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Library seeks $15,000 from class of 2012 for study room technology

Senior Legacy Campaign to help build endowment fund for renovations

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With their final semester not yet begun, 2012 graduates are already receiving their first donation solicitations from the Office of Annual Giving.
The Senior Class Legacy Campaign is calling on each member of the class of 2012 to donate $50-$12, to help build an endowment fund for renovations.

Cellphone service, ergonomic furniture, new computers and other updates will be introduced to the Thomas Cooper Library over the next few years, but those additions won’t come cheap. Cellphone service will cost almost $45,000 to accomplish, a replacement PA system will be another $32,000, and the cost of recarpeting a single floor is $175,000, according to Dean of Libraries Tom McNally.

In order to offset these costs, the library is hoping to solicit at least $10,000 through next year’s campaign. The collaboration between the Office of Annual Giving and USC Libraries began in 2008 and has collected more than $35,000 for the library, according to Assistant Director of Annual Giving Steve Farwick.

Most of this money, along with endowments from private donors, alumni gifts and state and university allocations, has gone to the library’s most recent repairs, including a full exterior face-lift, renovations of the lower-floor study rooms — paid for by $1 million allotted by the board of trustees — a refurbishing of the mezzanine and replacements for the building’s drinking fountains.

McNally said library repairs in the past five years have totaled $9.1 million.

“The reality is libraries are changing dramatically because students need us in different ways than we used to,” McNally said.

We have to change constantly. Over one million people come through the library every year, and we’re doing our best to respond and keep up with student requests.”

Study rooms and new furniture

Capitol Renewal Plan sets $4.2 million for Benson restoration

Building may be repurposed for academic space, official says

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Benson School, a university-owned Bull Street building in need of repair, may soon be renovated and restored to its historic form, according to Tom Quasney, USC’s associate vice president for facilities.

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Benson School, a historically designated building located at 890 Bull St., was once the home of USC’s College of Architecture.

“The building is in need of repair and will not be a priority until the project is brought to him or the university’s board of trustees,” Walton said.

Two months after the school was added to the National Register of Historic Places, the university announced it would close the school.

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**College of HRSM collects NASCAR gift**

The NASCAR Foundation gave $40,000 to the College of HRSM for a department day Thursday during the Sport Entertainment and Venues Tomorrow conference at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. The foundation donated the money, designated for scholarship funds, to honor the late Jim Hunter, who was a longtime faculty member and was named last year as a NASCAR Hall of Fame inductee.

Jim Hunter was a Gainesville native who played football at the University of Florida and later coached at Carson-Newman, before joining the NASCAR staff in 2002 as an assistant to the president of the organization. Hunter died in January 2011.

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Purple balloons and attention-grabbing photographs of frail baby faces decorated Greene Street Thursday afternoon as a reminder of the 13 million babies worldwide whose lives may be threatened because they were born too soon.

Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity honored World Prematurity Day by raising awareness for the March of Dimes, a national organization aiming to prevent premature birth defects and infant mortality. According to March of Dimes Community Director Jacqueline Nuovo, South Carolina has one of the highest premature birth rates in the U.S., with one out of seven births occurring too early.

Passing students could show their support by placing a purple or pink handprint along with their signature on a mural that will be donated to the neonatal intensive care unit at Palmetto Health.

“This is our first real event on campus,” Phi Beta Lambda President Donald Iorio said. “We’ve had hundreds come through ... A lot of students have said that they’ve been affected, either because they were born prematurely or because they have friends or family who were. Prematurity affects so many people.”

Iorio said Phi Beta Lambda’s purpose was to increase awareness of prematurity, but the organization will be raising funds during the spring semester for the March of Dimes 2012 March for Babies in April.

— Compiled by Kathryn Kranjc, Assistant News Editor
Students epitomize spirit of civil protest

Faculty and students marched around campus and to the Statehouse Thursday to protest recent actions of government members, recently ousted from their camps from various movements. Propelling reaction to Gov. Nikki Haley’s restriction of “Occupy Columbia” activities to daytime hours, effectively dismissing the protesters’ ability to “occupy” the campus and the streets.

