DRAKE CALLS OFF COLUMBIA CONCERT

Live Nation cancels anticipated performance due to scheduling conflicts

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DRAKE'S highly anticipated Nov. 19 concert at the Colonial Life Arena was canceled Thursday afternoon by promoter Live Nation due to scheduling issues.

Tickets can be refunded at the point of purchase starting today at noon, according to a press release from the arena. Students, faculty and staff who bought discounted tickets with a CarolinaCard also need to return them to the box office for a credit on their CarolinaCard account. Both the tickets and CarolinaCard must be presented for a refund.

Tickets purchased via phone, Internet or at the box office by credit card will automatically be refunded, according to the release.

Arena officials declined to comment, citing a Live Nation request that all comments be routed through the promoter. Live Nation officials did not respond to requests for comment Thursday, aside from providing a press release of their own.

Second-year sport and entertainment management student J. Paul Fischer said he thought the show sounded “too good to be true,” even though other large acts such as Taylor Swift and Usher have come to the arena.

“It would have been cool,” Fischer said. “A bunch of people would have gone to see him; I would have gone to see him. It just sucks he had to cancel.”

But Jan Legish, a third-year advertising student, was indignant. “I don’t think it’s really fair that he told us he was going to come and cancel,” Legish said. She said since big acts don’t frequently come to Columbia, the announcement of such a high-profile concert had gotten her hopes up, and she waited an hour in line outside the arena to get a ticket.

“No I feel like I wasted my time,” she said. “And there were people before me that had to cancel.”

“I’m happy that they’re giving us a refund, but I’m more disappointed that they canceled the concert,” she explained.

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THINK PINK

Education professor to lead service office

USC creates position to foster community outreach efforts

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USC has launched a new office for community service and engagement in an effort to consolidate the university’s efforts of bridging students and faculty with community organizations and the private sector.

Leading the office is Les Sternberg, who retired from the College of Education in August. Sternberg will keep his position of $206,668 salary in his new role, which Provost Michael Amiridis categorized as a “special project” that may or may not continue, depending on its success.

“We decided to organize such community service activities better by creating in essence a portal for the engagement of USC faculty and students in the community,” Amiridis said.

The new office currently has no formal budget or other employees, but Sternberg said his hope is to expand the office with more staff. Its current location, a small annex behind the Osborne Administration Building, may change in the near future.

The new office hopes to coordinate colleges and departments with community groups looking for assistance while documenting the impact on both the university and the community level. Sternberg said the office would provide “a central clearinghouse” for those in the community who request university help. Sternberg will also try to “decrease confusion” about the office for new employees to teach them about the state’s participatory government and local policies.

Much of the center’s progress will not begin

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Health study seeks cause of weight gain

Coca-Cola funds effort to pinpoint 'energy imbalance'

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Gaining weight may be associated with eating too much or not exercising enough at first glance, but the Arnold School of Public Health is conducting a hefty study to determine if other factors, such as metabolism, could also be to blame.

The Energy Balance Study is tracking 200 people over a 13-month period in order to conclude what factors change weight.

"What you always hear in the media is that you're either eating too much or exercising too little," said Greg Hand, associate dean for research and practice in exercise science. "But the reality is we don’t really know what the relationship is between those two things that try to maintain balance between energy that you take in and energy expended."

He said body fat alone isn't the only culprit behind chronic diseases, such as diabetes or hypertension.

"We've been interested in metabolism and body weight for a long time. Energy imbalance can lead to all kinds of diseases that people are getting now," Hand said. "Body fat is not necessarily the factor that leads to those problems, but certainly metabolic disorders related to energy imbalance affect that.

Some participants have already gone through dietary assessment training and baseline testing during the first month, which was June. During this stage researchers measured subjects' body fat, resting metabolic rate, blood pressure and blood chemistry. Later, activity monitors will check physical activity levels, and random phone surveys will call participants to track their diets, said Robin Shook, an exercise science doctoral student working on the study.

Participants will go through quarterly follow-up checks during the next 12 months.

Hand said many of the factors being measured vary with seasons and can change over time.

"We get all four seasons at the end of the study. We'll measure participants four times a year, going to be able to see how all these factors change every season over the period of the year."

