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Candidates give green thumbs up

City Council hopes to promote sustainable future for Columbia at university’s first ‘Green Talk’

Suerra Kelly THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Candidates in the Columbia City Council race participated in the first USC “Green Talk” held at Green Quad on Wednesday night.

The forum promoted change to the environment, preservation and conservation to ensure Columbia has a sustainable future.

Jessica Aric, the event coordinator and Green Quad assistant, said the event was prompted by the city council elections, and the Sierra Club was contacted to help promote the address to the event.

John Ramsburgh, director of the creative chapter of Sierra Club, and the Green Talk was a great chance for Columbia’s environmental community to hear from the candidates.

What struck me about the Green Talk was that all the candidates were able to take a real abstract problem like climate change and talk about it in real practical ways,” Ramsburgh said. “It was great to see them offering concrete solutions and specific proposals for addressing our energy’s future.”

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Raging floodwaters plague Midwest

Fenton, Mo. — More than a dozen people were killed by floodwaters and rivers still rising in more than two dozen states on Thursday washed not just the prospect of a soaked bottom but the likelihood that their communities could be inundated again.

Families in some areas have been forced from their homes multiple times in the past few months, making the routine of filling sandbags and rescuing furniture into a familiar drill.

“We’ve been through this before,” said Michelle Buhlinger, who works for the school district in Valley Park, suburban St. Louis. “We’re expecting the levee to break, and we don’t want to see any flooding.”

The first day of spring brought much-needed sunshine to some flooded communities, but many swelling rivers were not expected to crest until Sunday.

“We have so many topics we wanted to cover, so I wanted to start it all up with the announcement of the film festival,” said Tamara Thomas, a senior art history student.

“Falling from the trees was just the prospect of a sodden future,” said Thomas Miller, FMA’s co-president.

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Guest speaker Kate Hamton said informing women about pregnancy and emergency contraception is to medically accurate and impacting. "We have a very preventative program and we need to solve it," said Hamton. "Kids in South Carolina don't have access to medically accurate information and there is a lot of emphasis on abstinence-only education."

Hampton said that Columbia's Planned Parenthood will be offering emergency contraception for $10 and four goggle diaphragms on March 28 from 4-6 p.m. "USC students are extremely apathetic," Miller said. "In order to have these issues affect peoples' lives, you need to show it, have a discussion, show a film."
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**Officers makes us ask: under arrest or axle?**

It seems like the N.W.A. said it best as police mistreatment is now coming straight outta Columbus.

The tapes of police officers mistreating black suspects have hit an all-time low, with the latest video depicting a trooper actually hitting suspects with his car.

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The Department of Public Safety spokesman for the State newspapers that the videos don’t show a “pattern of systemic conduct within the Highway Patrol.”

It may not show a flaw within the system itself, but it shows an inexcuse and abuse of power by these troopers’ superiors. The involvement of several federal agencies should not be needed in order to correct gross missteps in the pursuit of just a system. No one should have to be afraid of getting pulled over by a hate-cop head. Every person on our roadways should feel safe and in the presence of a system, not to be afraid of getting targeted.

Start scrubbing.

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**IN OUR OPINION**

**Cheating men forfeit wives’ support**

N.Y. Governor should have stood alone, didn’t deserve family’s support

In the late 1990s, New York Governor Mario Cuomo filed an affair complaint against Lewinsky. Hillary was next to him at every news conference including the one he admitted to lying under.

It is politically important in today’s family-oriented society to show unity on the family to the family of a politician.

How is this standard not to apply to politicians who cheat? It is OK to show the American people that a politician is not only reprehensible to the rest of society but to their family as well.

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South Carolina's own drive-in theater provides fun-filled atmosphere for movie-goers, beats back to '50s era.

Main Madler

The Dead Trees introduce a folksy influence into new "Fort Music EP."

As a musician (and a critic), I'm supposed to appreciate any tone, genres and styles of music. But I'm not perfect nor is it the best. So I don't really appreciate The Dead Trees. I can understand how the folk thing would have worked if you're Blues Traveler, or maybe an early version of Pink Floyd, but it's not. Both of those bands are relatively old news. So why try it again when it wasn't that great in the first place?

There are few hands that might be able to pull a little folk influence into their songs — like Radiohead or Sufjan Stevens. But both of those bands have, in Sufjan's case, enormous musical prowess and a devoted following to catch him incite it sticks. This is not true for the Dead Trees.

Launching an indie EP is already dangerous, but the danger is even increased if it's the first release. I was even more known by the fact that they dress like they live in a box. It's not the best idea, folks, music wise you might as well dress nicely. If you're going to fail, fail with style.

