Gamecocks showcase skills at pro day

Clowney highlights class of draft-eligible former players who participated Wednesday

Danny Garrison

Representatives from 30 of the NFL’s 32 teams, 22 credentialed media members and a number of South Carolina football fans gathered at Williams-Brice Stadium Wednesday to watch 10 Gamecocks perform on their home turf for one last time.

South Carolina’s annual Pro Timing Day drew more attention than ever for the 2014 edition, as the sports world continues to speculate about where Jadeveon Clowney will land in May’s NFL Draft.

As Clowney displayed his skills in front of a group that included Bill O’Brien, head coach of the Houston Texans and owner of the No. 1 overall pick, the defensive end said he still had plenty of reason to prove on and off the field.

“I was trying to showcase that I could move lateral and, you know, show my cardio that I’ve been staying in shape, working out,” Clowney said. “And my work ethic. People are always questioning my work ethic, and I think my work ethic’s pretty good.”

Clowney measured at 87.5 inches on the vertical jump and 124 inches on the broad jump Wednesday, and he did 21 repetitions on the bench press at 225 pounds. He did not run the 40-yard dash, instead standing on his NFL Combine time of 4.53 seconds, the fastest of his position group.

As the former South Carolina star prepares for his future in the NFL, he says he’s turned his focus to improving his game from a mental perspective.

“Just really learning the game, that’s going to be my next, biggest hard step,” he said. “I think I’ve got all the tools, talent-wise and athleticism, but just learning the game. The game is another step up, a lot of smart guys with the same talent as you’ve got can outsmart you because they’ve been around it for a while.”

While a vast majority of the scouts and media members were on hand to see Clowney’s workout, the biggest cheers from the stands came when the winningest quarterback in South Carolina history got ready to compete.

Connor Shaw is not a lock to be drafted like his former teammate, but he has several private workouts scheduled with NFL teams, the names of which he would not say.

Throughout this process of readying for the draft, Shaw said the most beneficial opportunities he’s had have been sit-downs with scouts and coaches from the next level.

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An array of sequins, feathers, leather and suede fluttered down the runway at USC’s Fashion Week Student Designer Showcase Wednesday night after passing its first few pieces of legislation followed by a lively discussion regarding the university’s health services.

A resolution to support Sexual Awareness Month will go down in Student Government history as the first piece of legislation passed by the 106th senate, followed by a recommendation to allocate nearly $3,000 to three on-campus organizations and another recommendation that created a constitutional committee.

Additionally, Student Body President Lindsay Richardson’s nominees for her cabinet were presented to the body and referred to the appropriate committees.

But it was the discussion at the cabinet’s recommendation for the most memorable portion of the meeting.

Sen. Byron Thomas, of the College of Mass Communications, took to the floor to share complaints he had received from students with the rest of the body regarding the campus shuttle schedule.

Student president pro tempore Jonathan Biddle, a political science sophomore, said there had been plenty of problems with the shuttle, and he wanted the university to make improvements.

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Senators only represent their constituencies,” he said.

“His voice is his voice. He might have unheard from those students, but their delegation has not said the same, so that’s literally just him as a senator.”

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New construction project needs city oversight

By KAMILA MELKO — The Daily Gamecock

A new development is in the works on Assembly Street. Our stance is to stimulate discussion in the space before, but crucially failed to present to the public, then this conclusion would be a welcome addition to the numerous student housing options that are currently or will be near future. But it’s key that we have the idea that this isn’t a safe place to be.

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Comedic caper shows off distinctive style

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‘Grand Budapest Hotel’: a storybook delight

Wes Anderson’s eighth feature film is distinctly his own, featuring a narrative as intricately crafted as the film’s visual design.

The film is told through a number of framing stories within framing stories, serving to bridge the film together as a narrative and as a combination of set design, locations and camera movement.

The film begins in the present, as a young girl goes to a cemetery to read a book by an author (Tom Wilkinson) who then talks to the camera in the 1980s about his experience of visiting the Grand Budapest Hotel in 1968. At the time of his visit in the late ’60s the author by an youth being played by Jude Law), the hotel’s hospitality has become such a legend that it occupies the story’s driving establishment.

He meets a gentleman who seems pleasant but with a world-worn face and a sadness in his eyes. Through the course of conversation and food, the young author finds out this older man, Monsieur Zero Moustafa (F. Murray Abraham), is the owner of the hotel.

The Grand Budapest has been a part of his life for many years, as the hotel was a young man’s introduction to an immigrant fleeging World War I and then a hobby that was a leisure resort. (played in his youth by Tony Revolori). He was personally mentored by the hotels grandest concierge, the utterly dedicated, devoted M. Gustave (Ralph Fiennes). The majority of the film takes place in the film’s fictional European country of Zubrowka.