The research staff consists of 24 people funded by a $51.2 million grant from Coca-Cola, which covers equipment, personnel and incentives for participants.

The research staff consists of 24 people divided into three teams. Shook heads the recruitment team, Hand manages the measurement team and health sciences professor James Keys leads data management.

Participants can earn up to $500 in cash, but that's not the most important thing, Hand said. "Five hundred dollars is great but more important is the information we give them," Shook said.

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"At the end of the study, they will get comprehensive information on their body fat, caloric and activity cycles.

"Four hundred is a relatively large population," he said. "Most studies have 50 for a good size study. These studies require a lot of people."

The public health school will be recruiting more people until May 2012.

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Leaks dampen Russell House

Union director says old building design causes damage

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Russell House is looking leaky.

Buckets on the stairwell by Greene Street have collected dripping rainwater from the skylights above them for most of the week.

The leaks are nothing new, said Kim McMahon, director of the Russell House.

"The skylights have leaked for many years," McMahon said. "When we have heavy and consistent rain, it leaks more.

McMahon said the angle of the skylight makes it difficult for repair workers to access from the outside, and since the stairwell lies directly beneath it, workers have struggled to find a means to seal the windows from the inside as well.

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The 10th leading cause of death in the U.S. is a preventable one, but that doesn’t make it any less easy to deal with.

Organizers of Sunday’s Out of the Darkness walk hope their efforts will raise awareness of the serious nature of suicide, help remember those who have taken their own lives and give hope to those struggling with suicidal thoughts.

The 5K walk, hosted by the South Carolina chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), is expected to bring hundreds of Columbia residents to the Columbia Riverfront Park.

“We are walking to raise funds for suicide prevention, to address a stigma that gets in the way of people asking for help and in remembrance of loved ones who have lost their lives,” said Helen Pridgen, the South Carolina area director for AFSP.

A closing ceremony following the walk will be geared toward survivors and those who have lost loved ones. There will be a candle lighting in memory of those lost as “a part of survivors taking healing steps,” Pridgen said.

Suicide is third leading cause of death among college-age Americans. Pridgen hopes that college students in the community will feel compelled to become involved in preventing suicide.

“We want students to know these conditions [associated with suicide] are treatable, [and they can] ask for help,” Pridgen said. “Suicide is preventable.”

Jennifer Myers, coordinator of Suicide Services at USC, is the leader of the USC Counseling and Human Development Center team. Myers said she and her team are joining the walk to support people in the community who have battled with suicidal thoughts or attempts and for those who have lost family or friends to suicide. She encourages students to be aware of signs of depression and suicide talk and to engage in “help-seeking behaviors.”

“I would encourage students not to ignore signs of suicide or suicide talk, and to reach out for help,” Myers said.

At least four teams from USC will participate in Sunday’s event, including teams sponsored by the College of Social Work and the counseling center.

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The AFSP is the nation’s largest nonprofit supporter of research for suicide prevention. Since 2004, its chapters have organized more than 210 Out of the Darkness walks around the country to raise funds and awareness for suicide prevention. The South Carolina chapter of the AFSP was chartered in October 2008. It has already hosted one Out of the Darkness walk this fall in Spartanburg and will host walks in Myrtle Beach, Bluffton/Hilton Head and Charleston, in addition to Sunday’s event in Columbia. Last year, the South Carolina chapter raised about $75,000 through walks, and this year the group hopes to reach its goal of $100,000, according to Pridgen.

Interested students can preregister for the walk online at www.outofthedarkness.org or register on site Sunday beginning at 1 p.m. The walk begins at 2 p.m. Students can also donate through the “Text to Donate” campaign by texting “AFSP Columbia” to 85944 now through Dec. 31.

Students, staff to participate in suicide prevention efforts
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The University of South Carolina is currently hosting the StandUp Carolina, a USC fundraising effort to help fund the new Student Life Center and the Gamecock Scholarship Initiative. Last year, the StandUp Carolina effort raised over $1.7 million.