“I’m most proud of this march that was carried out without any type of violence or incident or violence.”

Students and faculty members rallied to show support for the protesters and oppose the deferral of the policy. The rules Haley spoke in her speech that Thursday.

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Students are taught in English. Most of these classes are also comprised of local Hong Kong students. I’ve met exchange students from America.

For some, Occupy is that something. For others, it’s that something. How much that Christmas tree cost us.

Language skills remain vital to world market

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Annual holiday kickoff lights up Vista

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Rolling Stone Bar creates vibe in Rosewood

Owner sets new bar's location with anticipation

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Speeding down Rosewood Drive, it’s hard to overlook the small building occupying space on No. 1332. With its peeling paint and chipping exterior, it’s hard to imagine it as the home of Columbia’s newest bar, a spot for gathering and rock and roll culture.

But that’s just what the Rolling Stone Bar is, and to hear owner Jimmy Phillips describe it, it won’t be long before all of Columbia is spending the night jamming with close friends and familiar strangers there.

Hoping to set the bar apart from the various ranges of others in the Five Points and Vista areas, Phillips chose to settle into the Rosewood location for its uniquely quirky vibe that gives Columbia residence and USC students an alternative experience to the norm.

Seeing such huge successes with annual events like the Rosewood Crawfish Festival as well as several new businesses opening up in the community, Phillips says Rosewood will soon be a hub for a thriving arts, music, restaurant and bar scene.

“I've always had my eye on this location,” said Phillips, who has had his hand in the business for some years now. “It is a stand-alone location, like a concrete island nestled beneath some great old trees, with a tin roof and some good furnishings for a stage outfitted in a fantastic, edgy way to put on a show...”

All of this is to say that Phillips was on the search for a variety of music and nightlife, will have its official grand opening this spring.

The new Rolling Stone Bar on Rosewood Drive, which combines music, food and nightlife, will have its official grand opening this spring, Phillips said.

“After all, it is a little risky to open a spot’s scene that has had its finger on the pulse of the music industry for almost 45 years now,” Phillips said. “So, the Rolling Stone Bar will continue to flourish through a network of trusted patrons, he said, although occasional blow-outs will be part of the menu daily. And come spring, the bar will hold its grand opening complete with a kitchen and dinner menu comprised of healthy options like sandwiches and salads. The bar will also be running its first ‘Annual Rolling Stone Box Car Derby’ race this spring, with hopes it will become one of Columbia’s most recognized and enjoyed events. The Rolling Stone will also continue to host events over the holiday season, developing the spot-space for festivals and events.

“The long-term goal for the business is to become an iconic brand synonymous with a superior experience, and that we can one day expand to other cities and see the Rolling Stone rolling to a town near everyone,” Phillips said.

“However, now, we hope in the beginning, it will create the atmosphere, great memories.”
Greetings from the Carolina Band

This week, help the Carolina Band along with representatives from all branches of the military to honor America and its Veterans with balloons, streamers, fireworks, and a military fly-over in USC’s annual patriotic display.

Go Gamecocks!
Katie Rose Higgins, a sophomore on the USC women's golf team, is the daughter of Kevin Higgins, the head Citadel football coach. She'll be rooting for the bulldogs Saturday.

Katie Rose Higgins, a sophomore on the USC women's golf team, looks the part as she takes a seat on the sideline will be nothing new. She is a frequent schedule, USC football's schedule and opportunities to only been able to attend two Citadel games this season how to handle the situation.

"You don't want to get screamed at in the heat of a game standing right by her dad, so it's going to be funny," said Katie Rose, "and I know they're playing my dad's team, so it's going to be funny.

"You know how many hours football coaches put in to prepare all week for a game, and win or lose, their job," she said. "And then to see it — just games lost and people always criticizing them. And at the bigger level, I have friends [who] get a 'For Sale' sign put in their yard after they lose a game. It's just really, really tough.

