SG rethinking Cocky's Caravan

Fourth-year elementary education student Valerie Samples gives away prizes at a raffle Thursday evening in Capstone.

“My favorite book is One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish,” said “I liked the dancing too.”

Each student who attended was given a free bookmark, free pizza and a free face-painting and pencil.

Senators say too few students use night shuttle service to warrant yearly cost

Josh Dandy
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

After years of work, Student Government leaders outline a large red ribbon and rode Cocky's Caravan for the first time last fall. But now leaders are reevaluating the program.

Some say it should be scrapped altogether in lieu of a new program. Others say it needs more work in Africa with The New York Times' Nicholas Kristof last summer.

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Winter weather - the latest forecast for your area.

Not sure. My understanding is that it's an awesome advertising or do something different, I'm not sure. My understanding is that it's an awesome service that not enough people know about.

But during spring break, the third-year print journalism student Paul Bowers will spend Sunday through Tuesday on the streets with a few homeless friends.

During their time experiencing homelessness, Bowers and Wolfer hope to seek out and document the experiences of Columbia's homeless citizens.

“We want to look, for instance, at the process of obtaining a phone ID when you start with nothing,” Bowers wrote on his blog. “We'll talk to some families about the impact of homelessness on the home front.”

Bowers, who grew up in the Charleston suburb Summerville, said that environment can leave you “kind of isolated, kind of arrogant about poverty.”

“I remember going downtown Charleston and seeing homeless guys,” he said. “The first thing that pops into your head is that he's leaving off
Legislators juggle budget cuts

As South Carolina legislators scrambled Thursday to come up with ways to cut $1 billion in state spending as federal budget stabilization money disappears, House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Cooper reported to everyone trying to find ways to spur economic activity. “This will make South Carolina more attractive,” he said. Without the additional state funding, “we are going to have to do some gut-wrenching budget cuts, they rushed to approve huge breaks for businesses that include doing away with the state’s corporate income tax.

The breaks won key approval with a 105-9 vote over the objections of a handful of Democrats and will get routine approval Friday before going to the governor for approval.

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2nd Amendment guarantees right to bear arms. Citizens should be able to ‘openly carry’

Everybody knows how much we Americans like our coffee. They know too good how much we like to take our coffee and go shopping or target shooting. Who knew, though, that we liked them together so much? Especially when it comes to making a political statement.

Recently, there has been a great buzz over the evolution of our Second Amendment rights in this nation. Currently, the Supreme Court is reviewing a Chicago law that made it illegal to carry a handgun in public and has been in place since 1934. Obviously, this is a hot topic, and many believe it will be upheld. President Obama has recently signed a bill that carried a provision allowing firearms to be carried or owned in city limits. In 2008, it struck down a similar law in Washington D.C., setting a precedent that many believe will be upheld. President Obama has recently signed a bill that carried a provision allowing firearms to be carried or owned in city limits.

All states have laws regarding carrying weapons openly in public, and the majority actually allow the practice. Some require a license for it, and others have absolutely no regulation at all. The holder of the weapon can decide whatever he or she wants to do in the name of self-defense, or just to feel like they are in a safe environment, while allowing citizens to exercise the right to arm themselves in order to feel like they are in a safe environment, while allowing citizens to exercise the right to arm themselves. Regardless of what states allow, there is no reason to ban the practice of carrying firearms openly in public.

The fundamental problem with going home for spring break is that you already know the people there and will likely have a good time. On a real spring break, you don’t know anyone and there is no guarantee that you will have a good time. You don’t know where it is, and you don’t know anyone there. If you want to have a good spring break, go to a foreign beach, or elsewhere for that matter — have to offer to you, unless you really appreciate the taste of Beach Light and Grandma. That sentence is a complete thought.

Allowing open carry across the entire country is not going to affect the flow of illegal weapons, but allowing citizens to exercise the right to arm themselves is a way to ensure safety. I know that if I were to commit a violent crime and was thinking of robbing a bank, I would definitely want to have a good time. I’m not talking about the local banks. I’m talking about the banks that I can rob with a .44 Magnum, and I can rob them on the go. I don’t start them, there won’t be none.

If your classes have looked a bit emptier than usual these past few days — and you’ve seen this week’s Viewpoints section, then you know spring break is around the corner. I can almost feel everyone’s fingers itching for a smoke, a drink or just to point that can they can smell. Maybe the warmth hasn’t quite taken away from the ends of your nose, but you need a sunny, beer-filled promised land.

Gettincat in the frenzy is always tremendously tiresome. I have no time to submit my next story, and it is said that this school has a break that creates every year. If it’s not your scene, it’s not mine, and there’s one opinion that I take with me forever: shrinks from like the plague: just going home.

