If students are sick, they can receive a health tip during flu season. "If my fellow students have received a flu shot prior to having flu-like symptoms or are taking Advil,” said Vincent. "We are also hoping to have a note sent out to faculty in order to make the students who reported flu-like symptoms feel like they can miss school for the flu either, but we need a group of students with similar symptoms, very few if any, to make the call."

Vincent, who sees the social and educational value of Project Condom, also a good choice. "I hope to gain a new perspective about the importance of safe sex in a different way than just sitting through lectures viewing PowerPoint presentations. It's not going to make it like any other program we've done," Sheeley said. "I have not heard of any opposition to the event and hope they don't face any. It's the only eye-popping and shocking thing to ever come in USC, according to a Spring 2006 National College Health Assessment of USC. The program currently includes 100 institutions — from almost every class in the MIT curriculum. MIT is now offering class material online for free. The content isn't the endowment, but the course website and course materials tend to act as a stress reliever for having faculty and other instructors, students, and even the university as a whole."
**CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS**

Friday, Feb. 15
4:30 p.m. — 6 p.m.
Black Graduate Student Association Meeting

Saturday, Feb. 16
11 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Karen Young’s Memorial Service
Butler Chapel

Monday, Feb. 18
Student Body Elections
Vote on VIP

5:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Crest Week Political Forum
Nursing 127

8 p.m.
Amnesty International weekly meeting
RH 146

Tuesday, Feb. 19
Student Body Elections
Vote on VIP

8 p.m.
BGLSA presents Birdage
RH Ballroom

**Crime Report**

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13**

Second-degree burglary and Petit Larceny between Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. and Feb. 13 at 6 a.m.

3 Fraternity Circle

Two windows were broken by a suspect. The second window at the bottom of the right rear entrance and the north window to the right of the same entrance were broken. An 18-Volt Lithium Ion Impact Driver Model number BTD140 was stolen.

Estimated cost: $869.95

Reporting Officer: W.D. Jones

**PIC OF THE DAY**

Students demonstrate their skills on the drums and guitar as Jeremy Brockington raps out in front of the Thomas Cooper Library Wednesday afternoon.

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Wednesday, April 9th 2008
(Sarge Frye Field)

March 28th, 29th, 30th
Pick up with I.D. at the Kentucky Series

**Local COLUMBIA, S.C. — Gambling for charity in a church of all places, would be legal in South Carolina under a bill that was approved by a Senate panel Thursday.**

**The legislation would let churches and other nonprofit groups host card and other casino games to raise money, exempting them from South Carolina’s 200-year-old law that prohibits dice and card games.**

**Though the law is rarely enforced, poker’s rise in popularity has led to a few arrests recently in large cash poker games.**

**The bill discussed Tuesday specifically provides for-five-card draw, Texas Hold’em and seven-card stud should be allowed for charities and churches.”**

**“It’s a money-making opportunity for nonprofits,” said state Sen. Brad Hutto, D-Orangeburg.”**

**The executive director of the South Carolina Association of Nonprofit Organizations said groups want to raise money through events like casino nights.”**

**National**

DEKAUL, Ill. — A man dressed in black opened fire with a shotgun and two handguns from the stage of a lecture hall at Northern Illinois University on Thursday, killing four people and injuring several others before committing suicide, authorities said.

University Police Chief Donald Grady confirmed the deaths following a news conference, according to local newspapers.

It was not clear whether the dead victims were among the 18 school people President John Peters had reported as wounded. He would not confirm any fatalities other than the gunman.

Witnesses in the geology class said “someone dressed in black came out from behind a screen in front of the classroom and opened fire with a shotgun,” Peters said.

The gunman shot himself on stage after the brief rampage that sent terrified students screaming, crying and running for the doors around 1 p.m.

“At this point I’m being told it was less than two minutes,” Grady said.

“This thing started and ended in a matter of seconds,”

Grady said the gunman was not a student at the school. “It appears he may have been a student somewhere else,” he said, adding that police had no apparent motive.