"All the students here at USC are ready to get a big win for a coach to win as many games as he can. Being the head coach of a Detroit Lions assistant coach — first as a quarterbacks coach, then later as a receivers coach — before taking the job at The Citadel. Those long, losing seasons in the Motor City taught her a great deal about the pressure involved in the coaching profession.

"When you're at home or anything like that, you see your teachers are making jokes about the team the Gamecocks will post a dominating victory. But she's also realistic. Since her father has been the coach at The Citadel, his teams have played Arizona, Clemson, Florida, Florida State, North Carolina, Ole Miss, Pittsburgh, Texas A&M and Wisconsin, losing by multiple touchdowns each time. The game against the Gators in 2008, the year that Spurrier didn't go with the idea, but he did laugh a bit, Katie Rose said.

Facing long odds

You can't blame Katie Rose for trying, though. His daughter probably has a better chance of hearing Spurrier on the golf course than his team has of beating USC.

"Your teachers are making jokes about the team the next day if they lose. Even in our classes here, we always joke about the Gamecocks other way. But if it's your dad on the other side..."

Learning from it all

The tough losses and moments over the years have served as lessons, Katie Rose said. Not so much the on-field results, but the way her father, and also her mother Kay, a former basketball coach, handle them. Those lessons have helped her as a golfer.

"Both parents completely understand sports," she said. "The biggest thing they're helpful with is when I face adversity. Just getting through that because it's always going to come at you.

Since arriving at The Citadel, Kevin Higgins is in for an interesting Saturday
WHERE: Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia (capacity of 68,000).

WHEN: Kickoff is scheduled for noon.

THE LINE: There is no line.

TICKETS: The game is sold out.

TELEVISION: The game will be televised on Pay-Per-View. Andy Reid will be the play-by-play man. Brad Mallard is the color analyst. A replay of the broadcast will be shown Sunday at 8 p.m. on SportSouth.

RADIO: Locally, the game will be broadcast on 105.7 FM. Todd Lee will handle play-by-play duties. Tommy Suggs is the color analyst. Terry Cusick is the sideline reporter. The local broadcast will be simulcast on Sirius XM Satellite Radio. The game will be on Sirius channel 120 and XM channel 199.

WEATHER: The forecast for the Columbia area on Saturday calls for partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of precipitation. The high will be 64 degrees while the low will be 44 degrees.

PROHIBITED ITEMS: The following items are now banned from the Williams-Brice Stadium: oversized bags and purses that exceed a 17-inch long, 12-inch wide, 10-inch tall frame with the exception of diaper bags, cameras, tripod-like detachable camera lenses more than six inches, portable walkie talkers with antennas, and unauthorized masks of any kind. Backpacks will be allowed into the stadium. However, alcohol remains prohibited in the stands. Fans with alcohol are at risk of ejection and possible arrest.

NEW IN 2011: The Athletics Department announced several new features for the fans at the Gamecocks’ home games. These include a new Under Armour merchandise location inside Gate 2, The Hall of Honor, which will display the memorabilia from USC football kickoffs and remain open until kickoff. Gates 4, 14, 16, 22 and 25 are also early gates and will open at 9 a.m. All other gates will open with 90 minutes before the start of the game. A fan help system has been established. To utilize, text USC, a space and then an issue and location to 90505.

STUDENTS ENCOURAGED: USC students who enter the stadium an hour or more prior to kickoff with a student ticket will receive an extra loyalty point. Students with lower-level tickets (sections 19–34) will receive wristbands at the entrance and should enter through gates 25, 25 and 26. The 2,100 students with seats in the upper east stands must enter through Gate 18 and will not be permitted to enter the lower level.

SERIES: South Carolina leads 97–7–3.


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11.23.2011  Women’s Basketball vs. College of Charleston @ 7 pm
11.26.2011  Football vs. Clemson
11.27.2011  Women’s Basketball vs. Presbyterian @ 1 pm

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Bagels and Basketball!

