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**STUDENT ORGANIZATION WEEK: RHA**

Every student who lives on campus is a member of a student organization and they may not even know it. The Residence Hall Association has been an active organization that takes care of students living in residence halls since 1968. Since 1986 RHA has also been active on the regional level. Its most recent awards include the National Residence Hall Honorary Building Block Champion of the Year for the 1999-2000 school year. Each residence hall has its own government consisting of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, floor representatives, ECO Reps, two senators and wellness ambassadors. The job for each hall government is to plan different types of programs for their hall as well as maintain the budget for each school year. In the past these programs have included activities such as The Capstone Royale, Hands for Hunger and the Women’s Quad BBQ. Hands for Hunger is an annual charity poker event held on campus. RHA is also responsible for each hall.

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**BRAWL SHAKES RUSSELL HOUSE**

**Michael Osang & Samuel O’Donnell**

Local march for 9/11 victims.

Columbians participate in annual Freedom Walk on tragedy’s anniversary

Jeff Pitts, of Irmo, was listening to the radio when he heard about the first plane crashing into the World Trade Center. He was a mass communications major at Francis Marion University. Pitts said: “I went to the mass. Comm. building and sat in front of the big television screen and watched the news. Then I went to my English class to take a test, and my professor said, ‘If you want to leave it’s all right. There’s more important things going on.’”

It was the morning of Sept. 11, and the event brought the university to a stand still. Pitts spent the rest of the day walking around campus, traveling from dorm to dorm.

“No one was glued to their television,” he said. “Everyone was trying to find out more.”

On the seventh anniversary of the terrorist attacks, Pitts is walking again, but through Columbia streets instead of dorm buildings. Pitts participated in the third annual Freedom Walk, an event organized by Columbia City Council to memorialize the victims of 9/11.

“They need to do this every year,” Pitts said, as he walked by2 curious onlookers. “This just feels right.”

The march began on the Statehouse grounds at 11:20 a.m. Participants mingled with representatives from the police force, the fire department, and Fort Jackson.

The 282nd Army Victory Band played patriotic music from the Statehouse steps. After a short introduction speech, the marchers organized themselves into a line, with the South Carolina color guard, hand and Emergency First Responders in the lead. The marchers walked from the grounds to Columbia City Hall on Sumter Street, as the band played matching tunes.

Police escorted the marchers throughout the walk. Pedestrians stopped and watched the procession, waving and smiling.

As they walked, the...
**Q & A QUESTION of the Week**

**What is your favorite YouTube video?**

A: “Has he to Techno Viking Bakes a Cake: It’s a parody of the popular techno Viking song, but with a cute twist.”

- Adam Rangel, second-year criminal justice student

A: “Mine would be ‘My New Haircut.’”

- Edward Jones, first-year political science student

A: “My favorite is ‘Shin’ because it’s really funny.”

- Alex Lue, first-year nursing student

A: “I’ve never watched YouTube.”

- Melissa Cancello, third-year HKT student

A: “My favorite clip is ‘Powerthirst’ because it’s hilarious.”

- Andy Lin, second-year chemistry student

—Compiled by Courtney Burgess and Kara Apel

**Crime Report**

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 9**

**Petit larceny, 2 p.m.**

Jesse Physical Science, 712 Main St.

The victim reported a stolen wallet. The wallet contained cash, a Wachovia debit card, a Mastercard, a Social Security card, and a Carolina Card. Est. Value: $117

Reporting Officer: C. Carrington

**Breaking and entering of a motor vehicle and grand larceny (firearm), 30-30 p.m.**

Pendleton Parking Garage, 1101 Pendleton St.

A unknown suspect struck the victim’s vehicle and fled from the scene.

Est. Value: $200

Reporting Officer: J. Dupee and C. Burkin

—Compiled by Halley Davis

**CASWELL BEACH, N.C.** — Barbara Domen moved to Caswell Beach eight years ago because she liked that the island was undeveloped and the wildlife was abundant.

She likes seeing turtles, alligators and the many squirrels and other animals when she walks or plays golf on the island.

“I find it peaceful. We are used to living with nature here,” said Domen, a retired teacher from Michigan.

But now, she thinks that wildlife is under attack.

An effort to protect the sea turtles that nest on the state’s barrier islands has turned into a bitter feud in the small town of Caswell Beach, where a faction of property owners wants to trap and kill foxes that sometimes dig up the turtle nests.

