New course registration site launches

Students will use Self Service Carolina to sign up for Fall 2013 classes using the new Self Service Carolina online system Monday.

University registrar Aaron Marterer said he believes the registration process through the new module will be “intuitive” for students.

Self Service Carolina is in the process of replacing VIP as the online system for student academic and financial services across all USC campuses. Registration for Summer I and II 2013 classes is still being done through VIP.

Registration for the first four weeks of the fall semester will be the first large-scale test of the new module at USC’s Salkehatchie, Sumter and Union campuses and began using Self Service Carolina for fall registration this week, Marterer said. The process has gone smoothly so far for those students, Marterer said, and he is “cautiously optimistic” that it will continue without problems.

A special support team will attend the first few days focusing on handling any problems students may have with the system, according to Marterer. “As I telling our advisors and administrators in the college, we are going to make sure that everybody to help keep quality control agents and help students make sure that things are working properly,” Marterer said.

Features of the new course selection module include the ability to browse courses in more than one subject at the same time, filter courses by time and by day, view seats available in multiple sections at once and view full course descriptions.

“We hope that this meets people’s expectations. And certainly, part of that expectation is just having it be intuitive,” Marterer said.

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Dialogue highlights injustices toward women

Gender inequality subject of videos, discussion
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Statistics and stories about gender inequality came to life in a Diversity Dialogue at the Honors Residence Thursday night.

Lizzie Dement, a graduate student in higher education and student affairs, facilitated a discussion about the global development of women, showing three videos and encouraging the students in attendance to talk about them in small groups before a larger group discussion.

The theme of the videos was injustice suffered by women around the world, including inequalities in income and opportunities available across various fields of work.

"Sometimes it seems unlikely that a woman could be a director of a firm or be able to try to move up," Dement said. "In a political setting, it's like, 'The man could be a president of the country.'"

The four videos were inspired by a study called "bumps," where students will be able to wait to cross the street. Cathcart said that in peak traffic times, up to 17 students can be waiting to cross Assembly Street at once.

Sidewalks will also be widened to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. An elevator will be added at the top of the steps at the tunnel that runs under Assembly Street, connecting Main Street to the Carolina Coliseum, also to meet ADA regulations, Cathcart said.

The elevator will be adjacent to the Law Center and the tunnel will also be lights and cameras added to the tunnel in order to help students feel safer, Cathcart said.

"Right now, it's perceived as being dark and dangerous."

These changes to medians and sidewalks will show the distance pedestrians will have to travel across the 110-foot-wide road by 44 feet.

The major impetus for construction is the impending opening of the Darla Moore School of Business. Once it is open, the daily student traffic across Assembly Street will explode, going from 3,000 to between 15,000 and 18,000 students daily, Cathcart said.

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"We're in a perfect world, so there are going to be some conflicts with some of those schedules, but we're working to keep them to a minimum," Cathcart said.

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Multiple students suggested sending information through the Twitter accounts of various colleges and schools within the university, especially those of the School of Journalism and Mass Communications, School of Music and Arnold School of Public Health, all of which have main buildings on Assembly Street. Others suggested a central website for all information related to the project and a way to contact relevant parties with concerns and complaints.

Questions about registration?

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**Homosexuality has no effect on children's growth**

New findings disprove arguments for DOMA

Five days remain until the Supreme Court hears arguments in the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and California’s Proposition 8 case, and more evidence is trickling in against the proponents of those laws.

One of the go-to arguments of proponents of same-sex marriage laws is that it’s not raised in such families, and they are more poorly adjusted and more susceptible to mental illness.

*In a recent policy statement accompanied by statistics and studies,* the American Association of Pediatrics has warned that this is not true. According to the study, children raised in households headed by parents of the same sex were no more likely to be diagnosed with autism, ADHD, depression, bipolar disorder, or any other mental illness than children raised by heterosexual couples.

**The Daily Gamecock**

**Sympathy of media for Steubenville rapists unacceptable, repulsive**

News coverage of the Steubenville rapists has flooded every facet media this week, since the release of the verdict. If you’ve not seen the story, Trent Mays, 17, and Ma’lik Richmond, 16, were found guilty on all of the crimes they were charged with after raping, digitally penetrative and urinating on a girl (unnamed minor) in Steubenville, Ohio last summer.

The story’s fame caught like wildfire when many journalists and news anchors reporting the outcome seemingly to sympathize with the two boys’ sudden loss of a promising future that had been before them. Now, because they had raped and urinated on a girl who was unconscious, the national press blew their all football prowess and academic success were gone.

News from the courtrooms show the boys finding solace in their lawyers’ arms, audibly sobbing as they were walked out of the courtroom.

Heard seemed sympathetic to these boys who committed terrible acts against an underage girl who was black-out drunk. They focused more on the single ending she would have one the boys’ lives, rather than act as a champion’s personal maximum sentences weren’t handed out.

The fact that these small-town boys received some kind of anangewhyth superiors for their athleticism should be an even worse outrage. Following the rape allegations, a text from Richmond to a friend surfaced, saying, "I’m pissed off. I had a real cool playbook," and "I don’t think anyone even thinks I do." Incidents like this show that the classic idea, "boys will be boys," has been morphed from something that’s socially acceptable, to something that’s schoolyard urge to one-each other each escape so they can run and look at the fire and other media can be shared online within seconds.

