Michele Bachmann delivered a stinging critique of the Obama administration during a rally in Columbia Thursday afternoon. 

He declined to say which fraternities had been reported. The news came as fraternities prepared to offer bids to potential new members in the upcoming days. A meeting will be called early Friday to discuss how the future will unfold, Edwards said. USC officials said they were unsure whether fraternities would be allowed to offer bids later this semester, and Edwards said the decision was “by no means certain.”

“I don’t know what comes next,” Brewer said. “I’ve never dealt with anything like this, where there’s this whole range of official and unofficial and this whole other side that really happens in a point where we are kind of frustrating.”

When reached by The Daily Gamecock late Thursday night, Fraternity Council President Wes Steenburgh declined comment.

Both Edwards and Brewer said fraternity leaders had been dishonest about recruitment with Greek Life staff. Fraternity Council members said the decision was “unprecedented by Jerry Brewer, USC’s longtime recruitment late Thursday night in a move called

Energetic Bachmann visits Columbia

With Elvis Presley songs blaring in the background, Michele Bachmann rolled into Columbia on her largest-than-life blue bus and emerged a passionate crowd at The Hall at Sunset’s end. “Together, we are going to make Barack Obama a one-term president,” she said, with her fans echoing her words. Bachmann has picked up steam since her victory in the Ames Straw Poll Saturday, and she is now considered by some to share the “top tier” of the Republican presidential primary race with Mitt Romney and Rick Perry. Perry will speak at a GOP luncheon in Columbia today.

Bachmann’s fellow Republican candidate and tea party favorite Herman Cain also spoke with students at a Lexington restaurant Thursday. Republican candidates value South Carolina because it is the first primary in the South, and its voters constitute a “true” electorate that would become the Republican nominee for president since 1980. At her rally, Bachmann criticized Obama’s fiscal policy, saying that he spends too much. “I think we’ve seen what he does with our money, haven’t we?” Bachmann said. “He doesn’t truss it away; he makes things worse.”

She asked rhetorically if Obama ever has a plan, which was answered with a vehement “No!” from the audience. Bachmann herself argued she had offered a plan of not defaulting on the nation’s debt, in reference to the debt ceiling debate that dragged on earlier this month.

“We don’t default on our debt,” she said. “We pay our men and women in the military because they earn it. ‘I would say, in every circumstance, ‘You would be paid first,’ [by] our men and women of the military.” Bachmann accused the president of using not only members of the military but also senior citizens for his own political purposes.

“He said to our senior citizens, ‘Together, we are going to make Barack Obama a one-term president.’”

Overcrowding led to servers crashing, university officials say

According to Epting, the site was down for around two hours, during which it experienced periods of intermittent functionality. Other students said their email accounts malfunctioned.

“Don’t know that anybody really cares about the crash, but the reason for it was because the site had two seconds of server names and things like that,” Epting said. “And really there is nothing other than saying that it basically went down because there were so many people hitting it up at the same time.”

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It’s been quite a year for Tim Manske, a nontraditional first-year USC student, who recently won $50,000, tickets to the Super Bowl and a trip to the Bahamas.

**2010 was an amazing year for me,** Coast Guard recruiter, first-class petty officer and nontraditional first-year sports and entertainment management student Tim Manske said.

Having won $10,000, a trip to the Bahamas and Super Bowl tickets in the past year alone — that’s quite an understatement.

**A $10K DEAL**

This year’s luckiest Gamecock

Manske, an avid Cowboys fan, had tickets and plans to meet up with his family and several friends in Tampa for the game. He called his mother, who promised to take him to the show if he was chosen, to tell her they were going to have to miss the taping.

His mother held him in no uncertain terms that she would be accompanying him to the taping whether they missed the game or not.

So Manske reluctantly made the trip with his mother and girlfriend to Waterford, Conn., sure that not only would he not be picked, but he’d end up in Connecticut for the whole weekend and miss her beloved Cowboys.

Sure enough, out of the 35 contestants, Manske was the first one picked.

“’It was surreal,’ he said excitedly, when they asked about the show. “And I’m not going to go against my gut.”

Sure enough, after several drinks and disappointed reactions.

For now, though, he’s here to stay.

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Manske is stationed in Columbia, S.C., for the next four years, on assignment as a Coast Guard recruiter. He’s also technically a freshman at USC, studying part-time to get his bachelor’s degree in sport and entertainment management.

“I talk to all kinds of folks, both people right out of high school, and with bachelor’s degree about a career in the Coast Guard, either enlisted or as an officer,” Manske said. “It’s a competitive process, especially with such high unemployment.”

His plush apartment in The Lofts at Village Square overlooks the Publix Super Market across the street, working at the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center six times a week. He drives a Mercedes-Benz, and his life almost seems too good to be true.

“It’s not all play; though,” Manske said. “I’m a Christian, so I have Christmas lighting decorating my Christmas, and I’ve had many a turkey sandwich for Thanksgiving dinner at sea.”

For now, though, he’s here to stay. That’s, unless he wins another trip.
Friday, August 19, 2011

Lunchtime evacuation of student union lasts about 15 minutes

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Students were forced to evacuate the Russell House around 11:45 a.m. Thursday after a fire alarm rang through the building. A smoke detector in one of the offices was activated, causing the alarm, said USC spokeswoman Margaret Lamb. From initial reports, Lamb didn’t know which office, but she confirmed it was not a scheduled fire drill.

Caroline Trawick, a fourth-year hotel, restaurant and tourism management student was in line at Santorini’s with a few sorority sisters when the alarm went off, delaying her lunch.

“They told everyone to exit,” Trawick said. “If we’d have gotten here five minutes sooner, we probably could have gotten our food free.”

Second-year psychology student Blair Boler was even more inconvenienced.

“We were actually about to eat lunch,” he said. With a class soon approaching, he added, “I’m probably not going to be able to eat. It was very inconvenient.”

Joe Edwards, a second-year history student, however, was not too irked by the alarm.

“I was in line to get food at Burger King. It was half-made, and the guy at the counter was nice enough to finish it for me before leaving. I got it for free because when I tried to pay for it, there was no one manning the register.”

The alarm had stopped by noon. It then went off again for another minute before finally subsiding.

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Big names in comedy headline the Carolina Productions fall schedule, and student talent will be showcased throughout the semester. The student-run events and entertainment organization has booked comedians Maz Jobrani, Michael Ian Black and Doug Benson for the upcoming semester. Other notable acts on the CP calendar include appearances by The Onion staff, Warped Tour founder Kevin Lyman, “The Naked Roommate” author Harlan Cohen and dance groups 61Syx and Step Afrika, as well as a “Heads vs. Feds” debate over the legalization of marijuana.

All CP events are free to students with their CarolinaCard and are funded by students’ activity fees. Kallie Linsberg, head of CP’s Special Programs committee, said this fall’s events were planned out a semester in advance. She said CP’s six committees have tried to spread out their budgets to allow for more acts that offer students a greater variety of entertainment rather than just a few expensive performances.

“We still have the same amount of money to spend, but we’re trying to be more conscious of how we spend it — not that we were unconscious before — but we’re trying to have more of a variety of acts,” said Limberg, a second-year sports and entertainment management student.

Hosting more student acts means CP will shell out less money on professional performers. Linsberg estimates her committee will spend less than half of its allotted budget this semester.