Gustave runs the hotel with smoothness and flawlessly as Anderson directs this intricate, delicate effort, but he’s not the perfect businessman. With his pencil-line mustache, perfectly tucked hair and a devilish shine in his eyes, Gustave beds his elderly female acquaintances for their money, as he is a Mr. Budovsky in “The Producers.”

The main action of the film begins when Madame D., one of his wealthy, withered women, ends up murdered in her museum where a priceless painting was stolen, and the defectable lady-killer is accused of the crime. The film turns into a madcap mix of a chase film, a prison escape film, whodunit, romance and sly political satire.

Anderson is one of those filmmakers, like Tim Burton and Terrence Malick, whose style is so distinctive that one can see seconds from any of his films and tell it is his work. Every inch of the film is obsessively choreographed and designed. The storybook quality makes the viewing experience incredibly delightful and joyous. Look anywhere in the frame to find a hidden gag in the set design or a delicately crafted prop.

The cast has about two dozen famous faces, many of whom have appeared in Anderson’s previous films, and many appear only minutes or seconds in the 100-minute film. In fact, it almost becomes distracting to have big-name actors pop up in the middle of the rapid-fire dialog.

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new things that’s almost easier, in my opinion,” he said.

Mintz also appears in Kristin Verone’s collection, taking on styles that were reminiscent of a mix between Rick Owens and Rodarte. The structure on the shirts men wore, such as a piece that ranged from ’70s-style fringe to menswear that used pointed hoodies.

Models show off student designers’ fashion collections Wednesday night, work that ranged from ’70s-style fringe to menswear that used pointed hoodies.

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We’re breaking ground on new student housing, but to do that we’ll need to permanently close the parking lot at the corner of Blossom and Park streets. All cars must be removed by Saturday, April 5.

Students and staff with S, GS, CS, and Z parking decals can park for free in the Discovery Plaza parking garage for the rest of the spring semester. Students and staff who would like to continue to park in the Discovery garage after May 11 may purchase a decal for the garage.

Faculty and staff who park in the N section of the lot being closed will be able to park in assigned spots in the adjacent lot.

To learn more, visit Parking Services at sc.edu/vmps.
Enter a two-day party phase, and get involved in your community. Your friends are there for you. Hold meetings, collaborate and throw these events. Get involved. Make a list of potential activities to do.

Cancer

Seek opportunities and tomorrow. Trust intuition. There could be feelings that are not what they appear. Entertain your mind.

Taurus

There's plenty of work, so extra efforts will be needed. Collaborate and throw a party. Relax in the comfort of the excitement. Stay strong and focused.

Gemini

Enter a two-day party phase, and get involved in your community. Your friends are there for you. Hold meetings, collaborate and throw these events. Get involved. Make a list of potential activities to do.

Leo

Partner with someone and negotiation takes priority today and tomorrow. Consult with experts on strategy. It's easier to delegate someone else on the team wants to be more directive. Pay attention to all offers. A caring soul has a fresh perspective on your ideas. Read through your plans.

Sagittarius

Cut to basics, and aim for perfection. Soothing sounds will be on your mind now. Enjoy the slopes. Your friends are there for you. Enter a two-day party phase, and get involved in your community. Your friends are there for you. Hold meetings, collaborate and throw these events. Get involved. Make a list of potential activities to do.

Pisces

Today and tomorrow focus on making decisions. Hunt and catchy. It's easy to lose control. You know you're in the thick of it now. Imagine it's all over.
Junior catcher Grayson Greiner has driven in the game-winning run in two of the Gamecocks’ last three contests, including a walk-off grand slam against the Volunteers.

“In the plethora of mock drafts,” Mayock said. “The kid is one of the best players in college baseball, and if he’s awful confident,” Holbrook said. “The kid is one of the best players in college baseball, and if he’s awful confident,” Holbrook said. “We’re going to see some of the best pitching we’ve seen all year this weekend,” Holbrook said. “And we’re going to have to have a better offensive approach if we’re going to have any success in Arkansas.”

Based on the numbers, Holbrook is right. The Razorbacks’ pitching staff owns the seventh-best earned run average in the nation, and their 2.21 mark is better than any team South Carolina has earned run average in the nation, and their 2.21 mark is better than any team South Carolina has ever faced this year.

Arkansas is also ranked seventh in his allowed earned runs per nine innings, another number that’s best among the Gamecocks’ opponents thus far.

“We’ve got to get some guys swinging the bat and make some smart plays later,” Frye said. “We’ve got to get some guys swinging the bat and make some smart plays later,” Frye said. “The whole thing, we’ve got to get our expectations as high right now after the first two months, but we’ve showed a lot of promise.”

On the women’s side, true freshman sandstorm Precious Holmes has been one of the top runners in the country at the 400-meter race, and Frye hopes that she will continue to get better as the season progresses.