Caswell Beach Turtle Watch is a private nonprofit program that protects the sea turtles that lay eggs on the beach. The nesting season starts in mid-May and lasts until October. Out of a thousand hatchlings, only about one will survive to become adults.

“Turtle Watch” said.

The turtles are federally protected species.

Fence site 2,300 eggs or close to 30 percent of eggs laid on the beach, Smith said. The fence did nevertheless protect the volunteers placing around the turtle's nests.

**FIND HIM at the STUDY ABROAD FAIR!**

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**International Programs**

**Where: Russell House**

**When: Friday, September 12**

**10am-3pm**

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**PIC OF THE DAY**

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Melissa Reino, like many incoming freshmen this year, had a lot of anxiety about choosing her roommate, so when it came down to the choice of picking one herself or being assigned via potluck, she didn’t want to take any chances.

Armed with the USC resource UChoose, she came up with several possible future roommates. But what is the best way to narrow the list down, according to Reino?

None other than the epicenter of any college student’s online experience: Facebook.

Reino, a first-year public relations student, turned to the Internet networking site Facebook to help pick a roommate last spring. Like many other freshmen, she looked to Facebook in hopes of finding someone that she could mesh with. Insofar the experience has been a good one, Reino said.

“Things are good, we get along really well,” Reino said, “We know and respect each other, which helps.”

Reino began the process of making living arrangements last spring on UChoose. While UChoose was a good tool for providing her with a few possible roommates, the questions weren’t specific enough to pinpoint a good roommate. She took the information she found through the service, and used Facebook to find someone who she felt she could get along with.

“Looking around on her profile gave me a good idea of who [a possible roommate] is,” said Reino. “It’s a good way to figure out who a good roommate would be.”

Emily Welsh, a first-year hospitality, retail and sports management student who also found her roommate on Facebook, said that the best way to choose someone to live with is through communication.

“You have to e-mail or talk through Facebook to narrow down, because the [UChoose] questions are pretty generic,” Welsh said.

Once they got to school, both Reino and Wright said that they had had nothing but positive experiences with their new roommates. Both say that having a friend she met on Facebook helped ease their transition into college life.

“It’s easy to have a friend who will go out with you and meet new people,” Reino said. “That way you aren’t alone.”

Welsh’s roommate, Tala Armstrong, a first-year business student, said that because the two became friends via Facebook, they avoided a lot of problems many new roommates may have.

“When all the girls on the hall, Emily and I get along the best,” Armstrong said.

Reino said honesty is of utmost importance when picking a roommate over Facebook, or any other means.

“You don’t want to have someone who isn’t honest with you and end up in a situation you don’t want to be in,” Reino said.
Ike takes Texas by storm

Hurricane hits Gulf Coast, forces nearly 1 million residents to evacuate

HOUSTON — Cars and trucks streamed inland and chemical companies hurried up their plants Thursday as a gigantic Hurricane Ike took aim at the heart of the U.S. refining industry and threatened to send a wall of water crashing toward Houston. Nearly 1 million people along the Texas coast were ordered to evacuate ahead of the storm, which was expected to strike late Friday or early Saturday. But in a calculated risk aimed at avoiding total gridlock, authorities told most people in the nation’s fourth-largest city to just hunker down.

Ike was steaming almost directly for Houston, where gleaming skyscrapers, the nation’s biggest college football stadium and the nation’s fourth-largest city were on alert.

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Southeast Texas residents stock up on pre-cooked items, canned goods, water, ice and other items in advance of Hurricane Ike's arrival at the H.E.B. grocery store in Beaumont on Thursday.

"Think how your barbecue could become a flying object," he said. At 8 p.m. EDT, the storm was centered about 370 miles southeast of Galveston, moving to the west-northwest at 12 mph. Top sustained winds were 100 mph.

NASA closed the Johnson Space Center, including Houston Control, and set up temporary quarters Thursday near Austin and Huntsville, Ala., to watch over the international space station until the storm passes. Most NASA aircraft at Ellington Field, just north of Johnson, will be flown to a facility in El Paso.

The oil and gas industry was closely watching the storm because it was headed straight for the nation's biggest complex of refineries and petrochemical plants. The upper Texas coast accounts for one-fifth of U.S. refining capacity.