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Dialogue voices disability concerns

**Student group aims to promote understanding**

**Dasha Starr**

In honor of Disability Awareness Month, EMPower held a student-led discussion in hopes of teaching others how to treat students with disabilities. The campus organization’s mission is to educate students and faculty on social issues and seek social justice. During Thursday’s dialogue, students found out that disability is a matter of perception. Anyone can have a disability, and no one may know.

True or false questions led into a discussion on how to treat those with disabilities in social environments.

Diversity peer educator and fourth-year biology student Jalavendeer Clowey said students are not expected to know how to treat those with disabilities, but when approaching them, there are many factors to keep in mind. One should avoid asking personal questions about disabilities, and when first meeting him or her before a personal relationship is established, Clowey said.

Fourth-year English student David Adelman said he thinks many students are not familiar with disabilities for granted and can afford to be a little more courteous.

“Let students with wheelchairs go first on the elevator,” Adelman said. “I know it’s a congested environment, but if we could, just think a little more.”

Clowey added to also keep in mind that not all deaf people read

**Guest expert says courts give advantage to big corporations**

**Caroline Bailey**

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Think Pink: Support awareness initiatives

Today, we at The Daily Gamecock want you to forget about your usual wardrobe of soft-toned polos, band shirts and the ever-aversatile pink T-shirt. Instead, we would like to encourage you to forget about your usual wardrobe of pink and to promote women’s health. But we do not want you to forget about your pink shirt. On Oct. 19, as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, much of the campus’ wardrobe will be pink. This is not because we are fighting against cancer or disease or those who are fighting it. Mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts — we would not be here if not for the women who have battled cancer in their lives. It is your duty to remember that we were once fighting a very real affliction. Keep them in your thoughts and remember that a reassuring smile can do just much — and then some.

It’s crucial to remember, especially with all the awareness events going on, that sometimes more is not always better. We need to keep the focus on the important cause of fighting cancer and not become distracted from the cause itself. It’s a very real and important cause that needs all of our attention. Don’t donate to the cause, or volunteer at an event just because it’s pink; instead, help out at local hospitals or recovery clinics. It does not take a medical professional to help women with breast cancer — it takes anyone who can share a reassuring smile or a kind word.

Many of you probably remember the pink campaign back in 2004. It is the same campaign that was started by breast cancer survivor and then-Sen. Susan B. Kennedy. She began the campaign to bring awareness to breast cancer and to promote women’s health. It is a campaign that is still going strong today and is being supported by many organizations. There are many ways you can get involved with the campaign, such as donating to the cause or volunteering at an event. It is important to remember that awareness alone is not enough; we need to take action and do something about it.

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we would like to encourage you to remember that the USC community should support breast cancer research. Students should find out what their school’s breast cancer research is and support those who have been affected by breast cancer or are fighting the disease or who have lost a loved one to breast cancer.

The goal of The Daily Gamecock is to bring awareness to breast cancer and to promote women’s health. We want to encourage you to think pink and support women who are battling breast cancer. It is important to remember that breast cancer is a real disease and it affects many people. We need to do our part to spread awareness and support those who are affected by breast cancer.
Luke Bryan to play outdoor concert at Tin Roof

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Doors open at 6 p.m., and Josh Thompson and Lee Brice, both fellow country songsters, will open for Bryan. Thompson will start his set a little before 7 p.m., and Brice will take the stage around 7:45 p.m. Each of the opening acts will play 40-minute sets, and Bryan will begin his 90-minute performance around 8:30 p.m., according to E.J. Bernas, Tin Roof’s vice president of music and entertainment.

“Pirates of the Caribbean” or Jason’s “Wizard of Oz,” Rizzo from “Grease,” Captain Jack Sparrow from “Pirates of the Caribbean” or Jason from “Halloween” can all be found at the same location.

Hip-Wa-Zee’s charm is obvious even from the outside. On one window, the costume shop has posters advertising Bernas and Bryan’s upcoming shows and concerts, and the other side of the shop gives customers a taste of what’s inside with its festive display windows.

