Rally to Help Save Darfur

O'Leary's summer camp teaches coexistence, friendship amid sectarian war in Ireland

Mary Ellen O'Leary delivers her Last Lecture Wednesday

Fast-a-Thon raises money for Iraqi child

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A soldier of Sudan's African Union Mission morns over the coffin of a dead peacekeeper in Darfur.

Students, professors, President Andrew Sorenson and thousands of South Carolinians are expected to rally Saturday at the Statehouse to protest the genocide and violence in Darfur.

Darfur, a region of Sudan, has faced genocide since 2003. More than 2 million have been displaced, and more than 400,000 have been killed.

Representatives from 50 colleges and universities in the state are expected.

"We have to let the world know that we won't stand for the inhuman treatment of people," said Tommy Preston, a professor of government and community relations for USC and former student body president. "Our participation in this rally is a clear indication that we too care about the conditions of the world, and will work tirelessly to build a better society."

U.S. and state legislatures will speak at the rally, along with Sorenson and Columbia mayor Bob Coble. The Djolo African Dance and Drum Company and the USC marching band will perform.

If you were a USC professor and you could only give one last lecture, what topic would you pick to speak about?

Mathematics Professor Mary Ellen O'Leary gave hers as part of USC's celebrated "Last Lecture Series," a program that enables USC professors to give a lecture on any subject as it was the last lecture they could ever give in their lives.

She spoke Wednesday evening about the religious tensions in Northern Ireland and the program she has established to give Irish Protestant and Catholic children a summer vacation in Colombia in an effort to erase such tensions.

"The more than 100-year-old religious conflict between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland is one of the most dramatic, inspiring stories of modern times," O'Leary said.

When O'Leary first visited Belfast in Northern Ireland in 1984, she found the conditions in the country appalling.

"It was literally a war zone," said O'Leary. "There were military land mines. Barbed wire wrapped around buildings, tons of graffiti on walls, bodies searching for entrance public buildings, and no children playing outside."

With such a bleak landscape and outlook, why would Northern Ireland be of any interest to O'Leary? In 1983, O'Leary got a letter from a man in North Carolina, who happened to be an acquaintance of O'Leary and her husband, asking if they would support a Northern Ireland child exchange program during the summer.

O'Leary and her husband decided to take up the challenge, so they held meetings which attracted more than 50 people whom became the Board of Directors.

They called their organization Irish Children's Summer Program.

In 1983, O'Leary set a quota of 10 Irish children to bring to Columbia over the summer; 50 children ended up enrolling in the first year of the program.

She and her husband traveled to Northern Ireland to pick up children and then gave them to host families for the summer.

"The children were brought from Belfast to the United States to escape the hatred common among the different religious groups in Ireland and to learn how live can exist in diversity."

During the summer, children were taken to parks, services and did other group activities that made them forget their religious affiliation, if only for the summer.

"When we first saw them, their faces were pale and they were very energetic," she said. "By the time they were supposed to go home, they seemed happier and they ran around like children should," O'Leary said.

"The children who were chosen showed leadership potential or experienced loss from the Catholic-Protestant conflict."

"Equal amounts of children came from Protestant and Catholic families."

"O'Leary takes great pride in the strides for religious peace that her program and programs like hers have achieved."

She cred a psychologist from the University of North Carolina in Belfast who conducted studies of exchange programs like Irish Children's Summer Program and found a change in the attitudes of the participants in the long run if they continued to associate with members of different denominations in Northern Ireland.

The Irish Children's Summer Program will celebrate its 25th summer experience this year.

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The Columbia community you invited to "Go Hungry So Someone Else Won't Have To" with the Muslim Student Association (MSA).

The MSA held a Fast-a-Thon to benefit No More Victims last night at 7 p.m.

Founded in September of 2012, No More Victims is a non-profit, non-sectarian, humanitarian organization, according to their Web site, and their goal "is to restore health and well-being to victims of war and to advocate and educate for peace."

Students filled the Russell House ballroom to dine together and hear the tales of the triumph of the human spirit as they broke their fast with dance.

"By fasting today we hope to raise awareness for Iraqi war victims," Ramie Shalah, second-year political science student, said. "We are doing so, we also hope to reflect on all of our blessings."

Shalah is also the President-Elect of the MSA. Over 250 pledged to fast helping the MSA raise over $2,400 from the Fast-a-Thon, and they will continue to raise money.