CP will present its annual USC’s Got Talent on Nov. 1 and Battle of the Bands on Nov. 2, in addition to regular student-showcase events such as Acoustic Café and Spoken Word Wednesdays. Details about CP’s annual fall concert, scheduled for Sept. 29, have not yet been announced due to contract negotiations. But organizers expect the event to once again be its biggest student draw of the semester, not to mention the most expensive. While the organization cannot yet announce the performer, McKagen said CP is looking at “a genre we haven’t tapped into recently” that comes “highly suggested by student surveys.”

“We try to go with what’s hot right now,” said McKagen, a fourth-year hospitality management student.

The Russell House Theater hosts CP’s weekly lineup of new movie showings. The fall movie schedule leads off with showings of “Rango” at 6 p.m. and “Scream 4” at 9 p.m. this Thursday through Sunday. Summer blockbusters “Water for Elephants,” “Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides,” “Bridesmaids” and “The Hangover Part II” are a few of the highlights among nearly 30 yet-to-be-released titles coming to USC this semester.

A full schedule of upcoming events can be found in the CP calendar, available at the CP office in the Campus Life Center, located on the second floor of Russell House. CP will hold open forums for student input Sept. 20 and Nov. 7 at 5 p.m in Russell House room 115. All students are also invited to join one or more of CP’s six committees as a general or VIP member.

“If you just show up at our committee meetings, you will have a say in who gets to come (to campus),” Limberg said.

CP will hold interest meetings in the Russell House Ballroom Sept. 7 and 8 at 6 p.m. For more information on CP events or how to join the organization, visit cp.sc.edu or contact McKagen at sacppres@mailbox.sc.edu.
The Office of Multicultural Affairs is looking to hire a coordinator who will reach out to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning students on campus. The office just offered the position of coordinator for LGBT Programs.

There was a resolution passed by Student Senate for the establishment of a resource center for LGBT students at USC in February 2011. The resolution, combined with a November 2010 benchmark study lead by a graduate assistant, gave the administration motive to find funds to create the position, said Rodrick Moore, director of USC’s Office of Multicultural Student Affairs.

Some of the coordinator’s responsibilities will include leading and developing programs and services for LGBT students, advising in the Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Straight Alliance (BGLSA), serving as the Safe Zone program adviser for the Office of Multicultural Affairs and conducting workshops on LGBT issues.

The salary is $31,787 with full state benefits. Minimum qualifications are a master’s degree in student affairs administration plus one year of related experience, or a bachelor’s degree with three years of related experience.

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Only 10 minutes after the fair began at 11 a.m., students were already filing down Greene Street and checking out all of the various displays. Businesses that had attended the fair in previous years knew that the large crowd was nothing new. Paula Wessinger from Vista Tanning has attended the fair for three years.

“I usually go through about 800 flyers each year,” she said. The fair introduced a variety of businesses to students including banks, insurance companies, restaurants and health care providers. Many of the merchants said their main goals for the fair were to gain exposure and to make students more aware of their services.

Kim Hamilton represented Tios Mexican Cafe, a college eatery located across from the Horseshoe at USC. “We just want the students to know that when they’re studying hard late at night, we’ll come and deliver them food,” she said.

The fair received another large burst of students after the fire alarm in Russell House went off around 11:30 a.m., causing all of the students inside to evacuate. Angelica Carrion, a third-year sports and entertainment management student, decided to take a shot at golfing at the Wachovia table after the alarm went off for the second time.

“You’ve got to get it how you live,” she said. “It’s an expensive world!”

Hundreds flock to Merchants Fair
Greene Street showcase highlights dozens of Columbia businesses

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Insomnia Cookies was one of several businesses selling its wares Thursday.

Vista Tanning has attended the fair for three years.

Tios Mexican Cafe promoted its award-winning salsa alongside other businesses Thursday afternoon at the Merchants Fair on Greene Street outside Russell House.

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Moore School goes global with telepresence software

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Debate Union Vice President Sam Somani stresses technology's positive effects.
citizens, ‘Well, I don’t know if you’re going to get your Social Security check in August,’” Bachmann said. She recalled people telling her, while she was campaigning in Iowa, that they had canceled their Internet and satellite TV bills because they didn’t think their check was coming in the mail.

“When the president speaks, he makes a tremendous impact doesn’t he?” she said.

She lectured that the president, Congress and the Supreme Court should all act within the bounds of the Constitution.

“That’s why she left so fears the tea party movement, and they should. We are a movement, I’m just here to tell you,” she said.

She then slapped another insult to Obama, by “confessing” that she forgot to bring her teleprompters.

“I apologize; I forgot to bring my teleprompters with me today,” Bachmann said. “In the Bachmann house, there will be no teleprompters.”

On Obama’s health care plan, she labeled the money spent toward it as a “down payment for socialized health care.”

Bachmann pledged that as president, she wouldn’t rest until Obama’s health care plan is repealed.

Moving to foreign affairs, she said she would stand up to a nuclear Iran.

“I am not going to let them continue their nuclear ambitions to begin a nuclear arms race,” Bachmann said.

Lately, the United States has accused Iran of using its nuclear energy to create weapons. Iran denies the claim, saying that it is for peaceful purposes only.

“I believe that when a madman speaks, you should take them seriously and defeat them,” Bachmann said. “That’s what I intend to do.”

Her words kept the crowd cheering and clapping as they listened sincerely.

“I thought she got it right,” said Mike Gibson of Blythewood. “I agree with her.”

Robyn Gibson of Blythewood said that Obama is ruining the economy and that everything he’s done has failed.

“He knows nothing about business, and he’s just a community organizer,” she said.

However, not everyone approved of her visit to Columbia. After the event was over, anti-Bachmann fliers were found on windshields of nearby parked cars labeling Bachmann as a “Big Business Republican.”

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Bachmann recalled people telling her that they had canceled their internet and satellite TV bills while waiting for their Social Security checks.

Bachmann introduces her husband Marcus before she exits the stage after her speech. She then read a statement to the press before taking a few questions.

Bachmann and her husband Marcus had a brief exchange after she spoke in Columbia Thursday.

Bachmann greets supporters after her speech in Columbia Thursday. The crowd of about 100 seemed to largely agree with the tenets expressed in her speech.
Technology at USC short-circuits again

The $2.4 million USC Connect program promises to bring us all up-to-date technologically, as we have yet to come to an understanding of technology. We should be there yet, for technology to work during the beginning of each semester.

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Don’t get sold on school bookstore

Online resources allow students access to better, cheaper texts

Many students will be asking the question, "Do I really need to buy this textbook?" The short answer is no, and here's why.

The University Bookstore is the biggest scam, and as a textbook seller, places zero value on the students on campus. Its prices are grossly inflated, and there are rarely any sales. The store’s new program, "Full Sail," also falls flat. Online textbooks are similarly priced to on-campus books, and texts are only marginally less expensive at half price.

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If you don’t feel the same as I do about this issue and you think that the issues of job creation and the economy should be put on the table for every debate, every time the candidates have one, you may want to take note of how connected education is to jobs and economic growth. Put an economic analysis on a stump and make it grow again when people aren’t educated as they should be. Right now, according to the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), our country is behind the 65 countries in terms of educational systems.

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With that said, and perhaps the most important statement to make is that no matter the political party involved, should better education and education make it to the focus, even the young professional or university student vote this time around, they'll do as I'm saying and focus more on the issues.