Wholesale gasoline prices spiked 10 percent Thursday, or nearly $1 a gallon, out of fear of what Ike might do. That means motorists can expect higher prices at the pump, though much higher demands largely depend on how long refineries are shuttered after the storm. Exxon Mobil Corp., Valero Energy Corp., ConocoPhillips and Marathon Oil Co. began halting operations at Ike-affected Deer Park.

BASF, the world’s largest chemical company with 14 manufacturing sites in the Gulf Coast region, also began shutting down some operations. "This year RHA will be sponsoring different programs and activities with other groups on campus.

These projects include Good Work seminars and programming, Digital Sustainability Books, and a new Alternative Spring Break and World AIDS Day with the SHARE Peers. RHA meeting every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in room 107 of Currell College. Each residence hall government has its own weekly meeting.

It’s a big storm," Texas Gov. Rick Perry said. "I cannot overemphasize the danger that is facing us. It’s going to do some substantial damage. It’s going to do serious damage. It’s going to challenge our community to resiliency.

Hurricane warnings were in effect over a 400-mile stretch of coastline from south of Corpus Christi to Mobile, Ala., and included northwestern Florida, south almost to the Mexican border and east to the Mississippi-Alabama line, including Pensacola, Fla.

In Surfside Beach, a coastal community about 40 miles south of Galveston, the police chief was so worried that the office planned to board up the doors to the storm inland.

"I don’t have a crystal ball, but if I did, I think it would tell me a sad story. And that story would be that we faced a devastating storm of a storm of a lifetime," said Chief Randy Smith. "I think we’re going to see a storm like most of us have never seen before.

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Russia looms, but does it pose Soviet level threat

Georgia invasion reminds Americans of another era, but new Cold War is far off

"Nyet! That's what we thing you guys broke up." "I'm going to lunch and I'll be back. I'll think. Huhaha!"

The conversation between the US and Russian officials in the UN this past week is the rhetoric the Cold War and the Soviet Union, their swift victory and their subsequent recognition of the independence of two breakaway provinces, South Ossetia and Abkhazia.

Few Americans would say the situation in South Ossetia and Abkhazia bears a strong resemblance to the Cold War. It feels like something out of the past. Seven years ago, President Bush was saying Russia's president Vladimir Putin and his former prime minister, "Most crush capitalism!"

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This time, the US government's assumed that as part of the war on terrorism, both governments and individuals would lose those protections. There were new rules, and they were sometimes enforced.

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Author Elizabeth Cassidy West cut her teeth on Gamecocks football from an early age by attending games with her father, Joel Cassidy West, the University of South Carolina archivist, mixes great game coverage with behind-the-scenes anecdotes and personal stories to present a view of South Carolina football that you won’t find anywhere else.

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Southern fashion is something very personal, itself. However, it is not above importing key styles, of course, from its own repertoire. Vineyard Vines was created by brothers Shep and Ian Murray in 1998, and when they decided that commuting to New York City was no longer for them.

Ten years later, the Martha’s Vineyard-based company is kicking off their College Days tour at Carolina from students. They said in a news release, “My conductorless. Bell said.

The brand is considered a “lifestyle clothing line” that leads to healthy and good life.”

“Romance of the Violin” is a latest classic album. Violinist Joshua Bell said, "The players] admire in Baroque music really dig into it, and the violinists play with great precision. I think with "The Four Seasons" you can't be too deferential." Bell teamed up with well-known chamber ensemble Academy of St. Martin in the Fields for the album. “This particular recording we did at the culmination of a big tour where we played ‘The Four Seasons’ night after night, and from night to night we changed things, experimented with things and everyone had more suggestions,” he said. “It was very much a team process.”

The scholar team recorded the entire album conductors, Bell said he preferred giving the orchestra a sense of control. “When you don’t have a conductor you also have a different feeling with the orchestra, because they feel much more empowered,” Bell said. Bell recorded the album on his estimated $4 million Gibson Stradivarius, a violin made in the Baroque period by one of the world’s greatest makers Amos Stradivarius. Bell has premiered several best-selling recordings and dazzling performances on "The Four Seasons" by one of the world’s greatest Baroque scholar said how he makes his personal interpretation. “You will never hear a version of ‘The Four Seasons’ as tie their logos, and in the last 10 years they have expanded to men’s. Their company has nearly doubled every year. In fact, over the past 10 years, sales have grown an astounding 54 percent.

