Journalist talks on drug costs

Former editor visits hospital to discuss pharmaceuticals

Chelsea Haladowy / Photo Editor

In 2002, pharmaceutical companies made almost six times the profit of other companies on the Fortune 500 list. And it’s consumers who are paying twice for their profits, Marcia Angell said Friday morning.

Angell, former editor in chief of The New England Journal of Medicine, is currently a senior lecturer at Harvard University and has written several books on drugs companies. Angell spoke to USC students and doctors at Palmetto Health Richland Friday in a lecture entitled “The Truth about the Drug Companies.”

“Why do prescription drugs cost so much?” Angell asked. “Because they can get away with it.”

The big pharmaceutical companies, such as Pfizer and Merck, claim the high costs are to cover research and development of new drugs, Angell said. But there are several holes in their argument that can be deconstructed and show that the facts do not back up this claim, she said.

In 2002, U.S. drug companies spent $67 billion on marketing and administration, compared to $10 billion spent on research and development. The U.S. market is highly profitable for drug companies, domestic and foreign, and companies want to target potential consumers, Angell said.

“America is the biggest profit center because it’s the only advanced country that does not regulate prices in some way,” Angell said. “Prices are double what they are in other countries.”

Another belief that drug companies have lulled people into thinking is that all the new drugs that come onto the market are better than the already existing drugs, but that’s just not true, Angell said.

“Nearly 80 percent of new drugs were deemed to have no improvement over already existing drugs,” Angell said.

Drug companies only have to compare new drugs on a resume, according to Gina Vasselli, a career counselor, said students often lie without meaning to. She said many students think working three summers in a row at the same job means you have worked there for three years, but that is not the case.

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Students should think twice about giving themselves an Ivy League education on their resume.

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Amendment targets gay marriage

Proposed legislation could deny same-sex couples right to civil unions, legal wedlock

Drew Brooks / Staff writer

This election day, South Carolinians will have the opportunity to vote in regards to several amendments on this year’s ballot.

Of the five proposed amendments, which include proposed restrictions on an eminent domain and a limit on property tax increases, none have been more talked about than Amendment 1.

If passed, Amendment 1 would “provide that in this State and its political subdivisions, a marriage between one man and one woman is the only lawful domestic union that shall be valid or recognized.”

This means that not only marriage, but civil unions as well would be denied to same-sex couples.

“It’s an amendment that would ‘redefine gay and lesbian South Carolinians — and their children — to second-class citizenship,’” according to the South Carolina Equality Coalition Web site www.sc-equality.org.

However, the Palmetto Family Council, the South Carolina affiliate of Focus on the Family in favor of the amendment, contends that it is best for the children of S.C..
National Mall makes room for King tribute

On a hot August afternoon in 1963, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his “I Have a Dream” speech to a moody black audience from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

On Nov. 15, a half-mile from Lincoln’s iconic statue, a diverse group of celebrities, corporate leaders and ordinary Americans will help turn the first shovels of dirt for a memorial honoring the civil rights leader who was slain 48 years ago. It will be the first monument to an African American on the National Mall.

“He’s an American hero, and beyond that he’s a hero for all sorts of people,” said poet and novelist Maya Angelou, who is scheduled to join Oprah Winfrey and others who have been working for more than a decade to help build the monument.

Following the deaths of George Scott King and civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks, who died in October 2005, efforts to raise the necessary $100 million to build and maintain the four-acre memorial accelerated.

President, wife targets of removal campaign

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Taiwan’s president refused to resign on Sunday and denied allegations that he and his wife had embezzled public money. But the opposition did not buy his defense and prepared to launch a new campaign to remove him from office.

President Chen Shu-hsin’s comments were his first since prosecutors indicted first lady Wu Shu-chen on embezzlement, forgery and perjury charges on Friday. She was accused of taking $40,000 from a special diplomatic fund in 2002-2006.

Prosecutors said Chen could be implicated in the case, but he cannot be indicted as a sitting president.

The graft allegations have re-emergent an opposition campaign to topple Chen, who has served for six years and has 18 months left on his term. His main opponents are his party and the opposition, which is, as such, deserving to be recognized as equal citizens.

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In addition to violating the personal conscience of the 14th amendment, Gray said the accepting amendment “flouts the Constitution for the benefit of the state."

The SCEC calls this “constitutionally inconsistent with the principle of individual and inequality.”

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“Today’s ballot could make or break how we perceive our state, as Fulkerson said, “at the forefront of backwards thinking,” but would harm the economy as well.

