Horn hosts ladies’ clinic

Kevin Walker
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USC coach Darrin Horn and the Gamecock men’s basketball team will take a break from competition this weekend to help battle a more serious adversary on their home court.

Saturday at 1 p.m. the inaugural Horn Ladies’ Clinic will be held at the Colonial Life Arena to benefit the American Cancer Society.

The money raised from registration fees will be used for breast cancer research.

A committee of women from the USC community, including Horn’s wife, Carla Horn; Athletics Director Eric Hyman’s wife, Pauline Hyman; and Dawn Ellerbe, marketing director for varsity sports, were assembled to organize the event.

Holly Moring, coordinator of public relations and administrative assistant for Horn, was also a member of the committee and said the idea for a ladies’ clinic started with Horn.

“It was really Coach Horn’s idea. He had done it before with his team in Western Kentucky and it was a great success then,” Moring said. “We just had to try and make it a success here and to strengthen the men’s program.”

The clinic will feature Horn and members of the staff teaching fundamental basketball information, such as the rules of coaches, players and officials. Rules and typical game situations will also be covered.

Lindsey Holcombe, a USC nursing grad student and breast cancer survivor, will also be speaking to the group about her struggle with cancer.

Christine Harding, vice chair of the USC’s Athletics committee, is the student representative on the planning committee.

Men’s basketball coach Darrin Horn is hosting a charity clinic for women this Saturday.

Marketed as an event for breast cancer awareness, the Horn Ladies’ Clinic will begin at 1 p.m. and go until 3 p.m. The event will be free and open to women of all ages.

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Students trade in the current Carolina Cards for a new one.

Kara Apel
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Students who haven’t picked up their Carolina Cards need to do so before heading out for winter break. As thousands of cards have yet to be claimed, Bill Holt, manager of the enterprise applications group within University Technology Services, said the pickup was well organized.

“It was really easy,” Holt said.

Holt said the new cards are vertical and have holograms and proximity chips in them, which makes them harder to duplicate.

One of the best features about the Carolina Card is that students’ social security numbers are not attached to the cards, unlike the old cards.

“The cards have no purpose outside of the card system,” Holt said.

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Success Center rebuilds academic recovery program

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Members of SEA’s officer at a September picnic.
How do you think The Daily Gamecock did this semester?

A) I was satisfied overall with The Daily Gamecock this fall.
B) Most of the time I like it, but I think its coverage needs to expand.
C) I dislike The Daily Gamecock, but sometimes you do an OK job.
D) I hate The Daily Gamecock. It sucks.
E) I never read The Daily Gamecock, so I don’t have an opinion.

This week’s poll results:
Have you ever been tested for HIV?
— 83 said they hadn’t and thought it is unnecessary.
— 43 said yes, but not often.
— 12 said other.
— 33 said yes but they plan on doing it this year.
— 16 said yes, but they plan to do it on a yearly basis.
— 8 said yes, but they have never been tested.

South Carolina legislators pass a law that makes it illegal to shoot a “yes” or “no” at lawmakers. But critics say the new rule doesn’t allow the public to figure out how a politician voted because those votes aren’t written down.

But a state House push for greater accountability appears to have backfired in a remarkable way: turning it all into a chorus of “yea.”

No matter how many or how loud House members shout “yea,” no new rule will record all voice votes as “yea” and leave it up to the clerk to hash out their votes properly recorded.

And what about lawmakers who could have left early or ducked out for a bathroom break, or office a call? The rule records them all as voting “yea,” too, unless they tell the clerk they were out of the vote.

House Speaker Bobby Harrell, R–Charleston, муsч’il the rule change through the House’s organizational session Tuesday for its 124 members. He said it creates a record on all votes and encourages politicians from later saying they supported something they didn’t vote for during the vote.

Harrell said House members will be responsible for telling the clerk which they voted “no” so that can be recorded in the House’s daily journal and they’ll also have to check out leaving the chamber — or risk being recorded as voting “yea.”