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Movies are the memories of our lifetime. We need to keep them alive. — Martin Scorsese

**82nd Oscars to set historical precedents**

Academy sets sights on deserving, noteworthy choices Sunday night

Regardless of which performers, technicians and films ultimately walk away with the awards at this Sunday’s 83rd Annual Academy Awards, there will be an uncontroversial, unexpected or unprecedented win virtually among the bunch. Ever since the Academy announced they would be expanding its Best Picture lineup to include 10 nominees for the first time since 1943, this season has been one of constant speculation.

And while 10 films may have the honor of being nominated, the precursor award season and media reporting have focused the race into an epic duel between David and Goliath. “The Hurt Locker,” made for $8 million and grossing only $72.8 million in its theatrical release, goes head-to-head with “Avatar,” made for an estimated $237 million and already grossing more than $600 million domestically, making it the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader. Both tied for the all-time box office leader.
Oscar choices have lasting significance

Winners often reflect underlying trends in movie industry

Every so often, the Academy Awards get a chance to really say something about a historical moment in film. Whether it was in 1969, when a win for "Midnight Cowboy" helped usher in decades of daring movies over the next few years; or in 2010, when the shocking upset of "Crash" over heavy favorites "Brokeback Mountain" and "Shine a Light," was constrained by many as the Academy resisting one form of social drama in favor of another.

Not since 2003 has an outright upset in one of the major categories or rack up more than four wins, it would be a dramatic break from the Academy Awards' history of preferring "larger" films in favor of smaller, more conventional and accessible works when it comes to their big awards. The classic upset of the Academy in recent memory was "Shakespeare in Love" over studio heavyweights "Saving Private Ryan" and "Titanic" in 1998 is among the best proof in recent years.

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When: 9 a.m.  
Where: Russell House, Room 303

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When: 1 p.m.  
Where: RH, Room 205

What: Campus Advance Studies on the Word  
When: 7 p.m.  
Where: RH, Room 203

What: Alpha Lambda Delta meeting  
When: 3:30 p.m.  
Where: RH, Room 315

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When: 5 p.m.  
Where: RH, Room 203

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When: 7 p.m.  
Where: RH, Room 201

What: Midtown Spring Break meeting  
When: 6 p.m.  
Where: BA, Room 06

What: FCPCSS meeting  
When: 7 p.m.  
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By Jorge Chan  
Creative ideas go hand in hand with hard work. You've been hatching a project before quitting time. Drop out the distractions to be sure you've chosen the right words.

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LEO Work closely with a partner to transform ideas for any project. You share similar views concerning hidden significance.

VIRGO Use your creative skills to complete your own work and aid others in finishing theirs. That way, you can cheerfully go home on time.

LIBRA Use your imagination to devise new methodology. Logic is only one part. Feelings impact the bottom line.

SCORPIO You've been hatching a project for home improvement. Import decorative tile or accents to add fresh color. Look at the changes you see how to bring less disturbance, in a household activities. Turn creativity and logic to fuel reasonable bounds. Keep the project within direction, while your partner inspires you and a partner.

By Marlowe Leverette / The Daily Gamecock

Campus Advance Studies  
Where: RH, Room 205

International Bible Study  
Where: RH, Room 205

The Scene  
TODAY  
ALADDIN  
9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., $5-$32  
Koger Center for the Arts, 1051 Greene St.

BY THE SINS FELL ANGELS, THE CLASSIC STRUGGLE, DIADOGO, ZEUS, THE TERRIEST MIST, YOU CAN'T CARRY THE LOAD  
7 p.m. doors, $8 over 21 / $10 under 21  
New Brookland Tavern, L2 State St.

WRONG WRONG WRONG FEATURING BRIAN WADE  
9 p.m. doors, $7  
The White Mule, 1510 Main St.

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PhD • By Jorge Chan

Calendar of Events

AYRES Group activities inspire you and a partner. Your efforts go in a creative direction, while your partner keeps the project within reasonable bounds.

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GEMINI Creative ideas pop up in every area you look at. The changes you see how to bring less disturbance, in a household activities. Turn creativity and logic to fuel reasonable bounds. Keep the project within direction, while your partner inspires you and a partner.

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Carolina, Ray Tanner has accumulated a 25-22 Gamecocks prepare to open up a three-game in the last 12 meetings. Tonight, he’ll get the record against Clemson, including nine wins on Sunday. Dyson, who has been named to the barrels loaded, and we’ll be able to use our for us,” coach Tanner said. “We’re going both success against their in-state rival.

The weekend rotation will see senior Blake — The South Carolina women’s basketball team has finally seen its season draw to a close. The Gamecocks in the contest, as 56 of the Tourname’t.

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