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Sunday starts week of women’s wellness

Proceeds of Sunday’s barbecue to go to Columbia women’s shelter

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SAGCNEW

This Sunday will kick off a series of events aimed at raising awareness and unite students as part of Women’s Wellness Week. Featuring a kick-off barbecue, a “drop and swap,” free yoga sessions and a nutritionist, the events will help raise money for the Women’s Shelter in Columbia.

The week of events is being hosted by second-year political science and dance student Marilynn Joyner, who is also Viewpoints Editor of The Daily Gamecock. Joyner, the Panhellenic Delegate for Delta Delta Pi, said her job is to plan Greek events and communicate with other Greek organizations.

“I wanted to bring women’s awareness to campus,” Joyner said.

Sunday’s kick-off barbecue will be at the Kappa Delta house and is only open to Greeks because of space limitations. Tickets are $5 and proceeds will go to the Women’s Shelter. Representatives from the shelter will be speaking at the barbecue.

The rest of the week’s events are open to all students. There will be a drop and swap on Greene Street, where students can trade in used items in good condition, such as jewelry and books. Participants will be able to browse the used items and choose and pay for the number of items they donated.

“It’s just a good thing to bring everyone together before the summer,” Joyner said. Tables for the drop will be open Monday and Wednesday on Greene Street, and participants can swap for different items at the spring cleaning event at the Alpha Delta Pi house Thursday. All leftover items will be donated to the Women’s Shelter.

Tuesday will feature free one-hour yoga sessions at the Alpha Delta Pi house. Joyner, who became a certified yoga instructor last summer, plans to give yoga classes at USC, including at the Alpha Delta Pi house Thursday. All leftover items will be donated to the Women’s Shelter.

“Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” will be hosted by the Richland County Police Department Wednesday in Free Points, with an after party at Village Idiot.

“Men walk in high heels for a mile and it’s supposed to raise awareness for domestic violence,” Joyner said. “I’ve definitely been encouraging a lot of girls to go.”

Two final events will close the week, starting with Alpha Chi Omega’s annual Volley for Violence on Friday at 2 p.m. at the Strom Thurmond center. The next day, nutritionist Brook Harmon will speak at the Delta Zeta house.

— Contact Marilynn Joyner at joynerme@email.sc.edu for any questions or to purchase tickets for the barbecue.
SC leaders OK with storing nonproliferation nukes

As news comes of the Obama administration’s plan to receive foreign nuclear materials as part of its nonproliferation strategy, leaders in South Carolina said Thursday they are OK with the state being a clearinghouse for the nukes — but only as long as the waste is recycled or isn’t here permanently.

“We could lead the world in nuclear repurposing at the Savannah River Site,” South Carolina Attorney General Henry McMaster said. “We have all the assets for enormous prosperity and jobs in South Carolina, and this is one of them.” McMaster was reacting to an Associated Press report that highly-stretched uranium, or HEU, from Chile has been secretly shipped to the federal facility in South Carolina, as well as to the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Both facilities have long been receiving shipments of the weapons-grade HEU made in the U.S. But this shipment is the first that wasn’t originally made in this country.

A nonproliferation summit Monday in Washington, President Barack Obama will encourage leaders from 47 countries to work with the U.S. to secure and remove HEU from reactors.

Tiger has best first-day showing at Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The shots. The first pumps. The roaring galleries at Augusta National.

Tiger Woods played as though he’d never been away. Returning from a five-month layoff and trying to rebuild his reputation after a sex scandal, Woods quickly showed his game was still in good shape Thursday at the Masters.

He shot a 4-under-par 68 — his best score ever on the first day of the Masters. The round included eagles at the eighth and 18th holes, the first time he’d had multiple eagles in an Augusta round.

Also, Woods had never started with a score lower than 70 until Thursday, when he put himself just two strokes behind the surprising leader, 50-year-old Fred Couples.

“The world’s No. 1 player is off to a good start for his fifth green jacket, and his score could have been even lower. He lipped out four putts.”

UN struggles to aid ‘hungriest place on Earth’

AKOBO, Sudan — Three-day-old Odong Obong lay in the hospital bed, his pencil-thin arms almost motionless and his shriveled, gaunt face resembling that of an elderly man.

Emaciated babies and young children throughout the ward bore the signs of hunger: exposed ribs and distended stomachs. Outside, old villagers reclined in the shade, too frail to work.

The U.N. calls this the “hungriest place on Earth” after years of drought and conflict, with aid agencies already feeding 80,000 people here. Two years of failed rains and tribal clashes have laid the foundation for Africa’s newest humanitarian crisis. The World Food Program quadrupled its assistance levels from January to March in the Akobo region of southeastern Sudan.

International aid agencies are bracing for the worst. Even if spring rains materialize this year, the harvest won’t come in until fall.
Proposed fee lacks clear aim, objective

Student Government has been swept up in the green movement. Step one: Forge a costly yet ambiguous measure to make the world a better place.

A proposed $1-2 addition to the student activity fee to support “environmentally-friendly” initiatives is in the works. Sure, it’s not a lot. But you wouldn’t just take two bucks out of your wallet and throw them away — exactly what spending on such unclear goals amounts to.