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TAURUS Take on more responsibilities and get more benefits. It'll be worth the extra trouble, even if it means more work now. Take the long-range perspective.

GEMINI Passions are easily aroused, so be responsible. If you want to get wild and crazy, pick your projects, especially ones that involve other people. Don't delegate one of your jobs to a person who will be more likely to make a basket. Or whatever metaphor works for you.

SCORPIO Take time to do the planning to minimize confusion later. This might take longer than expected, but it’s energy well spent. You already know SAGITTARIUS Your friends are crazy. Well, some of them are. You'd better go along and make sure they don't hurt themselves. As frightening as it seems, you're the one with the common sense.

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After four years of promises and potential, USC football seems to be right back where it was. How long until it gets to the promised land?

Michael Baumann
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Since the start of the 2007 season, USC is 7-7 by definition, an average football team. But it’s not quite that simple. In the first seven games of that stretch, the Gamecocks were 6-1, beating four BCS-conference teams, including two ranked No. 11 or higher, climbing as high as No. 6 in the AP poll. The team that stood on the field victorious in Chapel Hill at the end of that 6-1 run looked like the team Steve Spurrier promised when he took the reins.

In just more than two years, Spurrier had already beaten every team in the SEC East, plus Clemson, and launched the Gamecocks into the picture not just for the SEC title, but the national championship as well. Since then, USC has gone 1-6, including two losses to Vanderbilt and record-breaking performances to weaker competition than during last year’s stretch run.

One of last season’s pitfalls was run defense; in last season’s 48-36 loss to Arkansas, the Gamecocks surrendered 54 rushing yards, an SEC record 321 of them to McFadden. The next week, Tebow owned USC at the goal line, scoring five rushing touchdowns, all of them from five yards or less.

This year, USC can allowing only 12 points and 112 rushing yards per game, though against significantly weaker competition than during last year’s stretch run.

“Our schedule gets tougher in the second half of the season,” Succop said. “You get into the all the SEC games and playing the best teams in the country.”

This time around, the defense isn’t the problem—it’s the offense. USC has scored 13 points this season, 21 of them in the fourth quarter against an N.C. State team that already knew it had been beaten.

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But as far as quarterbacks at USC go, one name always comes up all the other games: Redshirt freshman Stephen Garcia headlined a 2007 recruiting class thativals.com ranked sixth-best in the nation. Of that class, only wide receiver Devin LeCorn has seen significant playing time on offense. Garcia has not taken a snap. Sophomore running back Brian Maddox, perhaps Spurrier’s most highly-touted running back recruit to date, has carried the ball eight times for 25 yards in his career. Apart from LeCorn and Maddox, the 2007 recruiting class has touched the ball on offense twice.

If Spurrier, long considered an offensive genius, is going to win championships at USC, his recruits are going to have to play, and play well.

But maybe the system isn’t so flawed.

“I think we’re still on the right track, even though we might have taken a couple steps back with that slide we had,” Norwood said. “Even with the loss to Vanderbilt, we’re still on the right track. We’re still moving forward.”

The record suggests otherwise, but maybe it doesn’t tell the whole story.

“We’ve been close, believe it or not, when you look at the games we’ve lost over the years,” Succop said. “We’ve had some hard losses, but we’ve also had games when we’ve been right there and ... the ball bounces this way or we can have a fumble or whatever.”

In their past six losses, dating back to last year,
OSU, Southern Cal highlight weekend

Buckeyes, Trojans, marquee matchup for big Saturday of college football

Chris Cox
Staff Writer

The 2-0 Buckeyes of OSU head to Los Angeles to take on the Trojans of Southern Cal in clearly what is the national game of the week. After narrowly defeating crosstown rival Ohio last week, the Buckeyes will look to make a statement to the nation that they aren’t going to be pushed around by some of the countries better conferences. Getting running back Chris Wells back into the lineup will certainly help their chances, but the speed and talent of Southern Californa, led by new quarterback Mark Sanchez, will be too much for Ohio State to overcome.

Ohio State at Southern Cal, ABC

Two weeks ago, UCLA gave college football a treat as they stormed back under first-year head coach Rick Neuheisel to knock off Tennessee in overtime. Now, the Golden Bruins will get their second chance to knock off a top 25 team. The Bruins come in with storylines of their own, mostly from last week’s controversial game against Washington, when an excessive celebration penalty may have given BYU a golden chance extra point. Look for BYU to try their best to prove that last week’s victory was no fluke.