Seventeen victims were brought to Kishwaukee Community Hospital in DeKalb, according to Theresa Komitas, a spokeswoman. Three were in extremely critical condition.

Five were airlifted to other hospitals, including a female with a chest injury and a second university has been approved by a Senate panel

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Condoms hit runway to encourage protection

In a little under three weeks, an upcoming fashion show will feature models wearing nothing but condoms.

No, it’s not what you think. By putting together clothes made out of condoms (don’t worry, they’re still in the wrappings), the Department for Sexual Health and Violence Prevention and S.H.A.R.E. are hoping to promote safe sex among students.

Go watch the fashion show, learn about contraception, and have a good time.

A college campus is an atmosphere where 17,000 hormone charged young adults live and work, and where safe sex and contraception are, in such an environment, preventing unwanted pregnancies and the spread of STIs, and should be, a major public health initiative. Project Condom will certainly not do any harm on that front, and if everything goes as planned, it could make some progress in demystifying and popularizing contraception.

However, it’s unlikely that anyone will go to the fashion show and think, “Wow! I never thought about using condoms before—I should try that!”

In order to be a success, Project Condom needs to be accompanied by information on when and where students can get condoms on and off campus (they’re free at the Thomson Student Health Center) and literature on sexual health and wellness.

So go watch the fashion show, learn a little bit about contraception, and have a good time. And we’ll see you next year at Project Diaphragm.

**CORRECTIONS**

If you see an error in today’s paper, we want to know about it. E-mail us at sagckvew@mailbox.sc.edu or send letters to the editor at The Daily Gamecock, The University, Columbia, SC 29208.

**THE COCKLOCK**

In response to the column “Cocktails & Conversations” by Thomas Malik

This is the way differences are supposed to be settled. One can stubbornly disagree with one’s viewpoint and the manner in which they are expressed.

In response to the article “The science of living worth price” by Katrina Jones

Just imagine what great progress life would be like to live in the awful graduate student apartments. The prices are significantly higher than the small and run down apartments that have been made into apartments with true improvements.

I realize a majority of graduate students choose to live in campus, but this decision could be in part due to a lack of options, or lack of them. Time and time again, so many resources have been spent on undergraduate housing, while graduate housing has remained neglected and unadvanced. Graduate students deserve equal options, opportunities and amenities as well.

In response to the editorial “Same-sex marriage affects world” by Andrew Duggar

Supporting Obama, or shutting up the airways trying to convince the nation that with the reset of the Bush tax cuts and non-combat operations in Iraq, we are still in those and other programs. However, in the past few months, without fully understanding the numbers, this may have been accomplished, by some economic pundits, that a President who is able to repeal the tax cuts, the general revenue supplements, and a total of $80 billion, or $10 billion this leaves a lot of dollars unspent and unneeded.

We argue that savings will occur with the ending of the war in Iraq but they are wrong. The money we are spending in Iraq is borrowed money, not money they have accrued through normal revenue streams. Thus, by eliminating Iraq spending and ending the war in the middle east we do break even, which is why we think we wouldn’t happen.

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It is 2008, for God’s sake. Why should this be so hard to comprehend.

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I fall to see how “these couples have guts” and try and be as brave. On one side they had love and were chosen by God to make a family, and other side they had no choice. How is this not courageous? We can’t just walk away and forget about this issue. The same thing would happen if you were a brave and support the right to marry.

Willing this bill creates a slippery slope that the state must be careful. If two people living together are the minority, what is the majority. If two people living together are the majority, who is the minority. We should support same-sex marriage, and not ignore to face what is truly, ignorant comment like that, and not make sure your get your information straight.

The fact that you haven’t heard of this before make you wonder. Why hasn’t this been made it to the press? Are we silently saying as a country that this issue is not important? What exactly are we saying.

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Bill assumes maturity comes with service time

Smith’s new policy sparks controversy by rewarding occupation, not age group

Recently a state representative from Greenville proposed lowering the drinking age. State representative Fletcher Smith does not agree with the drinking age to 18 for those South Carolinians he believes is ready to lower it to the drinking age for every South Carolinian in the military.