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— Alfred North Whitehead, mathematician

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In a scene from his new movie, Borat Sagdiyev, played by Sacha Baron Cohen, celebrates his planned visit to America with his neighbors in his home country of Kazakhstan.

Borat: misogynist, racist, sexist, brilliant

Cohen’s character uses a “bushy mustache and an earnest smile” to explore American culture with critical humor

Anybody who buys into Borat’s views on the world are obviously making themselves part of the joke. Cohen is willing to impress his way into people’s racism too, and it is at those moments where the satire reaches its boiling point and the comedy surpasses all “boy meets girl” comedies of decades past.

For example, one of the men helping Borat at a rodeo advises him to shave his mustache so he can look less like the Muslims, whom he openly admits suspecting at all times of being terrorists. This is followed by wishes homosexuals would go straight to the pillows.

Although Cohen is a Jewish Jew, he is not afraid to play an openly anti-Semitic character. When others are in the company of a flagrant racist, they let their guard down, and this is where Cohen exposes the deep-rooted biases of America.

Without spoiling surprising sentiments of Americans in the film, it illustrates the long, long way America has to go to reach cultural open-mindedness.

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One of last year’s video game sequels he takes a giant leap to get a sequel in “Guitar Hero 2.”

“Guitar Hero 2” is expected to hit store shelves Tuesday for $50, or $50 for only the game.

The original game invites would-be rockers to play world-famous rock songs such as Queen’s “Killer Queen,” Blue Oyster Cult’s “Godzilla” and Ozzy Osbourne’s “Bark at the Moon” by using a special guitar controller.

The main draw for this sequel in the game’s collection of new songs to rock out to is

by the reality TV-like method are more than politically incorrect observations — nearly all of the advice the frat boys give Borat pertains to using women for sex, or the “butt it and quit it” mentality.

One segment sets him up in a Texas antique shop, where he observes Confederate bumper stickers near the entrance, then follows further inside to unleash a Three Stooges-esque pratfall of shattered porcelains.

America hasn’t seen a brand of comedy so openly involving of overt sex and reaction since Andy Kaufman.

His only costume is a bushy mustache and an earnest smile, but it goes a long way toward taking off people’s assumed outline in Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan.

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even raised a few eyebrows," Ponce said. "We did a skit with the Student Body Vice President Ryan Holt as the butt of the joke.

The skit involved practical jokesters filled Holt’s office with balloons and filmed his initial reaction to that joke. As for the funding for the show, Ponce and Curtis are taking the money out of their own pockets to make the first couple shows happen.

Their initial objective is to get the talk show on regular Columbia stations such as WIS and WOLO.

Next semester, SGTV and Carolina Productions will fund the show with more episodes, musical acts and special guests.

Check out “The Cock Block” and its first live show Tuesday at 9 p.m. in the law school auditorium.

The first show will air Thursday at 9 p.m. on SGTV, Channel 4.

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interesting choices such as a mockumentary band Spinal Tap’s “Tonight I’m Gonna Rock You Tonight” and Foo Fighters’ “Mussolini.”

Dick Dale, also makes an appearance.

Perhaps the most interesting choice in song for the game is Lynyrd Skynyrd’s southern rock classic “Freebird,” a popular choice among budding air guitarists.

Twenty-five bonus tracks have been added to the main list of 40 songs, counting out a 65-song list.

Two songs from that bonus list have surprised gamers: “Trogdor” and “Thunderhorse.” “Trogdor” is a song made famous by cartoon comedy Web site homestarrunner.com. The song, sung by Strong Bad, is an ode to a terrorizing dragon from the Middle Ages. “Thunderhorse” is a song created by the Adult Swim cartoon metal band Dethklok.

The game’s features have also been expanded. Multiplayer has seen an expansion with the inclusion of a Co-Op mode that allows two friends to rock out to the same song, with one player playing lead guitar and the other playing bass or backup guitar.

A new head-to-head version of the competition mode has been added that lets both players play the same song to see who can rock the hardest.

To increase the game’s playability for some, RedOctane has added a practice mode, so players can nail each song’s note patterns.

The mode will allow players to pick out certain portions of the songs to play, and will also allow the ability to speed up or slow down the sections for maximum practice.

Some USC students are already fans of the game, citing its excellent playability and fun at parties.

“[The developers] are taking an already great game and making it stellar,” said Afotey Quaye, a first-year computer science student.

Corey Herbst, a fourth-year physics student, enjoys the game’s new features, especially Practice mode.

“The game makes you feel like a rock star without having to actually learn how to play guitar,” Herbst said.