Comedian Rosie Barr has collaborated with online "backliner" group Anonymous to bring those boys joy in by lighting a proverbial fire under the chief of police to get all of the facts. In an article published by Bar, Barr wrote, "I got in touch with some unusual people that would help me — rape culture in all its forms, complexity of adults to protest crimes, and help to destroy their victim's/proj by painting them as immoral, rather than our family's." And I wholeheartedly agree. Being good at a sport cannot excuse men from committing a crime, especially oneas heinous as rape.

There’s no humanity in sympathizing with criminals. It shows more to our nation’s desperate acts, and the national media shouldn’t be paying them for being falsely.
Taylor Swift is going to paint Columbia “Red.” No lie.

Well, Miss Swift, known for her key chain full of broken hearts and pop-charms wallpaper is coming to Columbia’s Colonial Life Arena Saturday night with a “Red” tour in support of her fourth studio album. The 23-year-old country-turned-pop songstress dropped her latest album in October, sparking anxious anticipation and anticipation of her concert’s completion. Really, how do you like it?

Swift is famous for a laundry list of Hollywood heartbeats/lost loves, and the dazed dides lasciviously shaped a great image for the starlet. She knew they were troubles, but she still went for it. Every single time.

Say what you may, but each guy has resulted in more than one radio angle. They are creative fuel for the blonde, blue-eyed beauty and, honestly, crucial to her progress. So, let’s take a look back at her milestones relationships and which lost the best material to the mix.

Oh, and the “Red” tour is sold out. But Ed Sheeran is opening and the show starts at 7 p.m. Catch a few chords from the Colonial Life front steps.

John Mayer

Oh, OK, they’re dating again. It was a rumor for a hot second and has since diminished as a little secret on Florence’s part, but this relationship would make for great music. Florence, a surfer from Hawaii, was dating a non-famous, 18-year-old boy. He wasn’t exactly a heartthrob/lost love, but he was the “Red” album booklet: “Hyannis Port.” Let’s not mention anything in the new lease on love, spells out in capitalized letters in “Mama Mia.”

There will be “Les Miserables” costumes and lighting. It will stage an updated set and score, as well as new modern-day star power to the classic — an updated anniversary production. The “Les Miserables” tour will be in Columbia at the Koger Center through Sunday.

The touring production has an updated set and score, as well as new costumes and lighting. It will stage a total of eight shows during its time in Columbia, the longest run ever for any Broadway in the city since 2007’s “Mama Mia.”

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**Women’s tennis looks to stop 3-loss streak**

Gamecocks face off against No. 18 Auburn Friday at home

After a 7-0 defeat at the hands of No. 5 Georgia on Saturday, the USC women's tennis team is looking to bounce back at home against No. 18 Auburn Friday at 1 p.m.

Head coach Kevin Epley acknowledged how tough the last match against the talent of Georgia.

“Obviously, Georgia’s a really good team,” he said. “But doubles was competitive, we just didn’t turn the corner when we needed to. It was the same in a couple of singles matches that kept pretty close. We just weren’t able to win on those breakers.”

A main focus in practice this week for the No. 49 Gamecocks is to always compete. Epley said that no matter the situation, each player needs to believe they will come out on top.

“We’re just trying to go in with the mentality that we can be down on every court,” he said. “But, if you just hang in there for your match, you can make a little bit of a shot, because the best teams in this country compete on every court.”

Martin said, in particular, she has been working on keeping every shot on the court and making her opponent work.

The Tigers are 14-2 and coming off a close loss against their rival Alabama. The Gamecocks will need to find a way to prepare for the No. 15 singles player in the country, freshman Maria Bueno. The Bermann holds the top spot in the lineup for the Tigers and is 4-2 against nationally ranked opponents.

Epley said that the team knows the match will be a contested one but thinks the Gamecocks will be prepared for it.

“Any time we come out and have the opportunity to hopefully win a point and compete a little bit, you have the opportunity to stop 3-loss streaks. It won’t be too much of a shot, because the best teams in the country, freshman Maria Bueno. The Bermann holds the top spot in the lineup for the Tigers and is 4-2 against nationally ranked opponents.”

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A spring football scrimmage is scheduled to hold its first scrimmage of the spring Saturday morning at 10 a.m. at Williams-Brice Stadium. It is the first of two spring scrimmages the team will have before the annual Garnet and Black Spring Game on Saturday, April 11, which will mark the receiving end of spring practice. All scrimmages and practices are open to the public. Most of the starters are not expected to receive much action as coach Steve Spurrier said after practice on Thursday that “it’ll be a game, we’re not going to start a season on Saturday.”

In addition, there is a forecast for parts of Saturday, which will hang the team a bit, according to Spurrier.

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“We’re not supposed to suppose it’s going to be so we’ll probably wait a week or two later to get in most of the work.”