But the House floor is a chaotic place and voice votes come and go with little attention and not much notice, often with few or no members opening their mouths on voice votes. The new rule lets them roar like 124 in the House’s official record, ignoring dissent unless they take the time to make those sentiments known.

That turns the accountability effort into a sham, said Ashley Landess, the president of the South Carolina Policy Council, Columbia think tank.

If you are under the age of 21, it is against the law to buy alcoholic beverages. All ABC regulations enforced.

RALEIGH — A judge denied bail Thursday to four teenagers charged with murder in the death of a missing man who listed them as friends on his online Facebook and MySpace pages.

The state medical examiner on Thursday identified the body of 18-year-old Matthew Silliman, an Apex High School junior who was found dead in a rural home in New Hill on Wednesday. Wake County Sheriff’s spokeswoman Phyllis Stephen said for authorities have not uncovered a motive, but evidence indicates the crime was a homicide. The cause of death hasn’t been determined.

The suspects are 17-year-old Allegra Danaher of Cary and 16-year-old Drew Shaw, 18-year-old Ron Hare and 17-year-old Aadil Khan of Apex. Shaw and Hare requested court-appointed attorneys at Thursday’s hearing. All were scheduled for a second appearance on Dec. 17.

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Students were invited to sign their names on a large AIDS awareness ribbon that was stretched out on Greene Street Wednesday in support of a cure for the disease.
Congratulations Graduates!

Nicholas Sean Heiliger
We are so proud of you! You have achieved a great accomplishment after so much hard work. We know you will go far in your future.
Love always,
Mom & Dad

Geoffrey Martin Pachter
There is a time for every season under the heavens. Best wishes to you as you enter a new season.
Love,
Mom & Caitlin

Ugonna Ogachukwu Udoywu
Ugo, you have always given us reason to be proud of you. Now as you graduate, we are even more honored.
Congrats & God Bless You!
The Udoywu & Unukwu’s Families

Mary-Catherine Caffrey
Mary-Catherine,
Stay grounded
In the values you cherish,
Stay centered
In the good and the light,
Stay focused
On the path you have chosen,
Stay hopeful
And your dreams will take flight.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Sean, Colleen and Kevin

Kimberly Zayas
Kim, we are very proud of you. You have accomplished the first major step in your life. It was a blessing to see you grow from a baby to a college graduate.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Miguel, Roger & Cherri

Caylee Johnston
Caylee, wow, has time flown. We are so proud of you and love you more than you can imagine. Congratulations on your success now and for the future.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Danielle and Morgan

Caitlin Leanne Withers
Caitlin,
“What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.” - Zig Ziglar
We are so very proud of you and all you have achieved.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Michael Christopher Goodman
We wish you the best as you adventure into the next chapter of your life. We are proud of you.
We love you.
Dad, Mamar, Grandpa,
Angie, John, Matthew, Mitchell

Robert E. Christenberry, III
Congratulations Bold! Now you can have your cake and eat it too! We love you and are so very proud of you.
Mom, Dad, & Charlie
believes the event will be a success for a great cause. “I have been fortunate that no one I know has been affected by breast cancer,” Harding said. “However, it’s still an extremely important cause to me because so many women are affected and probably will continue to be affected in the future.” Harding said it has been inspiring to see the basketball and Colonial Life Arena staff and the greater Columbia area get excited about the event. “Hopefully women currently fighting breast cancer or who are survivors will see and be encouraged by the support of the community,” Harding said.

Moring agrees that the clinic has the potential to be a great success. “We’re hoping this event is going to have great impact on not just breast cancer survivors, but also women as a whole in the community,” Moring said.

Donations for the American Cancer Society will also be collected tonight at the men’s basketball game against Furman. Registration is open to all women. The cost of the clinic is $30, which includes a Ladies’ Clinic T-shirt.