Mr. Smith said, “I think it’s a great idea for those who do serve in the military, and are young people.”

Smith’s point is that maturity is the key and that how mature an individual is for the simple reason that maturity means different things to different people.

Some people would even argue that going to the military makes someone more mature. Smith’s claim is that everyone that joins the military, we all have that friend who really should have put in a few months and used that time to grow up and get a little more responsibility. Some of us who are so mature they are with full time work preparing to collect social security.

Just because someone can serve in the military does not mean that they are old enough to drink. As Doctor in Five Points.

On the same note, just because someone chooses to college or work after high school doesn’t mean they are not old enough to grow up and have a few hours.

If you are a young person argue that if you are old enough to serve then you are old enough to drink. Representative Smith has misinterpreted this to mean that if someone is 18 years old, they are old enough to drink. With every privilege comes responsibility. With the 18-29-olds and not the responsibility of keeping yourself and others safe on the road. However, enlisting in the military, or getting a privilege someone earns that they want is a choice that someone makes.

No one’s career entitles them to special treatment, whether it is to get away from the government.

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Daylight Hours makes a beautiful Mess

Adedokun's new album stays hopeful even while covering topic of romantic despair

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“How to Make a Mess of Things”

Friday Hours

Singer-songwriter David Adedokun comes across as a very personal and tender person, despite his broken heart. Credited as The Daylight Hours, his solo debut is called “How to Make A Mess of Things.” While covering topic of romantic despair, he says “I feel like people fall in love with their pain a lot in the absence of whatever it is they really want to feel in their life. They say that pain is a surrogate,” he explained, adding that “the song is really about a guy who I think does it the right way...and it’s the moment that he realizes that he is not cared for in the way that he cares.”

“My heart goes out to people that are going through a breakup,” says Adedokun. “I want to creatively express why their lives feel down and bear it, suck it up and overcome that.”

In “Truth About Girls,” Adedokun says it’s a song about a girl with whom you think you have special relationship, but then you look around and realize that you have a kind of special relationship with everybody, hence the lyric, “Somewhere there’s someone you don’t love, but you haven’t met them yet.”

“The majority of us have actually experienced it,” Adedokun explained. “The Daylight Hours at Tavern on March 21. More information will be available at www.daylighthours.com.”

National Symphony delivers

Orchestra performance enjoyed by all listeners, novice to connoisseur

Haley Deis

While football fans are always pumped for the Super Bowl, classical music lovers in Columbia had been waiting for the National Symphony concert to start Wednesday afternoon.

The Symphony opened with a piece from one of Mozart’s most famous operas, “Overture to The Magic Flute.” The piece excellently epitomized Mozart’s light and noble nature for those who were not familiar with the Mozartian style. Prayer No. 2 by William Schuman, shed light on an interesting perspective of World War II. It was enjoyable to hear a modern composition in a major historical event. Elements of prayer pervaded the music with militant, somber moments. The orchestra was still pulsating to demonstrate the main theme background.

“The Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra,” by Benjamin Britten, was an appropriate piece to perform for new classical concertgoers. The purpose of the piece was to entertain and educate the audience about the instruments within and the elements of the orchestra. The work focused on introducing the entire orchestra, beginning with wind instruments, followed by the rest of the orchestra, and ending with the percussion section.

“Opinions were like kittens; I was giving them away”

The Symphony is on top of their game, and the 2008 American Resident students at the USC School of Music were honored to have the opportunity to participate in various masterclasses on Wednesday afternoon.
Aries: Just when you’d almost given up, you find another clue. You’re off on the quest again, after a brief respite. You’re at the head of the pack, with your friends close behind.

Taurus: Be careful not to overindulge your income and get yourself into debt, unless that’s your intention. Keep asking questions until you’ve been satisfied. Conditions are excellent. What other excuse do you need? Celebrate life.