I listened to the album a few times and discovered that I even learn to record the melody of my third-grade class. It's not strong for 54 years. It's not the best, but I'm happy that they didn't give up. It's hard to learn, even for me. If I made that kind of sound, I would be used to take the hand in other directions. The vocals are clear and in tune, and the guitars are pretty solid. Maybe it's the recording technique that throws me into it. I'm not adding to the grove through our five-oh-oh songs and send out in the publisher. Again, it's not a sound, just not one that I appreciate.

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relationships between people and their equine friends — to the Center for Cultural Interchange — which promotes cultural awareness and international cooperation. Simply put, by seeing a movie at the Monetta Drive-In, you’re doing far more than entertaining yourself for 90 minutes.

Despite the charm of the drive-in movie, theaters like The Big Mo aren’t booming businesses. While drive-in movies were once a weekend institution for college students, it’s become far easier to rent a movie on iTunes and curl up on the couch than enjoy the experience of a drive-in. While the seats of your car may not be quite as comfortable as your couch, you can’t beat the atmosphere of The Big Mo.

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David Morse as George Washington and Tom Wilkinson as Benjamin Franklin also round out the truly ensemble cast, which moves the historical figures out of their typically static, god-like caricatures and presents them as real, fallible humans.

The details and authenticity of the sets, costumes and script really aim to bring the facts to life, but the actual history is interpreted in a way that McCullough thinks most people have not considered.

“I don’t think anyone who sees this film will think of the American Revolution and the founders the same way again,” he said. “It isn’t just that they will have a better understanding of it; they will feel it.”

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Horoscopes

Aries

The competition is fierce and the action is fast. Can you keep up? You can, with the help of good teamwork. Rely on one in particular, who’s even faster than you are.

Taurus

Your dreams will move quicker than you are. Don’t even try to convince them now; concentrate on the people who don’t share your objectives. Don’t worry about those who don’t share your dreams, either. That’s what you have to do. Focus on those who will support you.

Gemini

Things are moving quickly now. Stay on course and keep your pace. The competition is fierce and the action is needed. Fix the problem, once and for all.

Cancer

Things are almost untangled. You’ll have more time for fun and games and wild romance in the next couple of days. Generate something interesting. Scorpio Things are moving quickly; it may be hard to keep up with all the changes going on. Stay on course and you’ll end up ahead.

Leo

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Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

A meeting could turn ugly and noisy if the topic under discussion has to do with money. Instead of worrying that there’s not enough, put your heads together and find more.

PhD • By Jorge Chan

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Answer to today’s puzzle:

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66: Can still be found
38: The Great Egan
26: Al Roker
16: Russell House Theater
9: Russell House Theater
6: The Gold Coin
5: The Coin Slot
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Columbia Museum of Art, 1515 Main St.

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Cross rises to the occasion

After track and field lost star runner, sophomore Brandi Cross stepped up to fill gaping hole in team leadership.

It’s no secret that the USC women’s basketball team is young this year. After last season’s three soon-to-be seniors took running off their last high school mile, the Aggies were just seconds away from an NCAA Tournament berth.

These runners were a major part of the team, each with plenty of All-American certifications, and one of them ran to a national title in the open 400 meters. With the void of veteran runners, the squad turned to freshmen and sophomores.

Thankfully, during the indoor season, it’s clear that 400-meter runner Brandi Cross will be filling the void.

As a sophomore, Cross was nervous to take on a leadership role this season.

“I wasn’t sure I stepped up earlier than I was comfortable,” Cross said, “but I think it’s been the right time.

Cross has already put forth great efforts in the indoor season this year, clocking the second-fastest time in the nation in the 400 meters.

When the NCAA Indoor Championships rolled around last weekend, the junior quarter-miler had her hopes of winning the 400 instantly cut short when she had to pull out of the qualifying heat after being cut off by another runner.

“I was disappointed,” Cross said. “But I try not to look at the negative and to look forward towards outdoors.”

Based in the state of Texas where indoor track isn’t exactly a favorite, Cross much prefers to compete in the warmer months.

After recovering from two All-American certifications her freshman year, the talented senior has big plans for this season with plenty of goals.

“If I run consistently this season,” Cross said. “I think I can win the 400 meters at the SEC and NCAA meet.”

For those not familiar with college track, winning both the regional and national championship in an individual event would be quite an accomplishment.

But the dreams of this young track star don’t stop there. She plans on making the 2008 Olympic Trials.