Husam Alawi, the Southeastern Regional Coordinator, attended last night in honor of his daughter, Sali Alawi.

All the proceeds went to No More Victims to provide medical assistance to Salee, a 10-year-old Iraqi girl who lost both her legs when American jets fired missiles at passenger vehicles near her home.

Jason Hurd, a veteran combat medic, served in the military for 10 years and spent a year in Iraq.

Hurd said of the U.S. airstrike that killed Salee's brother, "I was so moved and felt, 'Hurt'" and said U.S. of the U.S. airstrike that killed Salee's brother, "I was so moved and felt, 'Hurt'" and said U.S.
PAL comes to parks

Police, parks department reach out to area children

Sara Kelly
THE COLUMBIA \n
Several Columbia agencies created a new program to give positive reinforcement to Columbia children. The PAL (Police Athletics/ Activities League) in the Parks program was created by the City of Columbia, Columbia Police Department and Parks and Recreation Department.

“PAL is a national organization that focuses on building a partnership among youth, police and citizens with recreational, athletic and educational programs,” according to a press release from the City of Columbia.

This program hopes to recognize gang awareness, child abuse, sexual predators, criminal domestic violence and drug awareness.

PAL in the Parks will reach out to area citizens for more partnerships with the Christian Love League (CALL), provide free training and seminars on youth intervention methods, and Columbia’s police officers will serve as park leaders, the news release said.

The curriculum of PAL includes life skills such as a code of conduct, anger management, self-discipline and self-esteem.

Sgt. Randall McCrady, the PAL executive director, said that the police department’s goal is to promote Adopt-a-Park as a way to get to know the kids.

“McCrady said a lot of officers are volunteering their time for this year-around, permanent program.”

“This is a component with our law enforcement strategy,” McCrady said. “We believe in intervention and prevention equally paramount.”

The collaboration between the police department and the parks and recreation department will expose our youth to a variety of recreational activities, Eugene White said, the Parks and Recreational Department Director.

“We are preparing them to make better decisions that will enable them to live a productive and society-approved lifestyle,” White said.

White said he agrees that no single agency can do it alone, and some forward thinkers will pull his resources together for a united approach.

“We’re starting at Hyatt Park and that’s going to have all the program elements,” White said. “It will be in the other communities. Hyatt will be the pilot start.”

Hyatt Park, located on 927 Jackson Ave., will be the starting point and will lead other recreational parks to become a positive influence for Columbia’s youth.

White said this program includes training city staff about youth violence, yearlong sports programs, mentoring and educational activities.

“It will definitely enhance the awareness, give children the opportunity to get off the streets,” White said. “That will improve the relationship between the child and the parent.”

White said they are trying to pull resources together to provide the needed elements to keep Columbia’s children free from youth crimes.

“Now the perception of our police officers can be changed from being out there trying to be being helpers, coaches and supporters,” White said.

For more information about PAL in the Parks go to www.columbiaparkandrecreation.org and www.columbiacle.net.

A rescued mine worker rejoices as he emerges from a shaft at Elandrand Mine.

Trapped miners return alive

After a day underground, 3,200 trapped mine workers came back to surface intact after a rescue operation flooded rather than maintained them.

The final group of 33 workers brought through an auxiliary shaft normally used to remove debris arrived at the surface shortly before 9 p.m., walking out in kalso but otherwise healthy a day and a half after the accident.

Despite the pipe fall, and the long hours spent by miners waiting for rescue, only one health problem was reported.

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No More Victims was founded in September 2002 by Cole Miller who spoke about Iraq war victims and No More Victim's goal of helping them. “You can see what a dreadful situation we’re in now,” Miller said in reference to the war in Iraq. “Now we’re going to stop the killing in Iraq (No More Victim) is one attempt at an answer.”

Ann Cothran, Southeastern Regional Coordinator for No More Victims, spoke about her involvement with No More Victims through the Upstate Coalition for Compassion.

“We were really blessed to have the Shriners’ Hospital offer to do Soto’s treatment pro-bono,” Cothran said. “It has been a wonderful experience.”

Many local businesses have helped No More Victims by donating a percentage of proceeds or money to the foundation. “It has been a wonderful opportunity,” Cothran said.

Hurd spoke about the war in Iraq and the innocent victims of the “Good-awful war.”

“The one thing that the U.S. troop surge in Iraq has changed [is] the way Iraqis see us,” Hurd said. “Right now, Iraq has a mortality rate that has quadrupled since we’ve been there. We have plunged the Iraq war into a world of fear.”