At Microsoft’s X06 Conference last month, Microsoft announced plans to release “Guitar Hero II” for the Xbox 360 sometime next year. Xbox 360 players will get a new model guitar called the Gibson X-Plorer. Microsoft also plans to implant the Marketplace into the game, meaning RedOctane will be able to add more features so players can download them for a small fee.

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**Crossword**

**Edited by Wayne Robert Williams**

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**Solutions from Friday’s crossword**

**ACROSS**

1. Bearing
2. Paper fastener
3. Poisonous
4. Locked
5. Mexico in fun
6. Hard to find
7. Man in the middle
8. Go on a quest
9. Stir up action
10. Ending of a myth
11. Snake in art
12. Part of PLC
13. Delaunay
15. Harry and the Potters
16. American diving bird
17. Neurological test letter
18. Exposed
19. Accidents
20. Medical pic.
21. Strong red shade
22. Lemon science
23. Bone
24. Southeastern American
25. Crow child
26. City or Diw or Pete
27. Sundial
28. Imagination
29. Nurse, as a drug
30. Fit for consumption
31. Positions
32. Soup-simmer
33. Trap activator
34. Take stock
35. Condensed extracts

**DOWN**

1. Outer layer
2. Large turn

**Aries** You can be very wealthy. Don’t be afraid. This is not achieved by luck. It is more like taking very carefully calculated risks.

**Taurus** Luckily, you’re very good at standing firm. Be gracious but don’t flinch. You win by being stubborn. You’re a natural.

**Gemini** Staying quiet’s not easy for you but do it a little while longer. Look out for changes and hidden agendas, and keep your head down.

**Cancer** You’re in a good mood, and that’s helpful. There will be some awkward moments. Something you thought would go one way is more likely to go the other.

**Leo** If you have to choose between career and family, choose family. It's forever. You can always get another career but you probably won’t have to do that.

**Virgo** You keep things clean and organized, which gives you a nice advantage. You’ll be able to see an awkward attempt to cheat, and, of course, you’ll avoid it.

**Sagittarius** Don’t take the time to talk things over until the job is done. Count your winnings later, too.

**Capricorn** The trick is to give your complete attention to each person, in turn. This gets easier with practice. Taking notes also is helpful, and makes a good impression.

Whiteboard

**BY BERTIE SUTTON**

These Arms

**Inside the Box**

**BY MARLENE LOWENTHAL**

Welcome to Falling Rock National Park

**BY JOSH SHALEK**

**A Word for the Wise**

pulchritudinous [puhl-kri-TYOOD-in-uh] (adj.) — physically beautiful; comely

Ex: “Though Charlotte was modestly pretty, she was no comparison to her pulchritudinous younger sister Elizabeth.”

Sudoku

**By Michael Mephem**

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The answer is you use Saturday night, USC’s Mitchell executed so well with the quick drops that a guaranteed run. And in which Newton means ball so it is not a situation of arguably two of the best especially from Florida and Monk had a career-high 0:02 left in the first half. Marcus Monk for a 50-yard touchdown pass with finding wide receiver Hogs’ offensive attack, football.”

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Mitchell erupted, leading the final three contests, tough pass rushes like the Dick’s load, taking hand-
More impressive was Blake Mitchell's ability to get the ball to USC's playmakers.
After Hog-tied first half, Mitchell almost pushes USC to upset victory

For a few hard-fought moments, USC looked like the Ghost of Recent Season Past — quarterback Blake Mitchell fumbling long bombs through the air, wide receiver Sidney Rice off two Gamecock defenders and landed in Monk’s hands for a score.

But the attack strategy of 2005 — unexpectedly revived in the second half Saturday — couldn’t overcome two initial quarters of shaky offense and Arkansas speedster Darren McFadden turning the defensive line to shreds. The No. 12 Razorbacks (6-1, 5-0) run to a 26-20 win at Williams-Brice Stadium with eyes on the SEC crown with only a second left.

The Gamecocks (5-4, 3-3), meanwhile, with two quarterbacks and two halves of top-notch football, were left one score short once again.

“We try, we try, we try,” USC coach Steve Spurrier said after the game. “We just can’t get it back.”

Starting Carolina QB Syville Newton couldn’t find room for his usual sure-footed scrambling in the first half, with USC’s offense output consisting of two Ryan Succop field goals.

Mitchell was told at halftime, with a 26-6 Arkansas edge, that he’d be going in — a chance that he saw as a winner, but we’re not quite there yet. Spurrier only to be benched again two games. It just couldn’t happen.

And he took the opportunity and ran with it. He took it so far that he almost turned what has become a mediocre season into one that had a chance to be pretty darn good.

“I think we’re doing a tremendous job,” receiver Sidney Rice said. “I think we’ve got a chance to get back to where we were last year.”

