Ryan Holt  
Student Body  
Vice President

Up close  
personal

The movers and shakers of USC answer your burning questions.

1. How do you spend your extra time?
   I have a problem buying neckties, and I have this strange addiction to them, so that I have extra money and I’m not out. I can’t go by Belk or by a gentleman’s store or anything, because if I can find it under like $25 I’m probably going to get one. Either that or I’ll be going out to eat, food costs a lot these days.

2. If you had to pick one pet to have, what would you choose?
   I would probably get a hedgehog, because it’s just small and can run around so fast and everything. I mean and it’s so rare, and it’s legal too, so it’s something you can actually have, as far as I understand.

3. How much time per day would you say you spend on Facebook?
   Well, during the summer, at least an hour, hour and a half. It’s probably just half an hour a day now, because I’m busier with school.

4. What advice would you have for someone thinking about joining student government?
   I’d tell them to go ahead and do it, but they want to make a change for the students, if they want to leave their mark on the university community it’s, in my vision, the best way to do that. There are so many opportunities — I see student government as the chief lobbying entity for students.

5. What’s the best course you’ve taken at USC?
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6. As a leader, would you rather be loved or feared by your constituents?
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10. What student leaders major address campus concerns?
    Columbia Mayor Bob Coble said with student leaders Friday as part of “Eat In, Speak Out,” an event sponsored by Student Government that brings community leaders onto campus to address students’ concerns.

   Attendees included members of SC President Tommy Preston’s cabinet as well as representatives from Greek organizations: Bidwell Guy, Lambda Chi and Straight Alliance; SMVV and Healthy Carolina. A smoke-free city, gangs and a safer campus environment were the main issues discussed.

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CRIME REPORT

TUESDAY, SEPT. 18

Larceny, 4:43 p.m.  Nursing Building, 1621 Gervais St.

The victim, 38, said she was stealing her $10 wallet which held her USC drivers license, social security card, four credit cards, two debit cards, and $26 cash.

Estimated value: $76

Responding officer: S. Wilkes

Larceny, 9:04 p.m.

The victim, 38, said he was windbreaker off of a sidewalk he left it on.

Estimated value: $15

Responding officer: P. Jones

Simple possession of marijuana, minor possession of alcohol, 9:52 a.m.

According to police reports, marijuana, alcohol and liquor were found in the vehicle.

Responding officer: K. Morgan

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

Multiple burglary to personal property, 4:15 a.m.

The victim, 20, said he left his residence in his car and when he returned the windows were smashed, his key was broken off in the ignition, there were no items taken, he left with his keys on his body. One purse was stolen.

Responding officer: K. Morgan

Simple assault, 1:49 a.m.

The victim, 19, said he was by two eggers after a verbal argument with the suspect.

Responding officer: M. D. Frans

**AFGHANISTAN OFFENSIVE SUCCESSFUL, SAYS GENERAL FINK ABRAHI**

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — NATO said Sunday that its two-week offensive in south Afghanistan was a “significant success” that had driven Taliban insurgents from their positions and opened the way for development. But violence was unabated, with suicide bombers killing two civilians and wounding six soldiers.

The insurgents also took control of a district in the west of the country after chasing away the police, an official said, in an apparent attempt to open a new front.

The developments came as the country is going through its bloodiest phase since the U.S.-led invasion ousted the hardline Taliban from power in 2001.

Lt. Gen. David Richards, head of the 20,000-strong NATO-led force in Afghanistan, said the insurgents have been forced out of the volatile former Taliban heartland, and reconstruction and development efforts there would soon begin.

Alliance officials have said more than 400 militiamen were killed during the two-week operation, concentrated mainly in Panjwai and Zhare districts of southern Kandahar province.

Two foreign military convoys in different areas came under attack from suicide bombers, a method frequently used by insurgents in Iraq.

An American soldier was killed east of Kabul, a bystander and wounding three Americans soldiers. Afghan police said.

Earlier in the day, a suicide bomber plowed his explosives-laden vehicle into a Canadian military convoy east of Kabul, killing a bystander and wounding three American soldiers.

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Officials: Highway 17 needs constant work

POINT SOUTH — Low country officials want the state to widen a deadly 22-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 17 all at once rather than completing work in one county first.

Beaufort and Colleton county officials say doing the work in Beaufort first will simply push the traffic problems into Colleton and won’t improve the road safety.

The price tag for doing the work all at once would be $23 million — about $10 million more than the state has allocated to widen the road in Beaufort County.

“The whole 22-mile stretch is unsafe and needs to be brought up to a higher standard,” said John Harris, the state transportation commissioner who represents Beaufort County. “You don’t build 1/2 a bridge.”

There have been at least 16 fatalities on the road since 1997, including the deaths of three sailors during a March 2004 Navy bus crash near Gardens Corner.

In June, the State Infrastructure Bank turned down the Transportation Department’s request for a giant bond to widen the road from 39 million to widen the road in Beaufort County, which was considered a higher priority.