For more information on No More Victims see nomorevictims.org

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7 pm Russell House 2nd floor at the dining area beside Marble Slab

Up to 4 people on a team

Facebook still rules despite changes

SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES CONTINUE TO ATTRACTION MILLIONS

Brandon Gates/ The Daily Gamecock

After changes in layout and a recent increase in applications, Facebook.com may be getting tons of pokes from unsatisfied critics, but it’s not losing too many of its friends.

The popular online social networking site connects 42 million people and has quickly become the digital equivalent of “hanging out” for its college and high school users.

MySpace.com, an earlier established Web site similar to Facebook, still boasts Facebook in number of users, becoming the most visited Web site in the U.S. in July 2006. MySpace has more than 200 million users.

These two sites are changing the way people use the Internet, but they may not stick around forever, given the demographics of its young user base that is likely to move from one trendy site to the next, said Internet analyst Andy McGregor.

“We also see Facebook.com and Myspace.com are today’s fall fad” McGregor said. “Some will remain consistent, some will stay for a while and others will disappear almost instantly” after they’ve been introduced, he said.

Take Xanga.com, a social networking site that came forward as Facebook started expanding its availability in 2001 and soon grew to 20 million members. By late 2006, users had left it in droves, lured by better features on other sites, McGregor said.

“There have been few successes with social networking sites because users are also looking for the next hot thing,” he said.

MySpace and Facebook have both demonstrated longevity, and many students have accounts at both sites.

Nataasha Hopkins, a third-year advertising and public relations student, said Facebook is easier to navigate and appreciates the structure the Web site offers.

“I prefer Facebook over MySpace because I feel I have more control over who views and leaves comments on my profile,” Hopkins said. “Facebook offers a lot of applications that you can choose to add, and although these applications can change the way a profile look, there is still a general uniform.”

Some students, like first-year anthropology student Michala Thompson, said MySpace places more of an emphasis on media — that includes broadcasting new artists, showing music videos and short films. Many hands use MySpace as their sole Web site, passing new songs and blogging from the road.

“The music component has not been a big part of Facebook,” Thompson says. “That’s why I prefer MySpace.”

Gamestocks’ Colin Kozik also stresses that in no way is his company trying to compete with Facebook. In fact, Waqip.com will soon have an application through Facebook.com.

“Waqip’s company originally began as a search engine for gamers and those interested in learning more about different gaming systems,” Kozik said. “We thought for a while, “what service can be built around social networking...and then it hit us, gaming is incredibly social”.

Kozik’s company founded in 2004 is building social networking sites that cater to gamers. Their newest site, Waqip.com plans to join the growing community of social networks with its November release of a networking component for gamers. Users will be able to complete an extensive profile that features information about different gaming systems they own as well as ratings and advice for different games according to Waqip.com founder Thom Kozik.

“Waqip’s site has a social component and a community component,” Kozik said. “It is refreshing to know there is an online community that welcomes intellectual stimulation and genuinely have the desire to connect and learn from each other through the Internet.”

Other websites like LastFink.com, a professional social networking site for attorneys, and Reunion.com, which provides families and colleagues with profiles to stay connected, are among a new era of social networks.

Three-year-old company Waqip.com plans to join the Waqip.com community by building social networking sites because “a website can be built around social networking…and then it hit us, gaming is incredibly social.”
Student health demands takeback to nanobots

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If ground is broken tomorrow, it won’t be too soon for students who wait for treatment.

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Clinton’s old brainchild still-appealed

There she goes again: Hillary’s second shot at health care still a flipp

Hillary Clinton’s second attempt at universal health care is all over again. After her previous attempt 17 years ago was more than twice as large than she could squeeze through. The current plan may be Hillary’s brainchild, it’s being sold by both a liberal democratic frontrunner for the White House and a moderate in Congress in 2008 in some form or another.

This “decimation” would provide universal health care for all Americans, regardless of their ability to pay. The plan would be much more universal than the current one, and would benefit those who are not currently insured as well as those who are.

The Daily Gamecock regrets this error. If you see an error in today’s paper, we want to know about it.

Cubs fans fail to see team’s true game

Overused motto “wait until next year” only works first 99 times

It is October, and the mighty Chicago Cubs are once again post-season bound. The players, fans, and everyone involved in the franchise are in the same situation every year, only this time it is different. The team is much better, and the fans are more optimistic.