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Market morals breed fear

Dishonesty by financials, Big Three fuel economic fears, market volatility

I'll never be so sure why he has so hard up to borrow $20 that for whatever reason, my bank frequently asks me to borrow $20 to bumphack up my straighteners when I should have enjoyed my protest so much that I've decided to come up with $20 to see what they do! — a simple checklist is all I need. A $20 protest is picture perfect for this publication, and that, you know, I was not made to feel amused across the next time the school tackles the next round of spending freeze.

Step one: know what you are protesting. If you don't know what you are protesting, you won't have a message. Step two: What is the social issue you care about? If there is no alternative, you have a message.

Step three: make sure you protest the right people. If the students I had in my government class — money allocation and using activity money. I'm also to make sure the next protest makes you will feel if I can't secure this loan by month's end.

Can this much have changed in just ten weeks? While I previously argued for full funding of the school's budget, I've come to feel that doesn't mean we can't ID why the market is afraid.

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Abortion logic offers surprise

Wedge issue doesn't fall abortion special primary lines in terms of arguments

In a political system as polarized as our own, it is typically easy to gauge which party will win on which side of an issue. It is even more clear that a party like the Republican Party controls the House of Representatives, while the Democratic Party controls the Senate.

A prominent issue facing voters in the face of this already delineated system, however, appears to be abortion. A topic that can always be counted on to spark intense emotions and quick debate, refuses to conform to these conventions.

Before jumping headlong into a discussion as deeply complex and nuanced as abortion, it makes sense to state some assumptions. First, the Abortion Act, like any other national law, must be based on reasonable principles. Second, it seems that individual states should be allowed to regulate abortion. Third, it is often argued that this right to privacy is not only a fundamental right but also should be protected by the Constitution, which has the force of law.

Republican opposition may be seen as an infringement of constitutional rights and an extension of an extreme legal interpretation. Conversely, the Republican Party's support for the right to privacy is not only a fundamental right but also protects against the state's power.

The one thing we can agree on is that there are consequences to both sides. In 2008, the Supreme Court upheld the right to privacy in Iraq, while in 2010, the same Court ruled that the right to privacy in the home is protected by the Fourth Amendment.

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WASHINGTON — Democrats are growing impatient with President-elect Barack Obama's refusal to inject himself in the major economic crises confronting the country.

Obama has sidestepped some policy questions by saying there is only one president at a time. But the dodge is wearing thin.

"He's going to have to be more assertive than he's been," House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank, D-Mass., told consumer advocates Thursday.

Frank, who has been dealing with both the bailout of the financial industry and a proposed rescue of Detroit automakers, said Obama needs to play a more significant role on economic issues.

"At a time of great crisis with mortgage foreclosures and auto sales, he says we only have one president at a time," Frank said. "I'm afraid that overstates the number of presidents we have. He's got to remedy that situation."

Obama has maintained one of the most public images of any president-elect. He has held half a dozen press conferences, where he has entertained question after question about the economy, the mortgage crisis, and the faltering auto industry.

But he has stayed away from trying to dictate remedies for the toughest problems Congress is confronting: the auto industry's troubles and how to spend the $700 billion bailout.

Frank's remarks came as the Bush administration considers whether it needs the second half of the $700 billion of the Troubled Asset Relief Program aimed at helping the financial sector before Obama takes office on Jan. 20.

An Obama official said the Bush administration reached out to the transition team about tapping into the money. The official, speaking on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the talks, said Obama's transition team urged the administration to talk to bipartisan congressional leaders and assemble a meeting between the White House and Congress. The official said the Obama team offered to participate in a bipartisan meeting if it would be helpful.

Earlier this week, Obama was asked whether he worried that Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson might begin spending the next installment of the money before he assumes the presidency. Obama demurred.

"Until Secretary Paulson indicates publicly that he's drawing down the second tranche, the second half of the TARP money, it would be speculation on my part to suggest that that money's going to be used up," he told reporters at a Chicago news conference Wednesday.