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The real gems of the first section of the album are by far “Northern Lights” and “Surgeon.” With the former, St. Vincent shows off her pop side and injects the song with much more grit that wouldn’t sound out of place in Courtney Love’s perfume. The guitar lines are sick and edgy, providing some of the best stuff found on the album. “Surgeon” is the lead single off the album and it is a wonder for good reason. The song uses a quasi, quasi-funk feeling to channel the slithery, hypnotic side of a rocky relationship. At the same time, it is extremely catchy, possessing both a reassuring, textbook-disputed guitar lick as well as a funky-sounding solo toward the end that will have you dancing on your feet.

Right after “Surgeon” is the track “Strange Mercy,” which marks the beginning of the second part of the album. Things slow down considerably, and St. Vincent begins to play a little less like the pop star and more like the musician. If the first few songs were the hook, this song begins the recovery. Light, strummy guitar lines mix with an upsweeping piano to get a bit of a dreamy feel. It is St. Vincent learning to get over her past love.

The album continues in a similar manner, and the lyrics become more and more spiritual, showing a new and more personal side of St. Vincent. It is clear that the woman has finally come around. She is now able to write songs with a bit more hope towards the end and a sense of moving on.

With “Strange Mercy,” her third LP since 2007, St. Vincent has added another critically acclaimed work to her discography. Despite exploring some dark themes, the album comes off as ethereal and delicate, something that many of her fans had been waiting for. It is yet another critically acclaimed work she can proudly add to her repertoire.

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“It’s going to enjoy the experience,” said spur linebacker Antonio Allen. “I know they’re going to be ringing them bells.”

USC hopes the bells are nothing more than a soundtrack to another victory, and one that would be historic for the Gamecocks. USC broke a school record with four straight “true” road game wins. A victory in Starkville would set a new program mark, and would serve as Carolina’s second on the road in conference play, a blow to the Gamecocks’ chances of winning their division. It’s rare for a team to make the SEC Championship Game without some success on the road.

USC became just the third team in SEC history last fall to win the East with a 3-0 or worse record in conference road games. The Gamecocks went 2-0 on the road in SEC play last fall, beating Tennessee 27-26 (2-2) and Florida in 1992 (0-2). With a 2-0 start with two more road trips remaining, the Gamecocks will be in position to, at worst, duplicate last fall’s SEC road work.

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**DEFENSE**

**Bulldogs have QB controversy**

**Gamecocks unsure who Mullen will start under center after rough outing against UAB**

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Quarterback controversy is nothing new to South Carolina. Only this week, USC’s opponent is the one who could have the signal caller.

In Mississippi State’s 23-10 win over UAB last week, starting center Chris Relliff completed six passes for just 46 yards before being pulled in favor of backup Tyler Russell, who went 11-for-15 with three touchdowns to lead his team to victory.

MSC coach Dan Mullen has chosen not to divulge who the starter will be this week, even throwing around third-string quarterback Dylan Favre, nephew of NFL legend Brett Favre, as a possibility to see playing time.

“I’m a pretty easy guy that just goes out there and I just prepare the right way this week,” Favre said. “They run hard, they’re a great team and we’re just going to have to prepare the right way this week.”

Despite uncertainty about which quarterback it will be, the Gamecock defense is looking to duplicate its stellar performance against Kentucky when it takes on the Bulldogs.

“They’re just like Auburn,” linebacker Quin Smith said. “They run hard, they’re a great team and we’re just going to have to prepare the right way this week.”

We don’t know who’s going to play, which quarterback, but we’re just going to prepare for both,” USC held the Wildcats to just 17 passing yards last week, recording three sacks and four interceptions. The defense has forced 17 turnovers in the past three games.

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Tennessee at LSU (Saturday at 1:30 p.m. on CBS)

The last matchup between the Tigers and the Volunteers ended in punt-laden, LSU narrowly escaping with a 2-0 win at home against an apparent UT victory erased by a 15-man-on-the-field penalty. Playing in Knoxville this time, LSU coach Les Miles said his team will need to be wary of struggling Volunteers quarterback Tyler Bray out wide for Tennessee.

"This is going to be a physical game. It is every time we play," Miles said. "I know that their quarterback Tyler Bray is not expected to be there for our game, but I can tell you that Matt Sims played well against us last year. We understand that they are capable in no matter who they play at quarterback."

UT coach Derek Dooley also expressed confidence in Sims, who started the first eight games of 2010 before losing the job to Bray.