Students demand takeback to nanobots

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Echo helps environment

Babies, break-ups still steal celebrity spotlight

Radiohead lets fans choose price on their new albums

How much would you pay to see the next album by your favorite band? Fans of the popular British band Radiohead are getting an opportunity to make such a decision for themselves.

During the Internet and their dedicated fanbase, Radiohead is offering anyone who wants their new album, "In Rainbows," the chance to go online and pay however much they want. Radiohead doesn't think so. Using the tagline "Is it up to you?" Radiohead is showing the respect they have for their fans by letting them pay for their own price.

Hopefully the stunt will not only bring about some kind of trust between buyers and the rock group, but a sense of admiration too. Don't get too carried away, though. No one's coming out with a completely free album. After all, there's still a $1 software fee charged.
Thursday night’s dinner couldn’t come quickly enough after a too much cheese lately. Although it’s natural, the grass coming from your derriere are certainly not. LMAO. Tweezers can help eliminating unwanted hairs, but you can also apply this technique to other aspects of your life. Only cling to that which is appealing and worthwhile. Scorpion Bay batteries for the “boom-box guy” on campus. It’s win-win for everyone. Sagittarius Next time you go to the grocery store, purchase cake batter. Bake a cake. Take it to wherever class you miss today on Monday. It may not fix everything but it will make the whole situation a whole lot sweeter.

**PIC OF THE DAY**

By Marlowe Leverette / Th e Daily Gamecock

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2007**

**Live Free or Die Hard**

make like you mean it.

your dependable shoes and need you today. So shine

Taurus

break one law at a time.

arrest. Remember…only resist temptation—not

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You’ve eaten far things right the first time!

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and go out in sunlight.

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Sophomores lead defense to win over Kentucky

Norwood, Munnerlyn, Cook make big plays, change direction of game

With senior linebacker Jasper Brinkley out for the season, most USC fans thought the Gamecocks would take a step back, especially with Heisman hopeful Andre’ Woodson coming to town. But a group of sophomores wasn’t about to let it happen.

The Gamecocks’ swarming defense caused the team to victory over Kentucky without Brinkley.

Eric Norwood, Emmanuel Cook and Captain Munnerlyn combined for 21 tackles, three fumble recoveries and one interception. Norwood alone scored as many touchdowns as Kentucky’s offense.

“I think it’s the first time I’ve ever had a defensive player score two,” Steve Spurrier said after the game. “That was some game he had, to pull an All-American type game.”

Norwood’s game was incredible, but the two sophomores shouldn’t be overlooked.

“We’re missing out on a key player in our defense,” Cook said. “So I felt like everybody had to step up.”

Of course Brinkley will be a leader,” an exhausted Spurrier said. “I felt like we had to step up, USC’s defense is in good hands. Of course Brinkley will be a leader,” an exhausted Spurrier said. “I felt like we had to step up, USC’s defense is in good hands.

For a Carolina team that proved to be the difference in 15-point win over No. 8 Kentucky and Woodson had led the Wildcats 2-1 SEC) were leading 17-10 half. The Gamecocks (5-1, 1-1 SEC) capitalized on Kentucky’s mistake.

South Carolina capitalized on several Kentucky miscues, returning two fumbles for touchdowns, as the No. 11 Gamecocks defeated No. 8 Kentucky 16-21 Thursday night at Williams-Brice Stadium.

Sophomore defensive end Eric Norwood tied an NCAA record with two fumble returns for scores. The first came on the Wildcats’ first offensive possession of the game when defensive end Jonathan Williams sacked Kentucky quarterback Andre’ Woodson. Norwood scooped up the ball at the 3-yard line and fell into the end zone for the game’s first score.

Norwood’s second touchdown came in the third quarter on Kentucky’s first possession of the second half. The Gamecocks’ (4-1, 1-1 SEC) offense was backed up to South Carolina territory to the 36-yard line. Norwood, under pressure from linebacker Casper Brinkley, dumped the ball to fullback Josh Conner.

The ball was thrown behind the line of scrimmage and Norwood picked up the lateral and returned it 33 yards for a touchdown to put South Carolina up 24-10.

“We were up and down this game and we got them. It was a great game out there and we made plays.”

Stat Line

- Eric Norwood ties an NCAA record with 2 fumble returns for touchdowns.
- 5-1 start is USC’s best since 2001.
- Smelley out-passed the No. 1 SEC passing offense.
- USC picks up its 8th straight win over Kentucky.

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