Obama did stress that a significant component of the fund should be used to reduce the number of foreclosures. But he did not specify a particular remedy.
Box office heats up over holiday season

Christmas is around the bend, and with that month off from school and temperatures dropping, where better to turn than to the movie theater? The next month offers the chance to finally see some of this year's most highly anticipated films.

Many studios have held off until the last month of the year to unveil their Oscar hopefuls to the public, and though many are currently in limited release, many of these films should become available nationally in the coming weeks.

Gus Van Sant's "Milk" is already on its way to becoming one of the most well-received films of the year. The biographical film covers the life of gay activist Harvey Milk and his call to action in 1977 San Francisco.

Actors Sean Penn, James Franco and Josh Brolin have been the focal point of much of the film's praise. But with all the din around California's Proposition 8 since the election, a film about the fight for gay rights seems more potent and vital than ever.

Speaking of films critics have begun to rally behind, Danny Boyle's "Slumdog Millionaire" has been capturing the hearts of virtually every top critic and of audiences in its current limited release. As it expands nationwide over the holidays, this love story about an Indian boy who goes on television to win the heart of the girl he loves seems geared to be one of the year's most winning films.

In "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," popular director David Fincher ("Fight Club") takes a jump into the historical romance with a twist of fantasy. This film — high profile actors, an Oscar-winning director, and an adaptation of an acclaimed novel — John Patrick Shanley hasn't made a movie since "Joe Versus the Volcano," but he's now adapting his acclaimed play "Doubt" to the screen. Heavyweights Philip Seymour Hoffman and Meryl Streep clash as a priest at a Catholic boys' school accused of child abuse by a strict nun.

And finally, in a year where the media has governed powerful and heated discussions on politics, Ron Howard's "Frost/Nixon" seems all the more relevant. With a script by Peter Morgan ("The Queen"), the film reconstructs the history television interviews between Michael Frost and Richard Nixon following the disgraced president's resignation.

Veteran actor Frank Langella has been getting fabulous early reviews as Nixon. The Hollywood studios seem to firmly believe that Christmas is the season of giving this year, as they've saved nearly all their awards-touted pictures for the very end.

Cooking tasty holiday treats easy as pie

**Latkes**

*Made with Love*

Ingredients:
1 pound potatoes
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
1 large egg, lightly beaten
1/2 teaspoon salt

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
2. Peel potatoes and coarsely grate by hand or with a food processor, transferring to a large bowl of cold water as you go.
3. Soak potatoes 1 to 2 minutes after last batch is added to the bowl.
4. Drain the water, then drain well in a colander.
5. Transfer potato mixture to a bowl and stir in egg and remaining sugar and cornstarch.
6. Heat 1/4 cup oil in a 13-inch nonstick skillet over moderately high heat until hot but not smoking.
7. Working in batches of 4 latkes, spoon 2 tablespoons potato mixture per latke into skillet, spreading into 3-inch rounds with a fork.
8. Reduce heat to moderate and cook until undersides are browned, about 5 minutes.
9. Turn latkes over and cook until undersides are browned, about 5 minutes more.
10. Transfer to paper towels to drain and season with salt.
11. Keep latkes warm on a wire rack set in a shallow baking pan.

Serve latkes with a side of applesauce or sour cream.

**Cranberry Apple Cider**

Ingredients:
1 round of brie cheese
1 refrigerated pie crust
1 medium orange, peeled and sectioned
1 12-ounce can frozen apple juice concentrate, thawed
1 medium apple — peeled, cored and diced
1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries
1 medium orange, peeled and sectioned
1 cinnamon stick

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 375 F.
2. On a foil-covered cookie sheet, unroll the pie crust and put brie round in the middle.
3. In a saucepan, combine all ingredients. Cook and cover on low heat for 2 hours or until cider starts to thicken.
4. Discard cinnamon stick and fruit before serving.