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Education missing from presidential debates

Republican candidates ignore tax cut vital to national economy's recovery

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Brazile's life is a shining legacy for LGBTQ community

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Yoghut — 601 Main St.

Yoghut has USC's frozen yogurt game covered, set with a prime location on the intersection of Main and Blossom streets and a seemingly never-ending line at any given time on any given day of the week. Boasting an overwhelming 49 flavors on its website, including everything from watermelon sorbet to Hershey's Kisses cherry chocolate, the thrill of reading “what’s swirling” each day is enough to keep Yoghut endlessly exciting. At 42 cents an ounce, even the most massive amounts of yogurt are affordable. And, a full bar of toppings, including the likes of Cap'n Crunch cereal, crushed Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, fresh fruit, jazzy stand-alone pleasing flavors. Yoghut has also stepped up its health game, offering a wide variety of low-fat and dairy-free options. Voted as Free Times’ “Best Frozen Yogurt” for 2011, the corner shop also serves smoothies, coffee, frappes and Acai bowls. Follow Yoghut on Twitter (@yoghut), Facebook and Foursquare to find out what’s swirling, and have the chance to win randomly awarded 20-percent-off coupons. Yoghut is open Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday noon to 10 p.m.

Fruiti Cup — 631-B Harden St.

Fruiti Cup is Five Points’ resident frozen yogurt stop, located right of the corner of Harden and Blossom, next to Groucho’s Deli. Although it hasn’t found the same draw of students as Yoghut, it has cornered a market with its bubble tea and flavored juice bar. Fruiti Cup’s flavor selection is much more limited than Yoghut, but it does offer a simpler palate, with original tart yogurt, vanilla-base yogurt and chocolate-flavored yogurt being the “mainstays” of the fro-yo shop. New flavors are announced on its Facebook page at least every five days, including the current yogurts on tap, Thin Mint and toffee. The popular bubble, or milk, tea is a traditional Taiwanese beverage, extended to Columbia through Fruiti Cup. It’s available in flavors such as ginger, green bean, honeysuckle and jackfruit. Fruiti Cup’s yogurt is also 42 cents an ounce, but it does offer a 10-percent discount for students and military with a valid identification. It is open Sunday through Wednesday noon to 9:30 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday noon to 10 p.m.

Yumilicious — 4710 Forest Dr.

Referred to as a “frozen yogurt dessert lounge,” Yumilicious is a bit further out from campus, about 10 minutes down Forest Drive. However, the push, more upscale feel of the shop, bright orange decor and touch screens above each yogurt dispenser, make the drive worth it. Owned by Brian Glenn, the owner of Village Idiot, it does have a college connection with USC student employees. Also, unlike most yogurt shops, Yumilicious makes all of it in its in-house, Yumilicious rivals Yoghut with 41 flavors of yogurt, including some unique but classic treats like blueberry cheesecake, a seasonal eggnog and pecan praline. Deals can be found on Facebook, with coupons available through text. Yumilicious yogurt is 41 cents an ounce, and the shop is open Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday noon to 10 p.m.

Freshens — First floor Russell House, 1400 Greene St.

Freshens, located in the Russell House across for the Grand Market Place, is the only on-campus frozen yogurt shop, giving it an automatic edge. Although Freshens does not offer a wide range of flavors like Yoghut, students can get their choice of original tart, vanilla, chocolate or swirled yogurt, with a more limited selection of the same toppers available at the other city shops. Toppings include fresh fruit, chocolate chips, sprinkles and cereals, and each yogurt creation is available in a sugar or waffle cone — something unique from the other four. A small cup of plain yogurt costs $2.59 and offers periodical “best yogurt combination” contests for coupons on a frozen treat. Freshens also offers smoothies, fresh-squeezed juices, organic, pre-made and dipped ice cream, with add-ins and power boosts available in the smoothies and protein drinks. It is open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

32 Degree — 4840 Forest Dr.

Definitely the most family-friendly of the group, 32 Degree is just down the road from Yumilicious in Trembley Plaza. With a toppings wall lined with bins of candy and a more traditional bar of fruits, nuts and other sprinkles and candied bits, 32 Degree definitely wins in topping presentation and selection. Although it only has 14 flavors, including Tahitian vanilla, snickerdoodle and Dreamylicious, which switch out of the machines every week, it has focused on the health nut. 32 Degree just switched to Only 8 yogurt, which is no sugar, no cholesterol and no fat — the “healthiest yogurt on the market.” It also claims broccoli and gluten-free options, and offers periodical “best yogurt combination” contests for coupons on a frozen treat. 32 Degree is open Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Although classes started yesterday, there’s still plenty of fun to be had during this semester. If dancing is something you love or would like to try, here’s a look at some local venues that specialize in shag, salsa and contra dancing.

Shag
Where: Jillian’s, 800 Gervais St.
When: Every Thursday night, 6:30 p.m.
Cost: Free to get in

Ever wanted to learn South Carolina’s official state dance? Shag dancing originated during the height of the Big Band Era and is a variation of swing dance. Beach music is the official music of Carolina shag. Jillian’s, located on Gervais Street in the Vista, hosts shag dancing every Thursday right after the Vista’s annual Peace Pilgrim 4K running. The restaurant is open at 4:30 p.m. and the band plays from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

Contra
Where: Arsenal Hill Park Building, 1800 Lincoln St.
When: Second Saturday of each month, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., with beginner dancer workshops held a half-hour before each dance
Cost: $8

Contra dance is a type of partner folk line dance. Like square dancing, contra dancing involves a caller who tells dancers what steps to do. Unlike square dancing, contra typically involves two lines of dancers facing each other. A series of steps are repeated throughout the night. Each dance lasts about 10 to 15 minutes. Columbia Traditional Music and Dance hosts a contra dance on the second Saturday of each month. Guest callers come from all over South Carolina as well as Georgia to host these local dances. Live music is also an integral element of contra dancing. The next Columbia contra dance will be held on Sept. 17 with caller Marion Floyd and music from Cabin Fever.

Where: Lake Murray Contra Hall, 640 Devil’s Backbone Road, Leesville, S.C.
When: First Saturday of each month
Cost: $5

Located about 40 minutes from campus, Lake Murray Contra Hall is a new venue for contra that is growing thanks to a series of dance workshops it hosted this summer. Lake Murray’s dance also feature live bands and callers. The venue will hold its last summer workshop on Aug. 27 from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Latin Dance
Where: Vista Ballroom, 717 Lady St.
When: Every Thursday, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.
Cost: $3

If Latin rhythms are more your forte, Vista Ballroom hosts a Latin dance night every Thursday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Salsa is one of several Latin dances featured during the night. Vista Ballroom also offers classes in Argentine tango, salsa, ballroom dance, swing and shag. Visit visitadallasc.com for more information about taking lessons and registration.

Where: Salsa Cabana, 2005 N. Beltline Blvd.
On Friday and Saturday nights
Cost: $10

Although Salsa Cabana is only open on Friday and Saturday nights, it is one of the most popular venues for salsa dancing in the greater Columbia area. The venue has a DJ who does take requests, and is a great location for socializing and dancing, with a full bar and upper-balcony and lounge area. The Cabana is also in the same parking lot as Casa Linda, a popular Mexican restaurant, making a full Latin-themed evening for many.

