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Greek Village looks to expand by 35 percent

Students not always ready for pet parenthood

Without parents to prevent students from buying or adopting pets, many students turn to humane societies, such as PETS Inc., to find a lifelong friend. However, many of the adopted animals, especially puppies, are not lifelong. “Students are on their own and they can have an animal now without their parents really being able to stop them,” said Nicole Nettles, a PETS Inc. administrator. “They want a puppy because puppies are really cute and that sort of thing. They feel like they can make their own decisions now, so they take advantage. Sadly, there is a decent return rate for puppies, especially puppies. It’s a huge responsibility.”

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Second-year exercise science student Marley Berling

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USC Common Courses offered for class of 2016

Program combines housing, U101, core classes to build bonds

Caroline Daily

Incoming students for Fall 2012 have been offered the option of enrolling in USC’s newest initiative known as Common Courses. Common Courses will combine students in University 101 classes and required core classes. For example, the 19 students in a single University 101 class who choose to take biology 101 will all attend the same 200 hour biology class. Those same 19 students will also stay in the same residence halls — Columbia Hall, East Quad, McBryde or Patterson Hall — in a type of living and learning community.

“By linking students with two or three courses together, those 20 students are embedded in, for example, a big biology class but are always in U101 together,” said Gene Luna, director of student development and university housing.

Officials strive for those participating in Common Courses to connect general education classes to the real-life lessons taught in U101 and other courses in college.

“Research has told us that students don’t often connect the Carolina Core to their majors,” Luna said. “The reason the university has the first two years of liberal education is because it teaches you how to think and how to seek answers... It prepares you to go into that major and be able to better connect your course of study with the real world.”

More than 100 students have already applied to participate in a Common Course, and the university is expecting that number to double by May. Kecey Yon, an incoming freshman for Fall 2012, is among them.

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Service council kicks off volunteer week

Group encourages USC students to interact with Columbia community in variety of areas

Thad Moore

For a few hours a day this week, USC students will take Columbia’s charities by storm, as the Carolina Service Council kicks off its Week of Service.

The group, said its president Christina Galardi, hopes to provide students the opportunity to work in a variety of focus areas, ranging from urban agriculture to underprivileged children.

Among the options this year: the Ronald McDonald House, the St. Andrews Kals Cafe, City Rivers, Agape Home House, PETS Inc. and St. Lawrence Place.

“It’s a small group, but there will be an opportunity each day of the week,” said Galardi, a fourth-year public service student.

“They will be at different times, so we just hope that students would have an available time and that they would be able to dedicate a little bit of time to participate this week.

But CSC has broader goals that go beyond this week as well.

The group, Galardi said, wants to get students involved in the community and to encourage campus organizations to organize volunteer services — goals the

Greek Village’s proposed expansion includes up to seven new houses, in part to increase the number of on-campus beds.

The Gamecocks bring a high-energy show to a sold-out Colonial Life Arena this weekend.

USC fourth in SEC

The Gamecocks claimed the series opener over the Tarhe- son Volunteers this weekend.

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Courses is to increase USC's implementing Common with other students. "What we have seen students will still branch out. This mission took hold for first-year psychology Casey Brooks and first-year public relations student Alli Finkelston, who will act as site leaders Tuesday at Pets inc., a local animal shelter. CSC is still accepting registrations for the week's opportunities on its website, Galardi said.

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"Luna said. "We hope our behavior is, embedded in larger classes, and class participation. It's kind of celebrating service and its importance to the community and that will inspire them to continue to serve." Vess said her only opposition is, to house-train  Oscar and mistreat it. "I thought it'd be a good way to make friends and create a community, so I decided to teach him not to chew the ducks," said second-year social work student Kate Rockefelder. "The ducks which she found on Craigslist and picked up from a local food and local, aren't messy and are easy to take care of, according to Rockefeller. Although she planned on letting them go or giving away when they get big, she has already become too attached to them since purchasing the male and female ducklings known as "Scally" and "Waggs" Rockefeller said. "I have no idea what they'll do when they get big, but I'll be smiling tomorrow," Rockefeller said.

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Join Carolina Dining and Ms. Moore-Pastides in a celebration of Greek cuisine.

April 9
Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Preston’s at Noon, West Wing of the Russell House

Ms. Patricia Moore-Pastides will discuss the sustainability of using locally grown products as you enjoy a special all-you-can-eat menu highlighting SC grown and produced products.

Ms. Moore-Pastides will also have copies of her cookbook, Greek Revival, available for purchase and signing.

T-shirts made from recycled material will be available for the first 65 customers.
Greeklife sets its sights on Coliseum
This semester has been a tough one for USC GreekLife. We are subjected to the criticisms — well earned though they may be — but officials of social fraternities and sororities say it is the right thing to do, with an issue on which all students feel strongly.

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life is considering the expansion of the Greek Village into the Coliseum lots. The Village “there really would only be one response to this news: Don’t touch the Coliseum lots.”