Serve with crackers and apple slices.

**Blueberry Cheesecake**

Ingredients:
12 ounces cream cheese, softened
3/4 cup sugar
2 eggs
1/2 cup fresh blueberries, washed and drained
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1/2 cup water
1 medium orange, peeled and sectioned

Method:

1. Preheat oven and baking sheet to 350 F.
2. In a bowl, beat cream cheese, 1/2 cup sugar and eggs until smooth and well blended.
3. Pour into deep dish baking pan and bake for 35 minutes or until filling is firm.
4. Refrigerate 3 hours before serving.
5. For blueberry topping:
   - In a small saucepan, combine

   - 1 cup blueberries, washed and drained
   - 1/2 cup fresh blueberries, washed and drained
   - 1 tablespoon cornstarch
   - 1/2 cup water

   Cook and stir over medium heat until hot but not smoking.

   Baking:

   - Preheat oven to 350 F.
   - In a bowl, combine sugar and cream cheese.
   - Beat until smooth.
   - Stir in eggs.

   Baking:

   - Place in a foil-lined pan and place brie round in the center.

Serve with crackers and apple slices.

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**Give me space internally as a coping mechanism.** — Chuck Palahniuk
Storing Stuffers

Elan Meder
ASSISTANT ART EDITOR

**“Holidays on Ice” by David Sedaris**

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This compilation of short stories by this insightful comic writer is sure to comb through some of the Shapiro kids at the holiday season. The intro piece “SantaLand Diaries,” chronicling his time as an elf at Macy’s, will invoke gut busting laughter. The other five stories are fairly dark, but always witty and intelligent. $8.99

**Fleece blanket** — This time of year you can’t go wrong with something that’s warm and fuzzy. This one is always a welcome gift. $5

**Pocketknife** — A utilitarian addition to any key chain. The mini scissors will be a lifesaver. A classic Victorinox is perfect, but not everyone has Swiss Army standards. A kick-off or a more tricked-out pocket multi-tool work as well. $15

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**Vintage Vinyl** — For the music lover that has it all try an actual album from a smaller music shop such as Papa Jazz Record Shop. Not only will it local place have records that range from brand new to more intensely used by a former owner, but they will also have a wide range of prices. The artists are also endless, from The Beatles and The Rolling Stones to Frank Sinatra and Chubby Checker.

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Grammarly renews itself with hot new artists

Traditional awards show adapts younger image, highlights up-and-comers

Preston Jones
MCT Campus

In a bid to inject some much-needed life into a ceremony that, traditionally, is one of the staidest awards shows going, the Grammys tried something new Wednesday night. The clumsily titled “The Grammy Nominations Concert Live!! Broadcast live from Los Angeles,” across the street from the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles, was a welcome change of pace. The evening, where the 51st annual Grammy nominations will be doled out Feb. 8, the evening was a welcome change of pace from the usual, bland-eyed early morning press conferences, and also served to highlight the opening of the new Grammy Museum. But it’s the multitude of fresh faces littering the list of award hopefuls this year that’s most worth celebrating.

The 2007 batch of astonishingly hip Grammy contenders was no fluke; after decades of limping up the usual suspects (U2, Bruce Springsteen, et al.) and handing out trophies, the Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences have, last year and this year, shaken things up by incorporating a number of more pop-oriented artists. From the self-proclaimed “gutter popular” of the rap world to the straying metal acts into the roster of contenders. Put it this way: the 51st annual Grammy ceremony is going to be mighty interesting.

Lil Wayne’s having a very good year — the multi-platinum rapper led the pack, bringing home seven nominations, whilemarginTop|<margin|$\
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On Wednesday night, Grammys reinvented itself with hot new artists.
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55th annual Carolina Coraline Holiday Parade
Dec. 5
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Holiday Lights on the River
Now through Dec. 31
6 p.m.
Saluda Shoals Park

Nutcracker
Now through Dec. 10
Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Koger Center

Mr. B’s Goodtime Katrelle Coble Special Edition
Dec. 26
9 p.m.
Art Bar, 1211 Park St.