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Documentary inspires cycling trip to raise funds for Big City Mountaineers
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When the documentary “Take a Seat,” which follows Dominion Gail as she cycles 18,449 miles from Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, to Ushuaia, Chile, the southernmost city in the world, was screened on campus at the 2009 Barned Mountain Film Festival, the sense of awe Gail’s feat was palpable. But where some found awe, others found inspiration.

Those “others” include South Carolina alumni Michael Hunter, a 2011 graduate in marketing and business administration, and Dominic Gill, who were inspired by the film to undertake a 25,000-mile journey to the geographic high point of all 50 states—all under human or renewable power.

They estimate that their undertaking will take between a year and a half and two years, though Hunter says “there are a lot of variables that will come into play,” including breakdowns, winter conditions and their pace. Along the way, Hunter and McCauley “will sometimes be in our comfort zone, yet other times we will be in the heart of these mountains, among others, on shocking expeditions.”

“Many of these youths are from single-parent households and have never left their county of residence in their life,” McCauley said, adding that the program will “hopefully encourage them [and] inspire them.”

They have information about donating to Big City Mountaineers, where money will be earmarked to support youth expeditions, and to their project for food, bike repairs and other expenses, on their website www.cycleforthesummit.com.

On Sept. 10, though details are not yet available. Hunter and McCauley also suggest the website USC President Andrew Sorensen. USC President Harris Pastides Sassafras Mountain, South Carolina’s highest peak, which sponsored the mountain in the memory of late University of Cincinnati, where the team’s overarching goal is to “hopefully inspire people to do things for the first time, things they never thought about.”

In that regard, Gill’s example is one they’re wise to follow.

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Alumni to cross country for cause

Michael Hunter (right) is a member of Cycle for the Summit, a group planning to bike across the country to raise $50,000 and awareness for Big City Mountaineers, an organization which aids inner-city youth.

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The Habitat for Humanity Restore in West Columbia allows college students to furnish an entire apartment or house for an inexpensive price. Then it helps the community by donating the proceeds to building Habitat for Humanity homes — houses for low-income families in the Columbia area. All of the items in the store are discounted 30 to 70 percent from their retail value, including furniture, appliances and building materials.

“We always get asked if we are open to the public or if anyone can shop. Absolutely,” said Cole Fisher, the Restore’s director. “I call it ‘guilt-free shopping.’ You are scoring a great deal, and you are supporting Habitat for Humanity at the same time.”

In addition to necessities, like chairs, couches and tables, Restore customers can find plenty of interesting and random items hidden among the shelves — manage tables, root-a-dozen cow skulls and high school prom souvenir glasses to name a few. There’s also an entire corner of the store dedicated to cheap books (children to adult, and even some best-sellers) and local artists’ work. Coffee mugs are 25 cents a piece in the houseware section, making it exceedingly easy to stock up for those long nights during exam week.

It’s not all about spending your money there, either. Students looking to fill a community service requirement in their degree, such as the one for the Honors College, can also volunteer at the Restore. It’s just off Gervais Street on Sunset Boulevard, and offers plenty of different kinds of work, perfect for a few volunteer hours on a Saturday.

Regular volunteers can accept a position in customer service, merchandise organization or as a cashier. If students have special skills or training in any field related to construction, like plumbing or carpentry, specialized volunteering is also available.

“We have a variety of volunteer opportunities that cater to a person’s schedule and skill set,” Fisher said. “Retail, website tinkering, graphic designers, interior designers, bloggers, etc. Basically, if you have a skill, we’ll find a place for you. It isn’t all about moving donations and helping customers. We want volunteers to put their strengths to work, which we believe makes it a better experience for everyone.”

Laura Jefferson, the Restore’s volunteer coordinator, emphasized that volunteers are in high demand.

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Mai Thai Cuisine is a hidden gem, boasting some of the city’s best, award-winning Thai cuisine, in one of the most unexpected locations. The restaurant itself is a small space, providing a more intimate setting, with dimmed lighting and Thai-inspired wall art and statues that add to the overall experience. Although it is in for a nice evening out, Mai Thai does have some drawbacks to its setup and the lunch crowd, with a menu tailor-made for the quick and relatively cheap sit-down bite. Lunch specials, served Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., include a variety of salads, curries and noodle dishes, with the option of tofu, vegetable, chicken, shrimp, calamari or pork. Each lunch entrée is served with a small, and they mean small, side salad and a cup of chicken rice soup or steamed jasmine rice, all for under $8.

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Auditorium hosts Weaving the Fate

Sydney Patterson

Weaving the Fate, Death of Paris and the Casual Kings will play at Township Auditorium Saturday night, marking the venue’s first steps on their journey to repositioning the venue up to the local music scene.

“The last time a band from Columbia played the Township is when Hootie & the Blowfish played here in 1999,” said Andrew Horne, event coordinator of the Township Auditorium.

Township, in light of recent improvements, is making an effort to bring back the college crowd and establish a grassroots draw in its performing acts.

Since the Township underwent a major renovation last year, the Township Foundation is expanding the Township’s programming to offer to better serve the Columbia community.” Horne said. “Since a major part of the local community is USC, we wanted to offer more shows to the students of USC, and we thought a good way to kick off these events was to feature bands that have USC students.

Weaving the Fate, a prominent band in Columbia, will be headlining the 7 p.m. show, supported by fellow local staples the Casual Kings and Death of Paris. Each band has carved its way into the local music scene, with plenty of talent and support from media outlets around the capital city. This exposure, made possible by each band’s hard work and dedication to its music, was the driving force behind Horne’s choice for Township’s first local show in 12 years.

“After we decided that we wanted to do bands from here, the logical place to start for us was Weaving the Fate (formerly known as Villanova) not only because they have been a staple of the Columbia music scene for a long time, but with their upcoming release on a major label (Universal Republic), heavy radio play and large fan base, they seemed like the best choice to headline,” Horne said. “With Death of Paris and Casual Kings I really just tried to look at bands that were making the most noise in Columbia, and both of them are self-established members of the local scene.

The Casual Kings have played with Weaving the Fate before and were recommended by local music vet Travis Maynard. As for Death of Paris, I found out about them from an article in The Gamecock so after I listened to them I thought they would be a perfect fit for what we are trying to do.

Brian Conner’s soaring, soulful and sometimes trademark Rasputin-esque vocals convey these intimate, heartfelt lyrics that Weaving the Fate has been known for. The music accompanying Conner’s voice encompasses a wide range of styles and

Weaving the Fate (top) and Death of Paris will also be taking the stage Saturday night for Township Auditorium’s First Columbia-area band show since 1999.
If You Like: “Two and a Half Men”
Try: “How to Be a Gentleman”
Premiere: Thursday, Sept. 29, 8:30 p.m. on CBS

What happens when a fast-talking muscle man is hired to beef up a well-spoken columnist? CBS hopes to answer that question with its new series “How to Be a Gentleman,” which follows the tumultuous friendship between the upright Andrew Carlson (played by David Hornsby) and the slacker, moozer and more aggressive personal trainer Bert Arnett (played by Kevin Dillon). Hornsby plays a writer who is forced by his editor to change up his style and become more “sexy” in his work. Thus, Hornsby hires Dillon, a badass from his past, as his life coach to teach him how to be less refined and more nasty. Natural hilarity ensues as the brash Dillon takes on the gentle Hornsby, goading and punching his student until he changes his well-mannered ways.