"Matt has been great, and I'm proud of Matt to this point," Dooley said. "I told Matt we were going to need him for our game, but I can tell you that Matt Sims played well against us last year. We understand that they are capable in no matter who they play at quarterback."

No. 1 LSU at Tennessee (Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on CBS)

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No. 2 Alabama at Ole Miss (Saturday at 7 p.m. on ESPN)

This matchup's winner in Oxford, Miss., will become either the SEC West champion, or this year's much-maligned road runner.

"We didn't play very well in the first half," Saban said. "I think this is probably a pretty good example of the Games' intestines, the guys who don't do things the way you need to do them. This game did not make mental errors, don't tackle well. Most of that stuff comes from the mental intensity that you have going into the game. Right now, we're really playing with the team the way that the teams responded at halftime."

Sitting on the other end of the spectrum is Ole Miss, which enters the weekend barely dating to any hope at it acontending in the SEC West.

"The Rebels will be able to give us a conference game at Vanderbilt and Georiga, respectively. They simply decided back to 20 Western State in a conference matchup. Stated to face the daunting Crimson Tide, Ole Miss coach Houston Nutt hopes his team can slow down the high-powered Tide in last week's win.

"Although last week we got better as a football team, From Rebel State on, we got better," Nutt said. "Everyone has a responsibility to get to this point."

No. 3 lsu at Georgia (Saturday at 7 p.m. on Fox Sports Net)

"I fully expect Barrett to play well, but I don't want to be clear on this. The offensive line and running backs have to protect. It's a team game," Chizik said. "For us to be productive offensively, it has to be a complete team effort. At times on Saturday, we just didn't play well. Our offensive line did a good job of blocking. We've got to use all of these tools that we have in this really good Florida team, and we're going to be a tough task."

No. 4 Oklahoma at Texas (Saturday at 7 p.m. on ESPN)

The Cowboys enter the matchup averaging 431.2 yards per game, but last year's national title runner-up may be without its star running back DeMarco Murray.

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No. 6 No. 6 No. 6 Oklahoma State at No. 22 Texas (Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on ABC)

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No. 11 Michigan at No. 24 Auburn (Saturday at noon on ESPN)

Michigan State enters the week fresh off a 16-7 win at Ohio State in which it allowed the Buckeyes to gain just 178 yards. Stated to play dual-threat quarterback Donald Robinson, MSU coach Mark Dantonio said his team can't afford to take the Wolverines lightly.

"He was extremely productive last year," Dantonio said. "He's a great leader, a great competitor. He's an upstart Commodores lightly. I can't tell you how much respect I have for the man, how we're going to be working hard towards defending their turf. I can't tell you how many times we've been at halftime (at Vanderbilt) wondering what's going on. They're an outstanding team and a team we have a lot of respect for, and we're very confident in our ability to go there and get a win."

No. 12 Georgia at Vanderbilt (Saturday at 7 p.m. on Fox Sports Net)

"We don't win games without being confident," Erickson said. "There's a fine line between being confident and overconfident. We're a confident football team. They have a strong belief in each other and a strong belief that their teammates are going to do the job he's supposed to do and give the heads' up he's supposed to do."
BEHIND ENEMY LINES:

Five Questions with The Reflector

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B. It's been very disappointing, especially after last year's success.

C. It's been a mixed bag, with some ups and downs.

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2. In Chris Relf undoubtedly the starter at quarterback?

A. No. Not at all. Relf has been a disappointment so far.

B. He's been inconsistent, but there's hope he can improve.

C. Yes, but he's not the only option.

D. He's the clear starter, at least for now.

3. Going back to Relf — are deep balls, as he suggested, what's needed for the offense to get going?

A. Yes and no. The deep ball is not this team's offensive identity, but MSU could use having at least the threat.

B. Deep passes against a winless UAB team, but I don't see scoring points will be a challenge for State on Saturday, even though the deep ball has the potential to make a difference.

C. Deep passes are not what this team is about, but Relf believes they could be effective.

D. Deep passes are not the answer, as the team's offense has regressed.

4. What should USC fans look out for in the Gamecock defense?

A. The Gamecock defense is strong, with several standout players.

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