Gemini: You’re very good at determining which is which. Something else does, however. Your first task is to find better conditions. Conditions are more exciting than your usual custom. Conditions are excellent. What other excuse doesn’t have to be talked into doing something a little more exciting than your usual custom?

Cancer: Spring is a brief respite. You’re at the head of the pack, with your friends close behind. You’re off on the quest again, after a brief respite. You’re at the head of the pack, with your friends close behind.

Leo: Just when you’d almost given up, you find another clue. You’re off on the quest again, after a brief respite. You’re at the head of the pack, with your friends close behind.

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Libra: All you have to do, throw your hat into the ring. You’re not going to find better conditions for following through. Scepsis: No need to hurry, especially when large sums of money are involved. Make sure all your questions are answered. Think of more before you sign. Sagittarius: You’re very good at determining which is which. Something else does, however. Your first task is to determine which is which.

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7:05 p.m.

Carolina Coliseum, 701 Assembly St.

DAN IN REAL LIFE

6 p.m.

Russell House Theater

AMERICAN GANGSTER

9 p.m.

Russell House Theater

JIMMY CARTER: MAN FROM PLAINS

11:30 a.m.

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TODAY

Friday at 8 p.m., $5.50

Nickelodeon Theatre, 937 Main St.

ABBEY ROAD LIVE

7:30 p.m.

Russell House Ballroom

DOC’S GUMBO GRILLE

9 p.m.

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HOROSCOPES

By Jorge Chaux

Mr. Marmalade

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9 p.m.

Brooker T. Washington Building, Wheat Street

OVER THE LINE: THE ART AND LIFE OF JACOB LAWRENCE

11:30 a.m., Free with $2 admission

Columbia Museum of Art, 151 Main St.

ABBEY ROAD LIVE

8 p.m., $10

Headliners, 700 Gervais St.

DELTA MOON

8 p.m., $10

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JACOB LAWRENCE

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This part is difficult, but it’s nothing you can’t handle. You’ll win an extra prize if you get it done before quitting time. You’ll better get going.

Aquarius: Allow yourself to be talked into something a little more exciting than your usual custom. Conditions are good for taking risks, especially in romance. Pisces: Something you’ve been worrying about doesn’t have to be done. Something else does, however. Your first task is to determine which is which.

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Basketball Hall of Fame and coach Odom reserved a table and planned to come but you had a snowstorm in Columbia and he was grounded," Roche said with a laugh. "But I very much appreciated that he would make that effort and at the time I did not personally know him at all."

Though he never made it to the Big Apple, the message was received with an open mind by Roche. "I think coach Odom did a very fine job in connecting many former players to the University. Roche said. "Since I left the University, no coach until coach Odom made any effort in that score, and he made significant efforts."

That effort has helped bring back someone from R.J. Mackie to Kevin Joyce to Ronnie Collins. Every decade, every group has been welcomed back to the Colonial Center. It's a relationship-building exercise Odom is pleased to be a part of.

"I think every recovers continue this new tradition, it will reach further into the Gamecock family and bring really good feelings back," Roche said. "I think people will come into the weekend feeling good about.

The Legacy of Greatness

When Frank McGuire did for basketball in South Carolina, John Roche did for the number 11. While basketball fever inspired the resurrection of countless basketball goals in backyards across the state, kids bickered over who would get to be number 11.

His jersey No. 11 was retired in the final home game of the season. The Legacy of Greatness was also marked by Roche's statistics led to the retirement of Roche's jersey No. 11. During the Gamecocks final home game in 1971. It's all those things that make Odom believe this weekend will be special because the icon of Carolina basketball is returning.

"No school can bring in an alumni crowd or a fan crowd like John Roche can," Odom said. "I'm actually happy that he's coming February 16 as opposed to the appointed reunion weekend because we're going to have a big crowd for that. But I thank having John here on the weekend of Alabama when there's nothing other than two or three Gamecock Greats I think guarantees we're going to have a big crowd that night as well."

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Mid Season Stars

With the women's conference basketball schedule past the halfway point and the men's team at conference midterm, The Daily Gamecock Sports takes a look at the top performers this season.