If You Like: “Modern Family”
Try: “Up All Night”
Premiere: Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 10 p.m. on NBC

ABC’s hit “Modern Family” has given a whole new meaning to the world of family comedy, and now NBC is hoping to do the same with its own hilarious take on life when you’re trying to balance raising a family with everything else. The series, produced by comedy dynamo Lorne Michaels, stars Christina Applegate, “Saturday Night Live” alumna Maya Rudolph and funnyman Will Arnett. Applegate, a high-powered working woman who recently became a first-time mom, struggles to maintain her career working under the demanding Rudolph while making time with stay-at-home husband Arnett and her new baby. Sure, the storyline may not be the freshest of the bunch. However, with a trio of well-established and gifted comedians, “Up All Night” could definitely see success in its Wednesday night time slot.

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There were more than a few disappointed Gamecocks when comedian Daniel Tosh chose Arizona State University over Dinobrite Productions’ “Top 10 Reasons to Come to USC” video for his college campus invasion. So if you’re still feeling a little angst toward Tosh, switch over to MTV for “Ridiculousness,” hosted by Rob Dyrdek, who we all know as the star of his own “Fantasy Factory.” The concept does not stray too far from that of Tosh’s wildly popular viral video showcase, with Dyrdek showing off a variety of popular Internet clips in humorous segments with titles like “Worst Case Scenario” and “Redneck Good Times.” However, Dyrdek puts his own spin on things by inviting some of his best friends to co-host and provide their own take on each clip, and Dyrdek himself is sure to bring a more energetic and relatable spin on the classic internet clip show.

If You Like: “The Closer”
Try: “Prime Suspect”
Premiere: Thursday, Sept. 22 at 10 p.m. on NBC

Sassy female cops trying to make it in a man’s world is certainly nothing new in the world of television. After all, Kevin Bacon’s other half Kyra Sedgwick has been doing it for years as sugar-obsessed detective Brenda Leigh Johnson on TNT’s hit drama “The Closer.” Now, Maria Bello is throwing her hat into the ring as butt-kicking, loudmouth, take-no-prisoners New York detective Jane Timoney. But whereas the majority of female detectives show their grit with a side of sweetness, Bello keeps it 100-percent tough, dishing out justice and taking a few black eyes in the process. Bello, whose career has spanned over many years of both television and film work, has become known for her strong female roles, and fans can rest assured that her “Prime Suspect” character will certainly be no different.

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Try: “Up All Night”
Premiere: Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 10 p.m. on NBC

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Try: “Rob Dyrdek’s Ridiculousness”
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Jamie DiCiurcio, the lead of pop/rock band Next Best Friend, has established himself as a fixture in underground and up-and-coming local music scenes, playing shows from New York City to Tampa, Fla., up and down the East Coast. 

Next Best Friend, a band originally based out of Conshohocken, Penn., got its start in 2006, after high school and New York University brought each of the four members together.

However, in the past few years, DiCiurcio has emerged as a solo act based out of Athens, Ga., and tours any chance he gets.

“In the Northeast I play full band, and everywhere else I play solo,” DiCiurcio said. “I’m the only real entity of Next Best Friend. It’s kind of like the whole Dashboard Confessional thing.”

He is also signed to a booking agency in Georgia, giving him the opportunity to play all kinds of different venues, establish connections and live the dream of a touring musician — apart from his side gig as a once-a-week CVS manager.

“I have this amazing manager, and I can say, ‘I’m available in the morning Monday; can I get some hours?’” DiCiurcio said. “It’s mainly because I want to keep my discount.”

Describing his sounds as “radio-friendly” and similar to Top 40 regulars The Fray and Matt Nathanson, the singer/songwriter has made a name for himself with his guitar and a little time behind the piano.

“The shows are a bit looser when I’m solo, and a little tighter when I’m with Next Best Friend, but I also hire on other guys. Tomorrow I’m in Lexington, Ky., playing with a keyboardist and drummer, and then Friday I’m in Georgia playing with a guitarist.”

Songwriting is also one of DiCiurcio’s strong suits; he writes all of his own music, which seems to flow with the same acoustic yet powerful vibe as his delivery and performance.

“It’s just a stream of emotion that I felt in a certain situation. When I go back and sing the songs, I’m looking to relive that experience. What I draw on and what I go back to is just remembering how I felt,” DiCiurcio said.

The music is meant to inspire his audiences, no matter what city he may be performing in any given night.

“I think really get through to people. I don’t feel like situations are exactly the same as every other person’s situation, but there are definite feelings that you have that are pretty relatable across the board no matter who you are.”

Even though DiCiurcio covers his fair share of ground, and sees the insides of venues from Florida to Pennsylvania and everywhere in between, there are some favorites, including Tittaro’s Italian Restaurant in his hometown of Conshohocken, Athens’ Grocery in New York City and The White Mule.

“I’m on the road all the time,” DiCiurcio said. “It’s my life.”

Next Best Friend, featuring DiCiurcio, does have an album, “At the Terminal,” which was released in 2007. But they have also just signed an investment deal to record their next album as a band.

Recording will start in November, and will be split between Philadelphia and New York, pulling DiCiurcio out of his current Southern stomping grounds.

DiCiurcio will be playing two songs on WXRY’s Unsigned Sunday night at 8 p.m. in Columbus, and will also have a solo show Sept. 6 at Wild Hare on Gervais Street.
“My fondest memory would involve the Covington family. They were the first home that the ReStore officially sponsored and funded,” Fisher said. “We even closed the ReStore for a week and the staff physically built the house, which made the experience one I’ll never forget. What made it so special is how close we became to the family because they volunteered in the ReStore. It’s moments like this that tend to put everything into perspective.”

The ReStore will be celebrating the fifth anniversary of its opening on Sept. 10.

“We’re having an electronics recycling event. Basically, we’re accepting everything but TVs because they cost money to be recycled. So we need volunteers to help us direct traffic for that event — help us unload customers’ vehicles, just being available for customer service,” Jeffcoat said. “Donations are constantly coming in, so we need those extra hands to bring those donations in.”

Donations can include computers, printers, music systems, cell phones and even used ink cartridges. To find out more about the Habitat for Humanity ReStore or how to volunteer or donate, visit www.midlandsrestore.org or 483 Sunset Blvd. in West Columbia, Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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grade and a girl with Asperger syndrome who was able to find a group of friends and gain confidence after seeing “Glee.” Although most fans would rather see more of their favorite stars than hear about real-life people, these stories were heartwarming, relatable and brought tears to most of the audience in the theater.

No matter how many special effects are used, watching a concert film can never replace the adrenaline rush and pure joy that comes from being in a large arena and seeing a musical act in person. The “Glee” tour didn’t stop in the Carolinas, so filming the show was a great way to get the material to audiences in cities that were neglected on tour.

Even with personal anecdotes from fans, the running time of the entire movie clocks in at only a little over an hour. Considering the $12 ticket price (more expensive than a regular movie due to the 3-D effects), fans who can wait for the DVD release should save their money.

Mai Thai Cuisine is located at 2249 Sunset Blvd. in West Columbia, and is open for lunch Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and dinner Monday through Thursday 5 to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 5 to 9:30 p.m.

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The desserts, all under $5, are each more enticing than the last, bringing out some unusual combos but still hanging on sinfully delicious. Between Thai doughnuts, served with dipping sauce and ground peanuts, banana spring rolls and cheesecake tempura, covered with homemade batter, there really is no reason not to order dessert. It just has to be done.