— Compiled by Kyle Hock, Assistant Sports Editor

**Schedule for the remainder of spring practice:**

**March 23:** Practice 6 — scrimmage at 10 a.m.

**March 26:** Practice 7 — 4:15 p.m.

**March 27:** Pro Timing Day — 10 a.m.

**March 28:** Practice 8 — 4:15 p.m.

**April 2:** Practice 9 — 4:15 p.m.

**April 4:** Practice 10 — 4:15 p.m.

**April 5:** Practice 11 — 4:15 p.m.

**April 6:** Practice 12 — scrimmage at 10 a.m.

**April 9:** Practice 13 — 4:15 p.m.

**April 11:** Practice 14 — 4:15 p.m.

**April 13:** Garnet and Black Spring Game — 1 p.m.

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Gamecocks prepare for Arkansas

Holbrook unsure who will start Sunday against Razorbacks

Danny Garrison

South Carolina will face Arkansas this weekend for the first time since USC defeated the Razorbacks to advance to last year’s College World Series final, and coach Chad Holbrook is not downplaying the budding rivalry.

“We have the utmost respect for Arkansas,” Holbrook said. “And those games (in the CWS) were incredible games. (Those are) just two really, really good baseball programs.”

The No. 6 Gamecocks enter the weekend’s three-game set with an 18-3 record, including a 2-1 start to SEC play after taking their first conference loss at Missouri last weekend. While the team as a whole is off to a strong start, some have argued that the most dominant individual performer of the young year has been senior pitcher Nolan Belcher.

Belcher has started five games on the mound this season and has thrown 36 strikeouts in 36 innings pitched while only allowing only one run. Despite his coach being at a loss for words about Belcher’s early outings, the lefty has been able to maintain a humble attitude toward his recent success.

“It’s still early, obviously, and we’ve not even at the halfway point yet,” Belcher said. “All I’m is a good start, and I’m throwing a lot more strikes, and I’m just going to try to maintain what I’ve been doing.”

Belcher’s performance as a fifth-year senior comes after a long recovery from a Tommy John surgery he underwent in 2011. Before the surgery, he was named to the SEC All-Freshman Team in 2009.

Before Belcher takes the mound as the Saturday starter, sophomore Evan Beal will start as pitcher on Friday night. Holbrook has chosen to leave Sunday’s starting rotation.

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Belcher’s early outings, the lefty has been able to replace struggling senior Colby Holmes and an injured sophomore Jordan Montgomery in the starting rotation.

“I might not know until Saturday night (who will start Sunday); I’m not leaning in any direction,” Holbrook said. “But we feel good about who we’ll be able to put out there on Sunday.”

Sophomore outfielder Tanner English, who is suffering from a banged-up shoulder, is a hopeful to play this weekend while his counterpart in the outfield, junior Graham Saiko, is less optimistic as he nurses a wrist injury.

After entering the 2013 campaign as No. 1 in the preseason polls, Arkansas has gotten off to a rocky start. They have a 14-17 record and a 2-1 start to SEC play after taking their first conference loss at Missouri last weekend.

While the Razorbacks lead the all-time series 60-28-8, South Carolina has won eight out of the teams’ 11 meetings since 2010.

Holbrook said he realizes that Arkansas will need no motivation as they look to take their first conference series of the year against USC.

“The margin of victory in this league is very, very minute, and I would expect the games to be extremely competitive and tight and close and low-scoring this weekend,” Holbrook said. “I think they enjoy playing us, and we enjoy playing them. There’s mutual respect on both sides.”

Receivers look to fill hole left by Sanders

Spurrier impressed with play of Shaq Roland

Danny Garrison

When freshman wide receiver Shaq Roland joined the Gamecock football team last year as the No. 1 recruit in the state of South Carolina, he brought with him a myriad of expectations. With a year of football under his belt and some big shoes to fill at the wide receiver position, those expectations have nowhere to go but up.

“I hear it, but I don’t listen to it,” Roland said. “I just try to do what I do.”

Head coach Steve Spurrier was impressed with what the sophomore was doing on Thursday, saying Roland had his “best practice since he’s been a Gamecock.”

Roland ended last season with five receptions for 80 yards and one touchdown after playing in 11 games for USC, none of which he started. The true freshman from Lexington, S.C., admitted that there was a learning curve as he adjusted from high school to college, citing the speed of every individual player as the biggest difference.

With the Gamecocks well underway with their spring practice schedule, Roland will look to use the time to improve on some of the aspects of his game that limited his playing time during his first year.

“I’m just watching film and just watching the little things,” Roland said. “I think if I get better every day, everything else will pan out.”

Another receiver vying to fill the holes left by Ace Sanders is redshirt sophomore Shamier Jeffery. Entering his third year in the program, Jeffery insists that he’s matured and this year will have a different tone.

“Last year I had an ‘I don’t care’ attitude,” Jeffery said. “But this year, I’m more focused, more positive about everything, we’re just going to keep working hard and hopefully I’ll get the chance to play on the field.”

Jeffery said he had little time to communicate with his older brother, former South Carolina receiver and current Chicago Bears wideout Alshon Jeffery, throughout the offseason, but Shamier said his brother continues to motivate him to achieve the level of success that the former Gamecock great has.

 Improved route running has become a theme throughout the

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