**Devan Downey** - Sophomore Guard

If you haven't heard Downey's name by now, then you've been living under a rock. Downey is easily the most visible player for the Gamecocks. The point guard plays with an urgency that can be described as nothing less than electric. Downey is the leading scorer for USC with 19.4 points per game, which ranks him second in the SEC and tied for No. 52 in the nation. Downey also leads the team in steals and assists. His average of 3.26 steals per game is tops in the nation. His smart play has led to him having an almost 2:1 assist to turnover ratio.

**Zam Fredrick** - Freshman Guard

Fredrick transferred to South Carolina from Georgia Tech last season and joined Downey on the bench for one season. He has lived up to the excitement that surrounded him as the perfect compliment to Downey's high-energy, slashing attack. Fredrick has been the biggest outside threat the Gamecocks have had since Brandis Raley-Ross went down with an injury. Fredrick is averaging almost 2.5 3-pointers per game and is second on the team in scoring.

**Sam Muldrow** - Freshman Forward

Muldrow is attempting to fill the void left by former Gamecock Brandon Wallace on the defensive end of the floor. Wallace was a tall, lanky center who had a knack for getting in the way of shots. Muldrow, while a little smaller than Wallace, has displayed much of the same penchant for altering opponents' attempts on the basket. Muldrow leads the team with 1.57 blocks per game, good for fifth in the SEC, even though he has only started 10 games and averages just under 16 minutes per game.

**Dominique Archie** - Sophomore Forward

Archie came into his last year surrounded by hype. He was heralded as a brilliant swingman with the ability to score inside and outside. However, due to the lack of size on Carolina's roster, Archie has been forced to play more of an inside game than his body frame is suited for. In spite of it all, Archie has found a way to thrive and, after what some would consider a disappointing freshman season, has blossomed into a team leader in his second year. Archie leads the team in rebounding with 6.1 rebounds per game and is averaging 10.7 points per game. While improving his inside game Archie is still shooting nearly 40 percent from behind the arc and averaging almost one 3-pointer per game.

**Jordan Jones** - Freshman Guard

Jones came into her freshman year ranked as the No. 50 player in the nation and has surpassed the hype that came with being one of the highest-ranked recruits in Gamecock history. She leads the team in points with 12.2 points per game, fifteenth in the SEC and 3-pointers made. Despite having nearly 200 shots from behind the arc, Jones has maintained a nearly 40 percent 3-point shooting percentage. Jones, as a freshman, she leads the team in minutes per game, so she is already one of the most feared guards in the SEC.

**Demetress Adams** - Junior Forward

Adams has proved to be one of, if not the, most valuable players on the Gamecock roster. Adams either leads or is second in almost every important statistical category. Adams is the top rebounder with 9 per game, second highest scorer with 11.1 points per game, surest shooter with a 34 percent field shooting percentage, second best passer with 56 assists on the season and the best defender with 44 total blocks and almost 2.5 steals per game.

**Samone Kennedy** - Freshman Guard

Kennedy plays Zam Fredrick to Jones’ Devan Downey this season. Kennedy has proven to be the perfect young complement to the high-octane, lights-out shooting of Jones. Kennedy, out of Birmingham, AL, has over 80 assists on the year and leads the team in turnover to assist ratio. Kennedy has only started 8 games this season but has played in all but one and averages almost 20 minutes per game. Kennedy has mildly struggled in her point production, shooting only 34 percent from the floor and averaging only 4 points per game, but once she matures in that area she and Jones will be a deadly combo.

**Lakesha Tolliver** - Senior Forward

Although slowed by injury, Tolliver has shown why she was one of the most important returning leaders for USC this season. Senior leadership is something that this young team has desperately needed for most of the season and now that Tolliver is back and at full strength the Gamecocks should show improvement in the second half of the season. Despite only playing in 18 games this season Tolliver is second to Adams in blocks with 40 and first on the team with 2.2 blocks per game, good enough for second in the SEC.
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