Mai Thai wins with its lengthy appetizer menu, which when mixed and matched can more than satisfy as a lunch or dinner entrée. The ultimate deal, and mix of everything great for a group, is the Mai Thai Sampler, which includes spring rolls, Mai Thai rolls, Bangkok fried shrimp and two Golden Angels for just $18. Mai Thai rolls, filled with shrimp, ground pork, shiitake mushrooms and vegetables, definitely take the cake in the sampler, adding a contrast of flavor to the simple, spring rolls. But, the biggest disappointment was the Golden Angel. Written-up as a wonton stuffed with cheese, cilantro and herbs, it settled as something more comparable to a crab rangoon sans the crab.

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Watch out! You're feeling prosperous and could be tempted to go on a spending spree. Ask yourself, "Do I Love it? Can I afford it? Do I already have it?" Hunt for bargains.

Taurus
Giv in the pursuit of a better deal. Don't be afraid to create it around you, and share it with someone whose opinion you respect. New doors are opening.

Gemini
You have a good time hanging out with your friends. It's time to consult with them about your future. Make plans you love. You can make them happen as long as you keep going.

Cancer
Positive flow improves, and you feel more balanced. Get together with your team and work together. More is possible; if you get after it.

**LEO**

You adapt easily to circumstances, and this promotes harmony at home and work. Finish up a job, and take action on a new opportunity. There's a test ahead. Love holds the balance.

**VIRGO**

The answer may come in your dreams. You already have the resources you need to play. Add elements of humor and fantasy. Say yo to fun, travel and romance.

**LIBRA**

Peace and quiet at home provides balance, especially since there's so much going on everywhere else. Take short day trips, but no shortcuts. Go steady, one step at a time.

**SCORPIO**

Spend more time with your mate for the next two days, but make sure you respect each other's space. Someone is feeling generous now.

**SAGITTARIUS**

Time flies when you're having a blast. You may require some organization and support in order to get everything done. Use your imagination. Others will help.

**CAPRICORN**

You've been considering moving furniture around. Now is a good time. Don't put that off; avoid responsibility for something else. Do the thing first.

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South Carolina’s wide receivers have received plenty of attention during the offseason, and with All-American Alshon Jeffery currently starting at receiver for the Gamecocks, the expectations are high after the 2010 NCAA Tournament.

“Despite the heat, the players were tremendous with their work rate and attitudes,” Smith said. “They’ve worked hard for the last week for each other and have maintained a belief that’s no longer the case. But they also realize they have to battle each other, Spurrier Jr. said. “We haven’t done anything. We haven’t proven much as a wide receiver corp. We’ve got a mature group. They’re tough, they want to stay out and get better, they want to battle with each other and they also want to help each other. I expect them to perform well this year.”

Among those who have performed well in the preseason is freshman Damiere Byrd. Although Byrd’s ability to play at a high level so quickly, Spurrier Jr. said he’s also been happy with Byrd’s ability to play at a high level so quickly.

“This progress hasn’t really been great. He showed up pretty good,” Spurrier Jr. said, jokingly. “He’s physical, he’s tough, he’s intelligent, he’s got a very good look in his eye. He’s been impressive. For a guy who’s skinny and fast, he does a lot of really good things at wide receiver. He’ll find his way on the field.”

Spurrier Jr. also offered praise for newcomer Bruce Ellington. Although he noted that the freshman is still learning the playbook, he said Ellington’s potential for 2011 is high.

“You can tell he’s a little unrefined at the little things,” Spurrier Jr. said. “I tell him he looks a little bit like [Ace Sanders] did last year, who is twice the player this year just because he knows what he’s doing. With Bruce, you can tell a little bit in that he’s not at full speed right now because he’s not 100-percent sure of exactly what’s going on, but he’s a talented young man, and he’s got a great personality to play the game. He’s going to be fine. I’m impressed with him.”

Spurrier Jr. added that Ellington’s quick progress with the offense is a credit to the Moncks Corner native’s intelligence, along with a summer spent learning alongside future South Carolina teammate Sanders.

“He’s just a sharp guy,” Spurrier Jr. said. “He’s smart. I read luck to old magazines where they said, ‘This guy’s struggling with the playbook; he’s intelligent, and I’ve got several of those guys. And Bee and Ace have hung out a lot, and Ace has done a great job with him, getting him ready to go.”

Redshirt junior D.L. Moore has also shown improvement as he begins his third season in the Gamecocks. Despite dealing with an injured shoulder, Moore, who finished 2010 with 17 catches, 164 yards and two touchdowns, has continued to grow among Carolina’s receiving corps.

“His done well,” Spurrier Jr. said. “He’s a good receiver.”

USC soccer goes into the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament

The USC soccer team captured the NCAA Tournament title last fall on a route to a Sweet 16 appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

Gamecocks enter year with lofty goals, hopes

The goals for USC men’s soccer team champions young but experienced

Isabelle Khurshudyan

The USC men’s soccer team captured the NCAA Tournament title last fall on a route to a Sweet 16 appearance in the NCAA Tournament. The team is undoubtedly young this year as 11 players out of the 29-man roster are freshmen or sophomores; however, sophomores Jordan Congalton and Adin Brown, who both saw significant playing time last season, will return as leaders on the field.

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Miami scandal reminder of issues facing sport

After Yahoo Sports dropped the journalistic equivalents of Fat Man and Little Boy on Miami, discussion of the broken system that is major college football has reverted to the forefront.

C A President Mark Emmert’s summit earlier this month in Indianapolis was a good start toward reform. Fifty-plus school presidents, including USC’s Harris Pastides, met to discuss the future of collegiate athletics. They left the meeting committed to making several reforms, including increased APR academic thresholds for postseason participation and streamlining the vast and complex NCAA rulebook.

However, that isn’t enough. College football needs to see radical shifts in the culture.改革需要在文化层面上进行。

1. Get universities out of the compliance hamster wheel. There has been a great deal of talk about how the current million-dollar football coaches intimidate and marginalize compliance officers while the coaches look the other way.

The solution is pretty simple. Individual universities need to get out of the compliance business. The NCAA needs to place compliance officers at every school. These officers don’t answer to the coaches, they answer to the NCAA. These officers aren’t susceptible to intimidation because they’ll simply report the coaches to Indianapolis. These officers won’t fall prey to protecting a school’s hide because they’ll be cycled out every two years before deep loyalty can form.

The compliance officer should be the Tope Flanderson to every elite college football coach’s Michael Schwartz. He or she must rain on every questionable, rule-bending parade and uphold the NCAA’s rulebook, not the coach’s or school’s interests.

2. Create the position of Common Sense officer at every school. How is that fair? How can a system exist where only the lucky five kids who have done a good job and avoided the common violations put on report the coach’s or school’s interests.

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3. Replace scholarship penalties with redshirting penalties. Scholarship losses put the screws to prospective student-athletes, not cheating coaches.

Look at it this way: Big State U can only give 20 scholarships, not 25, one season. The five kids who usually would’ve signed with State U then go to Big State College or another similar program. A trickle-down effect occurs from there until you get to the bottom program. A trickle-down effect occurs from there until you get to the bottom program. A trickle-down effect occurs from there until you get to the bottom program.

What if we change the system so that punishments directly result in innocent 18-year-olds, many of whom likely come from disadvantaged backgrounds, getting squeezed out of a shot at a college education? That’s how why scholarships losses need to be replaced with a loss of redshirting privileges. You cheat? Go ahead and give your 25 scholarships — you just can’t redshirt any of them unless you cheat.