Student Government has exactly had a good record with going green (see: BioBores), and it is doubtful that this “green fee” will help us prepare for the status quo. If the university wanted to take sustainability seriously, it would have taken more steps already.

USC doesn’t need to take another $2 from the student body to place a fee on more recycling bins around. More broad and effective measures, such as remodeling old residences halls to be more energy efficient, would take a bigger chunk than this.

Student Government, come up with a clear plan of what you could effectively do with our money, and we’ll support it. Otherwise, you’re not going to get your hands on our biobucks. We just put the extra two bucks toward organic veggies.

iTunes is step forward in convergence, offers perks of laptop, iPad touch, e-reader in compact, responsive device

I could make a feminine product joke about the iPad right now, but, one, it’s been done, and, two, the iPad doesn’t deserve criticism. In fact, the application of the iPad to the consumer market fills a gap and ends a period of change for technology. This product is so innovative that, if I had the money, I would buy a new one once a month.

Admittedly, when details first leaked to the masses, it was a bit overwhelming. I’ve found the 3G provides fast Internet coverage, and of course Apple’s legendary customer service offers great protection. There were over 1,000 applications available on day one; now it could take you 2-3 days just to browse through them! If you run out of immaculates when you have a gripper of the great majority apart from the left to write, you can just pull out your iPad and look up some tech. This technology really allows you to spread your wings.

OK, that just was kind of a stretch. Speaking of stretch, the iPad is a flexible piece of equipment offering Bluetooth, iTunes, Safari and iBooks. The touch screen controls, free from styluses, is so fluid and responsive that it feels like nothing is there. Just a lightweight, compact and portable platform of media.

With a 9.7 inch LED backlit screen, the iPad is big enough even for the bigger screen. Without the weight and 4 gigabytes of data, it’ll absorb all of the information you put onto it.

Seriously, the iPad is a great product. It’s not a touch- screen laptop, nor a huge iPad touch nor a pomphouse e-reader. It’s all of those and more. This is the beginning of a convergence something new.

If the iPhone was the childhood of convergence, we’re now in puberty. And it doesn’t matter if it doesn’t play Flash — you shouldn’t still be playing Flash games, because you’re a big girl now.

Energy industry needs to rid itself of dirty sources

Coal, natural gas, petroleum, nuclear energy harmful to environment, economy, workforce

Coal miners have one of the most dangerous occupations in this country, if not the world, and the most recent mine catastrophe in West Virginia is further proof. It’s true. Coal is dead. Fear are dead. Explosions, collisions, fires and dangerous equipment all make it a risky occupation, and for workers.

Think of all the types of non-renewable energy we use today: coal, natural gas, petroleum. There is also dangerous nuclear energy. All of them are combustible under the correct conditions, extremely hard to extract energy from and leave a harmful impact on our environment, especially when handled improperly. They have failed wars, corrupted governments and business practices, and an ideology of it will always be there, until very recently, has gone unchanged.

So what’s the answer to this? What is the answer to what is happening in the world we are so reliant on these forms of energy when they create so much destruction? Oil is just as dangerous as coal with the risk of fires on oil derricks and platforms at sea, which cause massive, uncontrollable fires that cost huge sums of money to put into it.

Energy industry needs to rid itself of dirty sources and throw them away — exactly what spending of what you could put into it.

So, now along with iPhones, iPad touches and regular Urges, we have the iPad. With all these technological devices Apple has released into the wild, what else will we be able to put our music and data on in the future?

The iPad already sold out at the $499 price. So far, there have been more than 500,000 sales of the $500 iPad, until it’s not stopping there. People are intrigued by this device because Apple has made the iPad a bridge between laptops and smart phones. So, will the iPad eventually replace smart phones, laptops and PDAs? People believe it will make their lives simpler when they first use it, it only makes things more stressful. Who needs to check their e-mail on their iPad, then their Macbook, then their iPad? Also, who would anybody, especially college students, want to carry yet another device around?

First of all, it has a touch screen that is impractical for students. No one wants to write a paper or take notes via touch screen. They say computer keyboards give worse problems; talk about cruel and unusual law here with having to tap your fingers on a screen all day long. Plus, keyboards are dian.

Second, as I said before, who needs to check their e-mail on all of these technological devices! Everyone already has a phone. That is where you can type your papers, and where your check your e-mail. Laptops can do everything the iPad can do. It can play Flash and hold more memory, and better — except they don’t have a useless touch screen.

Apple, I’m sure, is still figuring out how to use it to the blue line between laptops and smartphones is not going to be maintained, they do have not accomplished that feat. So, even though you will be able to will be able to do our school work on our phones, but until then let’s just stick with laptops.
Comcast will be broadcasting two hours of Masters coverage in 3D each day.

This is only the latest extension of the seeming fetishistic glasses.

Additionally, Comcast will offer a 3D stream to view online but a special 3D television and glasses, making the experience only new format. It is the first time a national sports broadcast will be shown in the on television and on the Internet.