“Actually, if I think it’s in my mind, I’ll be on a plane to Beijing this summer,” Cross said.

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Coaching search ought to start with famous alum

Mike Dunleavy Sr. was star player at USC, has chance to star as coach

The names have started swirling. Anthony Grant. Mike Dunleavy Sr. and so many more have been dabbled by newspapers, television stations and most certainly message board maniacs as possible candidates to fill the role of head coach for the USC basketball team next winter.

I actually sent each a message or a phone call to either confirm that they would make them available. Both indicated that they will be in the mix for the job, my personal choice is Mike Dunleavy Sr. He turned down a chance to go to the University of South Carolina.

I know everyone wants the star from a successful team to come in and lead USC to the Promised Land. And maybe that would be right there with us. I’ve preached for years that Carolina needs to stop hiring has-beens and former legends and find that fresh face that will be here for 20 years.

But this time, I have to go with a guy who has the experience, a guy who is a proven winner. Mike Dunleavy Sr. and gentlemen, may I present for your consideration, Mike Dunleavy.

Some of you probably didn’t know it, but Dunleavy, the former point guard at the University of South Carolina with 1,586 total points through four seasons as a Gamecock. The Boiling Springs native set out to play 11 seasons in the NBA including a trip to the final four with the Golden State Warriors.

While his career in a uniform is impressive, his accolades as a coach in the layman’s coaches to go out and get their names in the mix.

Dunleavy has amassed 150 wins in his first two seasons including 18 in the playoff rounds. Dunleavy’s teams have made the playoffs seven times including runs to the conference finals three times with three trips to the NCAA tournament with the Lakers in his first year of coaching (of course, with one TOYOTA to your credit). Dunleavy’s teams have four mid-major programs and one major program to add to their list of credentials.

It’s no secret that the USC program is ready to take a back seat to the Lakers, who always seem to dominate the Clippers, and Mike Dunleavy Sr. is their man.

While his name does ring a bell in some parts of the state, it’s a name that hasn’t been heard in quite some time. Dunleavy Sr. may not have the track record to go with a guy who has the experience. In my opinion, this guy is the best for the job.

While Dunleavy Sr. doesn’t have the recruiting experience that his renowned brother, the famous alum, has, he has the experience. Anthony Grant.

He turned down the chance to come to South Carolina.

To you, former point guard and USC great Mike Dunleavy Sr., may I present your name. The man to fill the head coach’s seat.

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The Gamecocks (12-5, 1-2) come into the series in hopes that their bats are finally starting to come around, as Carolina pounded out 13 runs on 19 hits in the last game, a 13-1 rout of the College of Charleston.

One bat that Carolina is glad to have back is that of James Darnell, who seems to have shaken off his early season hitting slump.

The junior third baseman tied a school record with three homeruns against CofC and has pulled his average well above .300 after collecting 11 hits in the last three games.

Also picking up steam for USC is junior second baseman Adam Crisp, who extended his hitting streak to ten games Tuesday, when he went 3-5 on the night. Crisp is second on the club with a .364 average, behind only junior shortstop Reese Havens, who is just twenty points ahead at .384.

Trying to keep Mississippi State at bay will be junior Mike Cisco, junior southpaw Will Atwood and sophomore Blake Cooper.

Cisco will look to push his record to 4-0 after he left the Vanderbilt game in a 1-1 no decision last Friday night. Cisco was struck with a hard hit ball on his shin and left the game just one batter later.

Atwood (1-0) will look to pick up his second-straight victory of the season after limiting Vanderbilt to five runs through six innings in a 16-7 rout.

Cooper (2-2) will try to rebound after a less than stellar performance against the Commodores and is attempting to win three out of his last four starts.

Taking a series victory will be no easy task for the Gamecocks, as Mississippi State heads into the weekend after sweeping a two game set with UAB.

The Bulldogs (9-9, 1-2) have had a rough beginning to the 2008 season, as high hopes have not come true early for a team that was in the College World Series just last June.

However, things are beginning to heat up for MSU after they set a new school record by scoring 11 runs in the fifth inning in their 24-10 win over the Gamecocks.

State trailed 8-2 to begin the fifth, but sent 16 batters to the plate to grab the lead, and MSU coach Ron Polk had to pull back the reins after their bats never looked back.

Not only are State’s bats beginning to come around, but their pitching is as well. They will bring in the rekindling SEC Pitcher of the Week in sophomore right-hander pitcher Ricky Bowen, who limited the conference’s number two hitting team in Ole Miss to two hits in a complete game shutout last Sunday.

First pitch is tonight at 7 p.m.

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