Every Friday from 1:30 - 3:30, bring in your ticket from a winning basketball game (from the previous week) to Einstein’s East, and get a FREE bagel!*

*while supplies last. Einstein’s East is located near Gambrell in the bottom of the Humanities building.
**OFFENSE**

Breakout week for pass game?

Isabelle Khurshudyan

On a single play against Florida, South Carolina got a glimpse of what could be.

After having passed for only 137 yards total in the previous three games, quarterback Connor Shaw found wide receiver Ace Sanders for a 46-yard touchdown, in the win over Florida. The 46-yard pass to Sanders matched Shaw’s career long pass play to tight end Rory Anderson against Kentucky.

"It feels good to know that [Spurrier] to come back and run the gun but never under center. It’s just one of the things I’ve had to work on here in high school, “shaw said. “I was always in the gun and said he could run past the defender covering him. "We run the curl route the first time, sometimes they depend on us to say what coverage it is." The redshirt senior stressed the need to prepare for the same look, because you’re not going to get the same look from the other receivers too," Sanders said. "A lot of people go back and tell him what we see on the field. He’s reaching out, and he can’t see what we see. Sometimes they depend on us to say what coverage it is."

For Spurrier, a coach known for wanting to throw the ball downfield, he had to rely on the running game to win games this season as the passing offense has struggled. After seeing a glimpse of Shaw’s potential in the pass to Sanders, fans might see a glimpse of the old Spurrier as USC looks to air it out against The Citadel.

"We need to improve our passing game and see if we can do a little bit better. We need to win the game first and foremost."

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**GAMECOCKS get another crack at anorthodox ground attack**

Paulina Bert Koch

USC hopes to find stride in air — finally

It’s déjà vu all over again for the South Carolina defense. USC’s first home game of the season was against a triple-option team that collected 274 rushing yards out of a triple-option offense. It took an interception by Antonio Allen in the Gamecocks’ final minute to put an end to the Midshipmen’s scoring threat.

Now weeks later, Carolina will play host to another triple-option team and will look for its own strong performance in the fourth quarter of the Navy game to carry over against The Citadel. Taking advantage of their previous experience against an unpredictable offensive scheme, the Gamecocks will rely on discipline in assignments to stop the Bulldog’s rushing attack.

"We’ll try to improve things that we did in the Navy game," defensive coordinator Lorenzo Ward said. "We didn’t execute as well as we’d like. We were better in the fourth quarter than we were in the first three, so we’re going to try to improve some of the things we did in the Navy game. The speed that we saw again will help us, because you have to be disciplined when you go up against this kind of offense."

The Citadel rarely turns to the passing game, averaging less than 13 yards per game in the air. But the Bulldogs average 291 rushing yards per contest, led by sophomore running back Ben Dupree. Redshirt senior Rickey Anderson and freshman quarterback Aaron Miller round out the list of Bulldogs that average more than 40 rushing yards per game.

USC’s defenses are prepared for the unpredictability that a triple-option offense brings, and defensive end Malvin Byram and the Gamecocks will count on each other to stick with assignments.

"We have to go out and deficit in no matter what if it is bad," Ingram said. "They’re on our schedule. We’re trying to go out and get the victory, so we have to go out and defend. We’ve been doing a pretty good job so far. I can tell you that every time. You can’t guess what they’re going to do. You just have to play your assignment and trust your teammates."

"I was never under center in high school,” Shaw said. “I was always in the gun. I did some drop-back passing in the gut but never under center. It’s just one of the things I’ve had to work on here in high school and make the transition into.

After the win over the Gators, coach Steve Spurrier said Shaw throws "beautifully in practice but also said that it was Sanders who came to him and said he could run past the defender covering him. "We run the curl route the first time, and [the defender] pretty much just sat on it,” Sanders said. "So I just told [Spurrier] to come back and run the sneak – it’s going to stand still, then we could just run for him.”

"The communication between the receiving corps and the coaching staff is something the Gamecocks will look to continue against The Citadel in the hopes of improving the pass offense. "It feels good to know that [Spurrier] has confidence in not just me, but the other receivers too,” Sanders said. "A lot of people go back and tell him what we see on the field. He’s reaching out, and he can’t see what we see. Sometimes they depend on us to say what coverage it is."