As an Internet service provider, Comcast is attempting to slow Internet traffic should be as equivalent as technologically possible on its subscribers. “Net neutrality,” as it has been named, argues that Internet traffic should be as equivalent as technologically possible across all Web sites.

As a court ruled in favor of Comcast, saying that federal regulators could not interfere in how the business chose to influence in Internet traffic. While this may seem unfair, Comcast is still only one of many Internet options, and it is still — by virtue of its title — providing a service. Like most businesses, they can choose how to provide that service.

The tricky gray area comes in where Comcast’s status as an Internet service provider and cable company start to blur. For example, Comcast’s recent move to acquire NBC means that anything Comcast chooses to do, whether they were successful, they would be able to control a content generator (e.g. make their television show) that is then broadcast over their cable and Internet services.

So were Comcast to gain NBC, and were the court’s decision on net neutrality to stand over time, Comcast could speed up traffic on Hulu — where NBC shows are available to stream — and slow down alternative video stream sites, essentially forcing subscribers to choose the one that most benefits Comcast.

Of course, this is all hypothetical, but it’s certainly clear that Comcast is playing big risks, gambling on how they can manipulate the Internet and utilize the emerging 3D technologies on platforms other than cinema.
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ARIES Adjust your focus and choose your path. When discussing matters with the group, choose your battles carefully. You want to appear strong. GEMINI Concentrated effort will allow you to expand to fill available space, you benefit from aligning heart and mind.

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Baseball travels to Nashville looking to continue hot streak, stay atop SEC East standings

Ryan Velazquez

Just over the halfway mark in the regular season, South Carolina’s hot streak is astounding. Going off a 6-1 victory over College of Charleston on Wednesday, the No. 11 Gamecocks (23-5, 7-0) will look to extend their lead in the SEC East when they travel to face No. 20 Vanderbilt (21-7-1, 3-3) as a three-game series starts.

“We’ve got 21 conference games left, and a lot can happen,” USC coach Ray Tanner said. “We want to do well on the road, as well. But we also want to get back into the mix a little bit. So there’s always a lot at stake. That’s why SEC baseball is what it is.”

Winners of 17 of their last 20, the Gamecocks will be looking to their experienced roster to come up big against a Vanderbilt team that is 20-2 when they face off.

“That good of a team they have and their level of experience, you’ve got to circle these around the block a few times with this group. I don’t worry about guys with amateur, novice and those kinds of things. It’s going to be a situation where it comes down to it if you play will or not.”

Senior Blake Cooper and junior Sam Dyson are slated to start at pitcher in Friday and Saturday’s games, respectively, with quite youngster lefty Tyler Webb recovering from an illness, senior righthander Jay Brown is in the running for the starting job on Sunday.

“Vanderbilt is a predominantly right-handed hitting lineup with a lot of veteran guys,” Tanner said. “As this point, I’d say Jay Brown is probably.”

On the offensive side, Carolina will be challenged with facing a Commodore pitching staff that is ranked 15th in ERA. Leading the way will be sophomore Sonny Gray, who enters the weekend sporting a 1.28 ERA and is the projected starter for the series opener.

“If you pressure on us to run and hit, Tanner said. “They’ll stuff your offense because of how good they are. You have to take advantage of run-scoring opportunities when you get them. Getting runners out there and have chances to get them in. That’s how good they are at the mound.”

Playing a major role in Carolina’s offensive success so far has been sophomore Whit Merrifield. Entering the weekend hitting .353 with a .480 on-base percentage and 32 runs scored, the junior has hit safely in 28 of 29 games this season and will look to extend a hitting streak that currently sits at 11.

“Vanderbilt’s a great team and they have a great pitching staff top to bottom,” Merrifield said. “They all throw hard and they all have quality arms. We’ve got a good challenge this weekend and I’ll really show us where we are.”

With matchups against some of the conference’s higher ranked teams on the horizon, the Gamecocks will look to leave Nashville with their fourth SEC series win of the season.

“Every sculpt in the SEC is good, but this is the strength of the conference coming up.”

Merrifield said. “We feel like we’re at the top, but to be the best you have to beat the best. We’re looking forward to going up to Vanderbilt and playing well.”

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Gamecocks prepare to face Vanderbilt

Women’s tennis aim win against Vanderbilt and a 7-0 demolition of matches against them, and I think we’ll do where they are now,” USC coach Arlo Elkins

programs, where they’ve been in the past, a lot, and obviously you have to respect their

out and play good tennis. Being confident is

Columbia. Carolina is 1-8 on

Conference foe Kentucky in

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are Not only is this weekend significant for the obvious reasons of playing for a NCAA Tournament birth against two top ten teams in the nation, Sunday will be a culmination of DeMar’s 26-year career as coach of the Gamecocks’ tennis program. As the final home match of the year, perhaps the emotional commemoration bidding farewell to DeMar and these dedicated seniors will spark a miraculous upset to send the departing characters out on a high note.

“Cards win will keep USC from getting blown out, and along as they continue to take care of business with whomsever we’re playing.”

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