4. Protect the innocent by ending postseason bans. A handful of current Miami players have been implicated in the entire Norvin Shapiro scandal. The majority of the Hurricanes, as well as first-year coach Al Golden and his staff, had nothing to do with anything. Yet, it’s inevitable they will pay the price for the misdeeds of their predecessors and be banned from postseason play down the road in punishment.

Again, how is that fair? How can a system exist where innocent parties are penalized for the misdeeds of others? That’s what’s unfair about the current NCAA rulebook.

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J.P. Rafferty and the Gamecocks are hopeful that they can win another big game this season, as well as first-year coach Al Golden and his staff.

Berson said. "I think last year was a tremendous edge going into the season. The Gamecocks will host Elon Saturday night in an exhibition event before opening the season at College of Charleston next week. A tremendous opportunity to test our readiness for the upcoming season against the Gamecocks at College of Charleston next week.

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Offensive line matched up with best in preseason drills

Elliot hopeful unit rises to occasion

When the South Carolina offensive line struggles in practice, it hurts to keep perspective.
There’s a good chance a defensive front it faces every day is the best it’ll see all season long.
“Our entire defense makes up a better offensive as a whole,” said offensive line coach Shawn Elliott. “Every single day, we’re lucky to death to have the ability to come out here and practice against the pro level.”

Elliott’s group has a tall task on a daily basis, trying to block Jadeveon Clowney, Melvin Ingram, Travian Robertson, Devin Taylor and the rest of the defense. Many times this summer, the offensive line has been made to look bad because of it, with the defense moving the line of scrimmage backward every play. Elliott sees that as a temporary defeat in order to improve over the long term.

“The better the talent, the better the progress of any individual,” Elliott said. “I don’t care what sport you do. If you go up against great players, you’ve got to become better.”

Shell doing well; Brandon Shell had a rough first few days as a Gamecock.

The Goose Creek native was limited in the beginning of summer practice after offseason shoulder surgery. Once he got back to full speed, he then had a heat-related incident while running sprints at the end of practice. As a precaution, Shell was taken from the Buff Road fields in an ambulance to the hospital for observation before being released that night.

Things seem to have calmed down for the 6-foot-6 tackle. Shell has a feel for the offense and has looked good lately in practice according to Elliott.

“He’s actually come around here in the last three or four days,” Elliott said. “He’s really picked up the game of football, sort of speak. He’s started to learn a lot.”

There has never been a double Shell, a four-star recruit who was actively recruited by schools such as Alabama even after committing to USC, who had the physical ability to be an elite offensive lineman. Elliott said now that he is growing more adept with the mental side of the game, he has a chance to see time this fall.

“If they’re not picking up on the plays, they play hesitation,” Elliott said. “That’s the problem with a lot of incoming guys. I think he’s starting to understand the concepts and what we’re trying to get across. He’s really playing hard – he could potentially be out there.”

No concern about Johnson; Elliott said he wasn’t overly concerned about center T.J. Johnson, who has struggled snapping the ball in the shotgun this summer. Keeping with the theme of the line facing elite competition every day, Elliott credited some of the high snaps to the necessary adjustments Johnson has made.

“It’s part of the process,” Elliott said. “I think you line up a 315-pound noseguard over you a couple times and you’ve got to really get him off the ball, there’s going to be a little variation in your snap.”

USC coach Steve Spurrier playfully jabbed at Johnson earlier in the week, intercepting the junior’s postpractice interview to comment on his snapping. Elliott acknowledged Johnson has to work on it, but said his accuracy on the whole is very good.

“He is consistent,” Elliott said. “He probably snapped a hundred snaps out here today, and I think one was off the mark. It’s not like it’s terrible.”

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After the departure of record-setting goalkeeper Sabrina D'Angelo, the season. Standing out in particular are freshmen to the 2011 roster, all of whom have a strong preseason also. I think it's between those two for the first weekend. There's going to be a chance for them to shine and step in. Right now, it's a battle with those two competing for the starting role."

Also expected to contribute early are defenders Christen Press, Andrea Kauffman and Ali Whitney. After making a strong impression during the preseason, Smith expects the three of them to see playing time in the season opener.

"Freshmen have done very well to come in ready to play," Smith said. "They're physically strong, and they’re also good in the game. Every year, we’ve been lucky to have a freshman class that much more prepared as they come in. Romness will most likely be in the defense for us somewhere, playing key minutes if not starting. [Near] and [Whitney] will also need to be rotated into the defense at some point."

The Gamecocks open their season on the road for the second consecutive year, last season’s lineup along with eight seniors. Having lost several key position players, the team will likely have to wait for them to shine and step in. Right now, Smith doesn’t expect her team’s numbers to be affected.

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USC will host Vanderbilt on Jan. 10 for a 9 p.m. tipoff on ESPNU.

On Feb. 2 the Gamecocks will be in Gainesville, Fla., to face Florida on either ESPN or ESPN2. That game is also scheduled for a 9 p.m. start.

Two days later, Carolina will play its final national game, hosting Kentucky on Feb. 4. The game will begin at 6 p.m. and be on ESPN or ESPN2.

USC will also host Ohio State on ESPN at noon on Dec. 23.

The Garnet Army will also play Providence, Clemson and North Carolina in a neutral site game located in Las Vegas this season.

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11/11 vs. Western Carolina (season opener)
11/19 at Elon
11/30 vs. Tennessee State (Las Vegas Invitational)
12/2 vs. Marist (SEC-Big East Challenge)
12/4 at Clemson
12/6 vs. Piedmont
12/9 vs. Ohio State
12/11 vs. Southeastern Louisiana
12/15 vs. Wofford
12/18 vs. USC Upstate
12/21 vs. S.C. State
12/23 vs. Kentucky (SEC-Carpet)
12/23 vs. Vanderbilt
12/31 vs. Florida
1/12 at Auburn
1/15 vs. Alabama
1/18 at Ole Miss
1/22 vs. Florida
1/25 vs. Kentucky
1/27 vs. Kentucky
1/31 at Arkansas
2/1 vs. Georgia
2/1 vs. LSU
2/2 vs. Vanderbilt
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The pressure is on for Nutt, Ole Miss

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Rebels looking to bounce back after nightmarish 2010 campaign

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OLE MISS REBELS

Coach: Houston Nutt (22-16 in three seasons at Ole Miss, 131-110-5 overall)

Last Season: 4-8 (1-7 SEC)

Returning Starters: 14 (9 offense, 5 defense)

Season Opener: vs. BYU in Oxford, Miss., on Sept. 3

Coming off a disappointing season where the Rebels only won once in the SEC, the pressure is high in Oxford.

Despite returning 14 starters, the chances of improving on last year's record aren't in Ole Miss's future. It will play in an extremely talented SEC West that is complete with two preseason top-five teams and Auburn, the defending national champs.

"This is the most difficult league in America," Nutt said at SEC Media days last month. "It's hard, it's hard. Just look at our league now — there's some teams that thought they would never lose as many games as they did. But it's hard and difficult."

Offense: Attention at the quarterback position last year came as a result of Jeremiah Masoli coming to Oregon. This year, the position has controversy over who will be taking the first snap as Randall Mackey and Barry Brunetti have battled throughout the spring and fall for the starting job.