USC quarterback Blake Mitchell came into Saturday’s game against Arkansas in Columbia and threw two touchdown passes in one half of play.

**Blake battles to brink**

**Blame Mitchell**

USC coach Steve Spurrier talks after the game Saturday.

After Hog-tied first half, Mitchell almost pushes USC to upset victory

“The key is us doing what we’re supposed to do and being at the right place at the right time,” defensive coordinator Tyrone Nix said. “We’ve got to be smarter. In that situation right there at the end of the half, instead of … going for an interception, you’ve got to get to the ball down.”

The Gamecocks’ unlucky bounces have been a theme the entire season. USC has faced four top-10 opponents and lost all four matchups by a combined 38 points. A lack of USC’s defense in those games was Newton making something out of nothing.

But as pretty as he may have looked in those games, a loss is still a loss, as coach Steve Spurrier would say.

Then came Saturday night. Newton played as inconsistently in the first half as he has all season. Groaning could be heard from the USC student section when Mitchell announced as an All-American candidate before the game, was one of the defenders who didn’t knock down the pass.

“Blake gave us a spark,” receiver Sidney Rice said. “He helped us turn it around and get us back in the game for the second time.”

**Blake Mitchell’s fault**

Nevertheless, Newton proved himself to be a worthy replacement. Sure, his ball didn’t spiral quite as pretty as Mitchell’s, and sure, the quick shot quite like the other guy, but he gave Carolina the last chance to win. Or this game wouldn’t have ever been a possibility.

And then again he lost the games he was supposed to at Kentucky and Tennessee. This loss, then again he lost the games he was supposed to at Auburn and Tennessee.

“Half the game,” receiver Sidney Rice said. “We just didn’t have those kinds of things we keep doing.”

“Two-QB onslaught would help Gamecocks”

Scrambler, pocket-pass combo for rest of season could be perfect solution

**Scrambler, pocket-pass combo**

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The Columbia's Chuck Move throws the puck in a game of the Coliseum earlier this season.

Stingrays outlast Inferno

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The Columbia Inferno played the South Carolina Stingrays Oct. 24 in Columbia when both teams combined for 15 goals in a game the Inferno lost 7-8. Sunday the two teams met for the first time in Columbia this season, and did not feature such a furious offensive performance.

“Both teams tightened up defensively,” said the Inferno’s first-year head coach Troy Mann after his team lost 3-2 in overtime.

The Stingrays (4-1-0) got on the board first in the opening period as center Brendan Bernacki took a pass from Andrew Anderson and tucked it into the right side of the net while the Inferno’s Todd Ford was sprawled out in the crease after blocking the initial shot.

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For the third time this season, the Inferno held the lead in a home game after Anthony Battaglia paced the puck to a wide open Chris Bar who fired a laser that slid right over goalie Dave Pichette.

That lead was gone 1:11 into the final period when Stingrays’ defenseman Danny Grover fed a pass to center Chris Chapp who caught Ford away from the net and tapped the puck into an empty net.

With the game tied at the end of regulation, the two teams played five minutes of sudden death overtime. Ford, who turned aside 19 shots keeps the Inferno in it all night, especially in the overtime sense, as 15 saves after regulation.

“Ford has been great since his first start. He’s scoing the puck well,” said Mann. On whether Ford will become the Inferno’s official No. 1 goalie, Mann said “He definitely deserves to get a little more time now.”

Scoring for the Inferno in the shootout were Fussey and left-wing Alex Foster. That wasn’t enough for them however, as the Stingrays got 1 goals in the shootout. Matt Berk, Evan Schwalbe, and Steve Patera were able to beat Ford in the shootout, leaving the Inferno winless at home in three tries.

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Volleyball team goes wireless in Mississippi

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Mitchell stepped, leading the Gamecocks on two 90-

the third down, in both two-touchdowns, including

99-yard campaign consisting of all passes and no runs.

But after crawling to within 6, a Mitchell interception by Darius Wilson gave the Hogs the ball.

The answer is you use them both. Make the opposing defense prepare for both. Both players are capable of throwing the ball it is not a situation in which Newton means a guaranteed run. And with the quick drop that Mitchell executed so well Saturday night, USC’s much maligned offensive line (who actually is improving) is not put under as much pressure to hold their blocks.

Let’s face the facts. Mitchell, alone, has not worked. Newton, alone, has not worked. So why not pull an old trick out of your hat, coach?

The best chance for USC to win the last three games of their season is to have both of these very talented players on the field. And with the OU Bob Coach at the helm, don’t be surprised to see it happen.

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