks.

In a fitting tribute, Fat Rat features the rapper poster from that show in his brand new single “Tryin’ To Make It.” StreetSide, also featuring rappers Moptop and Charlie Waters, broke up in 2006, but Fat Rat credits age and other obligations — particularly family — as reasons for the dissolution rather than any negative feelings among them. He remains good friends with his former group members, calling them some of the best people he’s ever met. He began his solo career that same year, and ever since the grassroots effort he made to rebud a fan base for himself.

“People knew us front to back because we were everywhere selling our product,” he said. “That was back in the days of selling out of the trunk, literally. But the thing is, you can be with a group and people can love the group, but you have to have the process all over again (when you go solo). You don’t necessarily transfer fans when the group is over. I had to get on the ground level and try to make some music that these fans would like, but I also had to make some new elements and get some new fans.”

He said one of the main influences on his solo style was the time he spent working with Moptop and Waters.

“They were two of the best emcees here

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While lunch and dinner menus have adopted changes, it has kept

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Fat Rat dropped his first solo mixtape in late 2006, and a year and a half later, in April 2008, he began one of the most recognized and applauded efforts of his career — “Da Cold War” series of releases officially known as mixtapes but highly popular albums by Fat Rat. The series, in a fitting tribute to the series, “Da Cold War 2,” was what Fat Rat called a “breakout” moment for his solo career. The series, together with “Da Cold War 1” — to be released in late spring or early summer, according to Fat Rat — marks the start of a very personal undertaking.

Fat Rat has been funded for the honoree behind his lyrics, and those lyrics are still just as down to earth, as evident in the first two singles from “Da Cold War 3” — “All Around The Towner” and “Trying

Fat Rat — was a very

“Music is my religion.”

— John Mondske
the temptation.
A personal favorite of Groff’s is the strawberry amaretto. White cake layered with strawberry cream, is soaked in amaretto flavoring and covered with white chocolate–covered strawberries.

Among other favorites are the deep-dish pies and liquid desserts. Nonnah’s on Gervais Street features a wide variety of sweets, including rich cheesecake, variety of sweets, including rich cheesecake, apple praline pie and an assortment of cheesecakes, including Oreo, turtle and white chocolate ginger.

A personal favorite of Groff’s is the white chocolate ginger. The restaurant also features a gallery that displays works from local artists. Since then, the gallery has grown to be a prominent part of the restaurant, drawing in customers who are there to purchase or view the local art.

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“My philosophy is that people should enjoy their food and have fun while doing it,” said Groff.

Nonnah’s is open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Dinner is served Monday through Thursday from 5 to 11 p.m., Friday from 5 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and Saturday from 6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. With an extensive menu, dinner is served Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. and Saturday from 6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

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Spurrier introduces new Gamecock coaches

Connolly, Robinson, Sands, Botkin ready for future at South Carolina

ISABELLE KHURSHUDYAN

Kyle Heck

Friday, February 3, 2012

The Gamecocks will enter a terrific conference this year with UConn men’s basketball coach Kevin Ollie, who was the keynote speaker at the team’s annual media day on Monday, and Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly, who was the guest speaker at the team’s annual media day on Tuesday. Ollie is the new head coach at the University of Connecticut and Kelly is the new head coach at the University of Notre Dame. Both coaches have extensive experience in college football and have led their teams to a high level of success.

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