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Defensive end Wayne Dorsey has had an "outstanding summer" and is expected to come in along with Joel Lopresti, a first-team All-SEC defensive end who earned a sixth year of eligibility after last year's knee injury. But the defense will need to see freshmen step up if it plans to improve its poor performance last season.

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Khrushdyan: Spurrier right to ban Gamecocks from Twitter

Combination of athletes, social media site disastrous
Isabelle Khrushdyan

Are you new to Twitter, the latest trend on the social media roller coaster? And are you wondering why you haven’t heard anything out of your favorite Gamecock football players? Were you hoping to “status” obediently and step into Stephon Gilmore or Marcus Lattimore at the Russell House after they tweet about eating lunch there? Well, coach Steve Spurrier has other plans, recently announcing that he’s banned Twitter for the USC football team.

Don’t be angry with the head ball coach. This is one of his best ideas, as it’s been evidenced that nothing good comes from athletes with Twitter accounts.

Exhibit A can be called “Antonio Cromartie threatens Matt Hasselbeck.” After Hasselbeck, a 14-year pro and current quarterback for the Tennessee Titans, revealed, “Somewhere ask Cromartie if he knows what CBA stands for,” during halftime. When Hasselbeck rebuffed, something just wasn’t right and that defensive backs and quarterbacks have a hard time getting alone sometimes. I’m sure everyone believed him.

Let’s talk about former Ohio State quarterback Terrelle Pryor using his Twitter account to announce that he paid for that his tuition. Or what about when Cleveland Cavaliers’ owner Dan Gilbert, taking a shot at LeBron James by saying that “the lesson learned is there are no shortcuts.” I’m sure his proclamation really made Cleveland fans feel better about their 0-61 record.

How can we forget Buffalo Bills wide receiver Stevie Johnson’s tweet blaming God for his dropped pass in overtime that would’ve led his team to a victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers? My favorite is when athletes like Detroit Pistons’ forward Charlie Villanueva tweet during halftime of a game. That really shows how football is.

Spurrier well knows, technology has gotten quite advanced since his days as a football player, and when you say something on Twitter, it’s there forever. Sure, you can erase your tweets, but someone still saw it, and they’re still scrutinizing everything.

Certainly, you can tweet responsibly. The USC baseball team might tweet more than any other sports team in the country, and it has only made them more likeable, however, the culture between college baseball and tweet is drastically different.

When Arkansas won the BCS National Championship, it was on the cover of Sports Illustrated. When South Carolina won its first consecutive College World Series, it didn’t get part of the hype. Spurrier has other plans, constantly being monitored. Why take the risk of them saying something damaging on the Internet. We all say stupid things, but we’re not all being watched. If Spurrier can eliminate a potential controversy, then it’s wise for him to do so.

Clemson coach Bob Stoops isn’t an favor of banning Twitter for his players because it might be unattainable to recruit. If that’s a deal breaker for a recruit, then you probably don’t want him at your program anyway because just shows he values social media over education and whatever offensive, self-defense scheme suits him best.

So if you’re going to be all praise for your players because you can’t desperately tweet at Aliston Jeffery to give you a shout-out on Twitter, don’t be. It’s a never a good thing when an athlete’s tweet shows up on Twitter after he or she has said something that brings unwanted attention to the school or player. Spurrier has now completely eliminated that possibility.

Sure, he still follow the baseball team.

UC President Harris Pastides told me one of the reasons he and the other 11 SEC presidents held their secret Atlanta expansion meeting was to be responsible if expansion does occur. That’s the attitude every league should take.

There has been talk of an expansion summit. It should happen. During such an event, coaches, league commissioners, presidents and athletic directors need to be honest with each other.

The SEC wants Texas A&M. The Pac-12 likely wants Texas and Oklahoma. The Big Ten likely wants Notre Dame. The Big East likely wants the Big 12 to collapse so it can poach several of its members. Be up-front about who, when. Know! If each team’s plans are laid out on the table, maybe more mature and calm negotiations can be had, stabilizing the paradigm once and for all.

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conference title game, but you don’t get any of the money that comes with it. You can play in the bowl game, but you don’t get a payout or expenses paid. You can play on television, but your conference can’t cut you a TV rights fee check. Money talks in college football to take the money. Thust will hurt schools that cheat badly while preening those who didn’t cheat from unjust treatment.

And where will the forfeited money go? Into a central pot from which all funds will go to help cover cost-of-living scholarships at every school nationwide. In theory, the sums of a school could help pay for a rival player’s oil change in such a system. That’s the cost of cheating.

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developmental period. At
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build a schedule
we felt it was important
on our team this year,
which feature dual meets.
Second-year  coach
South Carolina's
fall season wraps up with
a great year that we will
confidence of our young
for the years to come.”
Spurrier said. “I've said
potential,” Spurrier said. “I've said
that, and that's all I can say because we've
not done that much yet. We
the Eastern Division last year
with a 3- record, basically because
the other teams in our division —
none of them went 6-2. We had a team
that finished seventh in overall and defense.
We've not a great team.
We played very well at times,” Spurrier
continued. “A lot of guys played well,
but as a team, we didn't get it done.
So we don't need to be bragging on our
guys right now. We're
excited that we have a chance and
expectations. They're like that
every year, and we hope we can live up to
them. We'll find out if we can live up
to them.
Spurrier was full of praise
for the team's most
recruit, defensive
and Jadavon Clowney, but he refused
to definitively choose a starting
counter for USC's game against East Carolina on Sept. 3.
"Stephen (Garcia) did not have
his best games those last two in the
Dome," Spurrier said. "So as a
team, say, if he's our best player,
we're going to play him. But if it's not,
we have to find out who is our
best quarterback. Stephen's doing
well, though. He's changed a lot. His
commitment level is a lot better. He
knows. We're heading in the right direction,
that's for sure," Spurrier said. "(Shaw) has done some good things
also. We're still looking at both
guys."

John Burleson, who was named the
Gamecocks’ special teams coordinator in February,
also appeared on the show. He said USC's
special teams have transitioned well
with the coaching change and will be
ready to make an impact this season.
"I think we have great athletes here —
definitely the best athletes that I've worked with in my going-
on-7-year coaching career," Butler
said. "We've got about two
weeks where we have to keep
fine-tuning things, identifying a
couple of link specific things. But I'm
encouraged moving forward that we're heading in the right direction."

When asked whether D.J.
Swearinger would be the team's main
kick returner this season, Butler
rallied a list of players who could
fill that role.
"It's a great kick returner.
"2011-12 schedule

Notable matchups include
the annual rivalry match
with Clemson, Goffi's
state's first SEC East title and
of a historic season that included
a nearly a year to bask in the glory
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option. Stephen (Garcia) were
more options. That's the biggest thing. I
don't think you have to go back and say,
"Coach, I hope he's going to be
the guy. He's not, we're in trouble.'

Even with all the individual talent
on the team, Spurrier said the intangibles
will be what makes or breaks the Gamecock
football season.
"We've got to have talent to
win games," he said. "But to win,
you've got to have discipline, teamwork and
determination."

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Stephen Garcia will continue to battle Corner Shaw for the starting quarterback job.

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teams that will present
an ideal combination of
great teams and
university, on March 14,
in Corvette Classic,
Clemson, Goffi's
in Starkville, Miss.,
the SEC Outdoor Championships,
conference, to hold its
Tennessee and Auburn.
matches with Georgia,
home matches this season,
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