UCLA at Brigham Young

First-year Georgia Tech coach Paul Johnson is off to a hot start as his Yellow Jackets have raced to a 2-0 start, including a come from behind victory last week at Boston College. The competition only gets tougher from here on out, as GT heads to Blacksburg to face Virginia Tech. The Hokies blundered around by some of the country’s better conferences. The Jackets have raced to a 2-0 start, including a come from behind victory last week at Boston College. Everyone knows both teams are struggling. Neither team can score points, but the bottom line is this is one of the premier rivalry games in the country. Who cares if it’s a pillow fight of epic proportions? If Notre Dame wins, they’ll already be two-thirds of the way to equalling last season’s win total. Look for Charlie Weis to pull one of what is potentially many things out of his butt in order to knock off the Wolverines after being embarrassed last season by Big Blue.

Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech, ABC

Wisconsin at Fresno State, ESPN2

Next to Ohio State facing off against USC, this matchup is the only other weekend battle to feature two top 25 teams this weekend. Wisconsin, who is led by running back P.J. Hill, will face a stern test when they head on the road to face Pat Hill’s Bulldogs. FSU (the one that is actually relevant in college football right now) is looking to prove that they are this season’s BCS buster, and they’ll get their best chance to do it this weekend. Look for Fresno State to come out fired up and in a frenzy, but expect P.J. Hill and the Badgers’ methodical running game to pull it out in the second half.

Oregon at Purdue, ABC

If you plan on watching this game, you probably shouldn’t make any other plans. With the way both of these teams move the ball up and down the field, don’t be shocked if this game doesn’t stretch into the wee hours of Sunday morning. The Ducks are off to a 2-0 start, largely due to their 56 points per game average that they have put up in their first two games. Meanwhile, the Boilermakers are looking to vary their offense a ton after facing a game losing streak against Top 25 opponents. Sorry, Purdue, maybe next time.

Michigan at Notre Dame, NBC

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Rice at Vanderbilt

Didn’t see this one coming, did you? Hey, we have to give it up to the Commodores and Owls. This battle of who has the biggest neckbeard probably features two undefeated programs. They’re smart and good on the gridiron. Well, for now, anyways. Besides knocking off the Gamecocks last week, how can you not pull for a school like Vanderbilt? Bobby Johnson is one of the most respected coaches in the SEC and you have to applaud the Commodores for coming out with a win in the first place.
Starting in 2003, Gamecock fans around the world were introduced to a young man from Rock Hill, who would turn out to be an integral part of their two upcoming seasons (before hopping to the NFL after his sophomore year).

Long before playing for the Buffaloes, Yukota, or just Ko, Simpson signed his letter of intent to play for Carolina in 2003. In his only two seasons at Carolina, Simpson started all 22 games at free safety and earned both All-SEC and All-American accolades in each year (2004 and 2005).

As a freshman, Ko believes his record-setting year was set in motion by a single play against the USC Bulldogs.

"That pick against Georgia," Simpson responded when asked about his greatest memory as a Gamecock. "Coming in my freshman year and not having someone know about me, that pick built my name up, putting it on the map.

During the play that Simpson referred to, Simpson picked off then Heisman Trophy candidate David Green and returned it 57 yards for a score. As the interception itself wasn’t enough to get the Gamecocks faithful excited, it happened in only the second game of his collegiate career. However, Simpson is quick to realize that one play doesn’t make a career.

"Basically just going in there and getting to play as a freshman, being able to get in the game, that was what helped me the most," Simpson said. "I didn’t have to wait. I got out there and got my opportunity to play, and learn."

Simpson proved he was worthy of that opportunity, finishing his first year with 63 tackles and an SEC-leading six interceptions. The Associated Press selected Simpson as the freshman of the year in the SEC, making Simpson the first ever South Carolina player to receive the honor.

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Finally, after two long years as a Gamecock, Simpson is excited to get back on the field and face some familiar foes.

"I’m excited. I’m ready to get out there and play and to have a fun game," Simpson said. "I’ll be playing against some of the guys I played with in high school, so I’m excited to get back out there and compete against some of the players I’m used to playing against.

The hard-hitter’s second season saw him coached by new Head man for Carolina, Steve Spurrier. "Spurrier’s a good coach." Simpson said. "He’s good for that program. He’s bringing them the conference, the team, that whole Columbia, S.C., up."