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These lots have been over the past few years from time to time.

Greeklife is pushing nearly to capacity, and the need for additional parking lots is now evident due to the ever-increasing student body. The students are being burdened on students’ budgets. Furthermore, the lots themselves are already subject to tremendous pressure from commuter cars. Parking Services often relies on a shortage of parking spaces at the Village lots to keep the sheets down. This point of difficulty is the most infrequent of the Village’s issues, however, but the student traffic and parking are impossible to predict.

There really is only one response to this news: Don’t touch the Coliseum lots. No exception, no excuses. Until this campus can truly understand the importance of adequate student parking, no attempt should be made that could possibly deny students the few “affordable” options currently available. We understand that the Coliseum lots are still overcrowded, but only if properly allocated shouldn’t even be considered as a possibility.

That being said, car owners are given large and disruptive signals of just how out of touch USC administrators may be when it comes to student concerns.

Let’s say that, based on what has occurred more and more frequently in the past few years, a shooter is a certainty. A shooter, aiming to cause maximum carnage, chooses his target in the middle of the frame of his rampage. Several die before the shots and screams begin to fill the air. The attacker then finds a few more students on opposite sides of the building, one on the floor above and one below. One of them reaches the second floor first and begins searching for the gunman, who by this time has moved on. The second responder searches, panics when he sees a gun, and fires. He misses, firing a few shots that bounce harmlessly in the hall. The first responder returns fire, killing the attacker. Police respond to the scene and assume the gunman is dead.

This worst-case scenario can be the one that most always assumed when imagining the impact of a school shooting. The nightmare scenario police are terrified of.

Here’s an alternative: During their freshman year, USC police officers must undergo active-shooter training that should have to take a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session. The new procedures must be required to attend a training session.
They came in skintight red sequin shorts, bunny ears and shiny pleather platform boots laced up to the knee. They came in faked T-shirts, pouch Polos and snapback caps — all casually thrown off their favorite teams from behind. They came for a taste of the Chili Peppers, and some even dressed to match.

“We made our own shirts,” said one-half of a matching couple who slyly fingered the beaded fringe at the bottom of her homemade Red Hot Chili Peppers tee. Her look-alike partner nodded affably, holding out her handknit to be admired by the passing crowd. “That’s just what we do for your favorite band.”

Sure, Columbia is known for being “famously hot,” but things got even more heated when the Red Hot Chili Peppers invaded the Colonial Life Arena on Saturday night. Originally scheduled for Jan. 28, the concert was delayed while lead singer Anthony Kiedis underwent foot surgery for injuries he’d sustained on the band’s Stadium Arcadium tour. And after a two-week wait, fans of the Los Angeles rockers came out in full force in the 75-degree weather. Sifting the pool of parking lots with prowling fanatics long before the band was slated to take the stage. Rows of parked sedans and parked minivans channeled the lots outside the arena, with Red Hot noodlers milling between cars, singing along to their favorite tunes blasting from thundering speakers.

The inside of the Colonial Life Arena was almost insulated from the rowdy crowd outside. Fans flocked to the stands of concert merchandise, shuffling out upward of $85 for a piece of Chili Pepper memorabilia. A few old-school RHCP freighters also made the rounds at the arena, faded and torn from years of wear after their glory days in the early 1990s. The difference in chosen attire was a metaphor for the crowd itself; young teenage fans still wet behind the ears tagged along behind die-hard RHCP parents, and clumps of 20- to 30-somethings penetrated the already-growing audience.

Although the show was sold out before the original date, seats in the arena were only half-filled by the time the band’s chosen opener, Santigold, began her performance. The young singer wowed the audience who witnessed her every move, the singer-stayed true to her quirky, punky style — and also her nickname. Donning everything from shiny gold glasses to leggings and even a golden streamer cape that flickered with light as she ricocheted across the stage, Santigold even shared a little-known fact with the crowd.

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“Music is forever; music should grow and mature with you, following you right on up until you die.”

— Paul Simon

The evening’s set list was a mix of the old and new Chili Peppers, each accompanied by an overlay of kaleidoscopic backgrounds on numerous screens that lowered and flared while the band played. From the first track to the last, the band pulsed with energy and a true passion for what they do. Even with the replacement of longtime guitarist John Frusciante with 2009 addition Josh Klinghoffer, the band played with the same ferocious intensity and punk rock attitude that made them the wild child of the SoCal music scene. Barreling through song after song, RHCP took no breaks in between, filling the air space with impromptu jam sessions between Klinghoffer and blue-haired bassist Flea or an improvising solo from Smith. Kiedis, sporting noticeably less hair than his earlier days, has replaced his long locks with a frisky mustache that stayed firmly in place.