For Spurrier, a coach known for wanting to throw the ball downfield, he had to rely on the running game to win games this season as the passing offense has struggled. After seeing a glimpse of Shaw’s potential in the pass to Sanders, fans might see a glimpse of the old Spurrier as USC looks to air it out against The Citadel.

"You don’t go into a game saying we’ll experiment throwing the ball every down,” Spurrier said. "We’ll like to throw better than we have been, but we’ll have to see it at and up and win a ball game the best we can. We need to improve our passing game and see if we can do a little bit better. We need to win the game first and foremost.”

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**DEFENSE**

Second go-round with option

Defensive tackle Travian Robertson will be key for South Carolina’s defense against the Bulldog Triple option.

Carolyn will need to defensive tackle Travian Robertson, but South Carolina’s defense linesmen, to anchor the defense. Robertson’s coaches and teammates praised his leadership and energy he adds to the defense line and the entire football squad.

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Georgia Southern at No. 3 Alabama (Saturday at 1 p.m. on Pay-Per-View)  

The Crimson Tide recovered nicely from its disappointing loss to LSU, leasing Mississippi State on the road last week with a strong defensive effort and Trent Richardson’s seventh 100-plus rushing yard game of the year. Although Georgia Southern plays in the lowly Southern Conference, Alabama coach Nick Saban said his team is aware of the Eagles’ dangerous running game and experienced quarterback.

“Teams like this beat Division I teams all the time,” Saban said. “We need to have the proper respect for who we’re playing and how they do what they do. We also need to understand that it’s not about them, it’s really about us and what our goals are in what we’re doing. It really doesn’t matter who we’re playing against... We’ve got to focus on losing field by the goals and things that this team has an opportunity to accomplish and technically do a good job of getting our players ready to play in this game.”

Mississippi State at No. 4 Arkansas (Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on CBS)  

The Razorbacks welcome the Bulldogs to a chance with the finish of the season with 10 wins for the second consecutive year and go unto defeated home to face second top-10 team after losing to Oklahoma last week. Although Mississippi State doesn’t have a threat to Arkansas on paper, but Razorbacks quarterback Ryan Mallett’s team is prepared for a physical game as it fights for pitiful record.

“Trent is what makes the game for us,” Pettine said. “It’s a goal of ours since we got here to win all our home games. That’s when you get started to be a difficult team to play against. We’ve certainly had home field advantage all year long here with our crowd, the excitement and the energy that’s that generated.”

Sanford at Auburn (Saturday at 1 p.m. on Pay-Per-View)  

The Tigers have a strong connection with Sanford’s football program, as the Bulldogs’ head coach, Pat Sullivan, is a former Auburn quarterback and their offensive coordinator, Rhett Lashlee, is a former Auburn graduate assistant. But the Tigers focus is on recovering from last week’s embarrassing 45-7 loss to Georgia.

“Obviously last week’s performance was unacceptable to everybody — our fans, our players, our coaches, everybody,” Auburn coach Gene Chizik said. “We’re moving forward. We had a great practice Sunday to start the week off. Again, we’re excited about another opportunity. That’s a great thing about football. Most weeks, you go on to the next week and have a chance to go out there and play again. We’re going to embrace this chance to again win our seventh game of the year.”

Furman at Florida (Saturday at 1 p.m. on Pay-Per-View)  

Coming off a 17-12 loss at South Carolina, the Gators begin their fourth win of the season against a team they haven’t faced since 1990. Although Florida has won just one of its last six games, coach Will Muschamp said his team is focused on improving every week and eliminating costly errors that have cost them some of a game.

“We continue to take steps forward,” Muschamp said. “We’re getting better on both boards. There are guys playing really well. Samford looks like fine line in winning and losing — there are guys that look like fine line in losing and possibly 8-2... it’s those eight, 10 plays in a game, and you have to make them.”

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