The new coach didn’t change much about the star safety, as Simpson proved he was worthy of that opportunity, finishing his first year with 63 tackles and an SEC-leading six interceptions. The Associated Press selected Simpson as the freshman of the year in the SEC, making Simpson the first ever South Carolina player to receive the honor.

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The Gamecock offense and team got off to a bad start in the SEC season with a loss to the Vanderbilt Commodores.

"We know we can play better, we got to step it up and play to best of our ability," junior center Garrett Anderson said.

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Up and down across the Gamecock offensive line will be the strength front seven of the Georgia Bulldogs.

Through their first two games the Bulldogs have allowed a miniscule 80.3 yards rushing per game and only two touchdowns. The Bulldogs have also been stout on third down allowing their opponents to convert only 32 percent of their attempts.

The key Gamecock player for this duel of SEC fans will be center Garrett Anderson. The first-year starter will need to be a consistent force for a line that has been shuffled more than a deck of cards this season.

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The Gamecocks will hope to use their depth at offensive line to find five players who can play at a level needed for a Gamecock victory. Anderson will be responsible for picking up on all the blitz and other defensive formations that the aggressive Georgia defense will throw at them.

The main cog of the Georgia front seven is sophomore linebacker Rennie Curran. Through the first two games of the Bulldog's season Curran leads the team in tackles, tackles for loss and sacks.

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Stamina defense has plans to stop Georgia’s Heisman hopeful running back; Eamonn Cook to lead charge against UGA ground attack

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It has been evident in the first two games of the season that the Carolina offense is inefficient and the defense is the only aspect of the team worth bragging about. One leader of South Carolina’s impressive defense has really stood out this season and has been strong safety Eamonn Cook.

“I’m probably not a vocal leader, so most may know,” Cook said. “But I like to lead by example on the field in practice and in the game.”

Cook topped the defense in tackles in both games this year with eight against N.C. State and six against Vanderbilt. One could take this statistic either positively or negatively as it highlights the up front players’ inability to stop the run, while it emphasizes the extraordinary ability of the ball-hawking safety.

Last year, Cook was the team leader in tackles with 92 total, as well as tying for first on the team with three interceptions. The self-proclaimed “E. Cook” has a knack for stepping up in big games with career highs of 11 tackles against both LSU and Vanderbilt last season.

Despite all the promising statistics, nobody on the team is pleased with the way the season has started and everyone knows that Charleston running back Knowshon Moreno is running back Knowshondoomo.

Spartanburg has been quoted saying the Bulldogs are strong at nearly every position, but most analysts realize that their most impressive player is running back Knowshon Moreno. Though Georgia has only played only two cupcake games so far this year, Moreno has made his presence felt with three touchdowns in both appearances.

He is only a sophomore, but his team friends have considered him the next big thing, since Herschel Walker, the two are the only Georgia players to rush for over 1,000 yards in their freshman seasons. As a redshirt freshman last season, he totaled 120 yards against the Gamecocks on only 14 carries. He is known for stepping up in big games as he ran for 185 yards and three touchdowns against the Gators in 2007.

Last year, Moreno accumulated 1,314 yards and 14 touchdowns as well as being named the unanimous SEC Freshman of the Year.

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Enjoy Ellis Johnson's new defensive scheme, but he could have done so far is take up space and drop interceptions.

Remember Jasper, I'm only saying this because I care. Nobody this year?

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Two years ago USC had the number one wide receiver in the country. With the exception of Dion Lecorn, they haven't done much. Once again Steve Spurrier keeps saying that they have "the best defensive coordinator in the country." With the exception of Dion Lecorn, they haven't done much. Once again Spurrier blames this on the fact that they haven't learned the plays yet. What is it about this playbook that makes it so impossible to learn? What language is it written in, Latin?

Garnet on the court! E-mail agbhp@mailbox.sc.edu

Questions with Jake Broom

1. Why not give Stephen Garcia a chance?

(Seem as if he's saying that Stephen Garcia doesn't know the plays well enough to get any playing time at quarterback. I'm guessing that means Chris Smelley and Tommy Reescher actually did know the plays. I won't sure after seeing them play. What is the worst thing that Garcia can do if he playsrible, throw a few interceptions? Wow, that would really change things up. Unless he just drops his pants and poops on the 50-yard-line, things can't possibly go worse than they have been.

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