New Brookland Tavern’s New Year Cover Show
Dec. 31
7:30 p.m., $15 cover at 8 p.m. under
New Brookland Tavern, 122 State St.

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Dec. 31
8 p.m., $20
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   D. Putting green
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Gamecocks look to dispatch Paladins

USC offense plans to get back on track

After a short two game stint on the road, the Gamecocks return to the Colonial Life Arena tonight to take on the Furman Paladins. In their first road contest of the season, USC saw their five game winning streak snuffed by College of Charleston in a two point overtime loss. The team responded well, however, as they posted a 76-68 victory 24 point rout of Princeton four days later.

“Getting that win was big. It was also very big for us to do it in a better way of just a better job of the things we needed to do,” USC coach Darrin Horn said. “That was our disappointment after the Charleston game. It wasn’t just the loss but we didn’t feel like we focused on the things we needed to do in order to have an opportunity to beat that team on the road.”

Nic Carlisle prepares for the 1-5 Paladins, who are led by sophomore guard Jordan Miller with a team leading 34.9 points and 1.2 steals per game. Carolina’s standout junior guard Deyon Founder leads the SEC in steals with 19 and will look to quiet Miller, the Paladins’ main offensive weapon. Despite the Farm’s abysmal record of 1-5, Horn believes that this is not a game in which Carolina can cruise easily to victory.

“They’re going to be a challenge for us defensively, because it’s different than what we’ve seen,” Horn said. “They’ve had four games, we’ve seen a lot of Spain and cutting and driving the basketball. This is more of an execution team, two different actions, which presents some challenges for us.”

Junior forward Dominic Archie has been key on the defensive end and Horn expects him to continue to be a presence in the paint, along with sophomore forward Mike Holmes.

Although Archie has seemed quiet with what we’re asking him to do, I don’t know if anybody was better. 8 points, 8 rebounds, and defensively he was absolutely outstanding with three or four steals,” Horn said. “I think he’s terrific and he continues to do good things for us, and as long as the aggressiveness is there, you see more good than bad in a player like him.”

With a victory over Furman tonight in the last contest of the SEC non-conference play, the Paladins are one victory into a three-way tie atop the SEC this season. With top 25 ranked Tennessee and Florida, tipoff is at 6 p.m. at the Colonial Life Arena.

Carolina looks to dispatch Paladins

WINTER BREAK BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

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Stepping up as of late has been senior guard Brionna Dickerson. Her final season is off to a great start, leading the team in points averaging 10.8 a game. She has drained nine three-pointers so far, including three in the first half minutes of Wednesday’s contest. Dickerson hopes to extend her streak of three consecutive 15-point games heading into the contest.

Forward Dominic Archie, also a senior, caught fire again against the Demon Deacons when she posted her third double-double of the season with 15 points and 8 rebounds. She averages 9.3 points and 8.8 rebounds per game this season. Also, she leads the team in points averaging 10.1 points a game and fellow forward Shoniqua Mashon Brown who grabs 6.6 boards a game while scoring 6.2 points. Justicia Graham plays at the guard position and posts in 15.4 points to lead her Panthers who score 70 points a contest. Although the Panthers are lighting up the scoreboard on offense, their defense is yielding 67 points a game. With the South Carolina offense only putting up 57 points, this could open a door for some higher scoring and build towards confidence as the season progresses for the Gamecocks.

The High Point offense’s battle against the Gamecock defense should prove to be a great battle when they tip off at 8 p.m. in the Colonial Life Arena following the men’s basketball contest against Furman.

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Coaching in a youth basketball league gives you the opportunity to inspire a child, or several. You can be a role model for them to look up to for their entire childhood, and this is especially true of college student coaches.

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