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Baseball claims series win over Tennessee

Gamecocks fourth in SEC despite standing 111 runners in 12 games

Isabelle Khurshudyan

With Friday’s 5-4 loss to Tennessee, the Gamecocks had not won one-run game in the SEC, having lost four one-run conference games. Saturday, despite stranding 17 runners, the Gamecocks took a step forward as a team, as they won their first true SEC game, 2-1, after a walk-off double by third baseman LB Dantzler to complete the miracle.

With the series tied, the momentum from victory carried to Sunday’s game, as the offense got going in the 6-1 win to put USC back in the hunt in the conference with the second straight series win.

“The guys did feel much better, even though we stranded 17 runners,” said USC coach Ray Tanner. “It was a little bit more comfortable today. There wasn’t quite as much anxiety and tension. I don’t think guys pressed as much ... I think our approach was a lot better because we did win yesterday.”

After having bases loaded with no outs and not playing anyone in Saturday’s game, the Gamecocks had the bases loaded with one out in the fifth on Sunday. Left fielder Tanner English walked in the first run of the game, then a sacrifice fly to center by junior Evan Marzilli plated another run.

Senior right fielder Adam Matthews, who struck out at his last two plate appearances on Saturday, had a squeeze bunt single with two outs to make the score 1-0. First baseman Christian Walker brought the last run of the inning home with a single.

“We took a couple of good bunts in that inning,” Tanner said. “We also had a couple of walks that helped us score some runs. Sometimes you get your basemen out and then you realize that you’re facing pitchers in the SEC, which are pretty good.”

The Gamecocks added two more runs in the second inning to go up 1-0 and scored 14 runs in the fifth inning that they scored in the first two games of the series.

On Saturday, the Gamecocks were aided by a sterling sight-swinging SEC debut by freshman Jordan Montgomery, who solidified himself as the No. 2 weekend starter. Sunday, it was pitcher Colby Holmes who pitched scoreless innings and allowed just four hits, an earned run and struck out seven.

“As excited as I was yesterday about Jordan Montgomery, I was equally happy today for Colby,” Tanner said. “Colby is a pitcher — he’ll battle for you. There’s been a lot of situations where he’s got 4 1/2 or 1 1/3, and sometimes we’ve got him because we’ve got guys in the bullpen that we have a lot of confidence in and it’s not so much that we feel like he’s done, but today he seemed a lot more comfortable. That was important for us. We did have a couple of guys in the bullpen, but it was nice to see Colby stretch it a little bit.”

With pitching and momentum pushing the Gamecocks to a series win, South Carolina finds itself fourth in the SEC after starting 1-1 in the conference. Before the game, Tennessee coach Dave Serrano told Tanner that a 15-15 or 16-14 conference. Before the game, Tennessee coach Dave Serrano told Tanner that a 15-15 or 16-14 conference record could win the conference, to which Tanner replied, “It has happened before.”

Though the Gamecocks are temporarily in the hunt, the offense is still not where Tanner wants it, but he’s optimistic it will get better as the season progresses. Through 12 SEC games, the Gamecocks have stranded 111 runners, as compared to 99 last season, but USC had also won four of three one-run games by this point in the season.

“Oh, obviously, it’s something we’ve been working on, and we’re happy it’s finally come through,” Matthews said. “It’s frustrating at times, but both game can be humbling and frustrating. We just have to keep battling. We got ham over and it was a relief, and hopefully, we can just continue on through that and just through the rest of the season.”

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‘Sky’s the limit’ for Williams at strong safety

Focus for sophomore in spring getting stronger, more physical

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When sophomore Brison Williams found out that senior DeVonte Holloman would not be at practice and would likely miss spring practice, his initial reaction was a shock, as he had to show the coaches he was ready to be the starter at strong safety.

And while part of the proof will come as he plays on the field, Williams said he also has to prove he can stay out of trouble and that he’s not going to hurt his team on the field after he stranded a runner for a violation of team rules prior to spring practice.

Now that Williams is back on the field, his focus has shifted to working on a player deserving of a starting spot. He said he’s not talked much about playing strong safety, but learned a lot from just watching him.

“I think I’m just doing a lot of stuff that I didn’t do last year,” Montgomery said. “I’m trying to go through my assignments and know what to do. I know the playbook better — a lot better than I did last year.”

Williams had a sluggish start because he suffered a broken arm in fall camp, which caused him to be out for the first four games of the year. He made his first start of the year against Florida after Holloman suffered a concussion. Williams said he was nervous for his first start, and the hardest part was knowing all of the coverages.

“It was good that I got a start, so I know how it will feel,” Williams said. “Williams said the big thing for him through spring is playing more physically and tackling better, which practically translates to getting a lot more hands on the receivers.”

With the common theme in spring practice being that the offense has been sluggish, the defense’s performance is the upside, which is fairly normal given how offenses can take longer to find chemistry.

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So far, defensive coordinator Lorenzo Ward, who still specializes in the secondary even after his promotion following the 2011 season, has moved safety and coach of defensive Ellis Johnson to Southern California for the depth chart, but could also be more.

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