Department still needs $2.6 million a year to be able to repay the loan over the next 20 years

Bush confident about CIA rule compromise

The Bush administration and holdout GOP senators expressed confidence on Sunday they could reach a compromise on rules for CIA interrogations of suspected terrorists.

Neither the president’s national security aides nor some of the lawmakers who are resisting White House pressure would say how they can reconcile their deep differences after a week of public sparring.

As a result, it is unclear if Congress quickly can pass legislation authorizing President Bush wants.

There was no claim of responsibility for the attack, which came just hours after a leading Somali cleric condemned the pope’s remarks about Islam and violence.

The head of security for the Islamic militia that controls much of southern Somalia, Yusuf Mohamed Siad, said one man had been arrested and the second was being hunted.

He said the killing might have stemmed from the uproar over the pope but stressed he didn’t know for sure.

“They could be people who are angry at the pope,” he said.

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and I think it’s natural to want to be appreciated by them, too. If I’m loved by the people it makes me realize that perhaps I’m doing something right, at least in terms of a democratic society.

7. Can you play a musical instrument?

I have played the piano since I was 7 years old, and stopped taking lessons when I was 10, but have played by ear ever since then. That’s what I mainly do. (Playing by ear) drove my piano teacher crazy, but people enjoy you being able to play by ear, more than music anyway.

8. If you could have any car, regardless of price, which would you pick?

I would get a Rolls-Royce, because I’ve always been intrigued by it. The unfortunate thing is that I’ve been intrigued by something that is completely unattainable, because it’s like $100,000 for a car! Even if I had the money I’m not even sure that I would spend it, because it’s just an absurd amount.

9. How many times have you watched the balloons-in-air festival?

Probably, thirty…thirty times at least. At least. And I might add I have seen a fifteen-minute version, and the three-minute version, and the VH1 one-minute version as well. So there are three different versions, all of them, of course, coming from the fifteen.

10. What do you like to do when you’re not being serious?

What’s the opposite of serious? If I’m not being serious I like being… I don’t know, having a good time. I like having a good time.

— Jett Gurren
High school relationships hamper new experiences

College is for discovery, not for clinging to former feelings, self perceptions

As a freshman, it was important for me to make a clean break from home. I didn’t want anything holding me back from the best college experience possible, including a long-distance relationship with their boyfriend/girlfriend. While this may work for some, I’m quick to point out that not everyone is so much in the disposition of my situation.

College is a time to figure out who we are. It’s a time to find out what you like and dislike and discover what quirks define you. We spend all of our high school years trying to be like everyone else (don’t say you disagree) and conforming to others’ standards. We have to make over 90 percent in order to receive an A. But that’s where we find the problem. If you have someone constantly calling your competition by phone to try and win you over, it’s best to miss out on college experience and say that’s what experiences define us — not how we react in certain situations, the kind of person we are, what makes us happy on our own — whether it’s music, writing or whatever. You’ve got to figure out that on your own. If you have the constant influence of someone you know who you used to be, and you’re not sure about that, you’re going to get stuck in the past.

College is also a time for people to complete themselves, in every sense of the word. It’s a time to determine who we are, not who everyone else (don’t say you disagree) think we are. It’s a time to spread our wings and discover what quirks define us. It’s a time to stop being like everyone else — figuring out who we are. It’s a time to discover what makes you happy on your own. It’s a time for you to stop clinging to former feelings, self perceptions and begin to go with the flow.

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Smooth melodies leave fans drowsy

Into the Blue Again’s rock listeners to sleep, proving more effective than bed time stories, NyQuil binges

The Album Leaf poses at the Dr. Pepper factory. Their latest release gave way to a softer, more mellow sound.

From left to right, Shallow Palace is Michael Spawn, Greg Slattery, Andy Auvil and Josh Bumgarner.

Shallow Palace
Local quartet goes from S.C. to MTV with appearance on ‘Meet or Delete’ reality show

Caroline DeSanctis
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

There is something different about Shallow Palace. It could be that the band’s nameake was plucked from Poison’s “Behind the Music.”

Maybe it’s because Michael Spawn, third-year engineering student, Andy Auvil, third-year pharmacy student, Greg Slattery, third-year print journalism, and Josh Bumgarner, third-year music student, have known each other since grade school and grew up listening to and imitating the likes of Operation Ivy and Rancid.

Of course, it doesn’t hurt to be scouted for an MTVU show either.

Recently, Shallow Palace was cast in the network’s quasi-reality, quasi-game show stunt called “Meet or Delete,” where contestants choose one out of three different people to meet based solely on the contents of their computer files, pictures, internet history, etc.

The show is primarily used for daring purposes, but in the case of Shallow Palace, the mission was to find a new lead member.

“The funny thing is that we didn’t actually find anything new,” Spawn said.

Recently, Shallow Palace has been mentioned in a few hours earlier. You may not be as hungry as you think if you don’t have a rumbling stomach or ate just recently. You can grill some burgers with your iPod, and Justin LaValle can make a man fall asleep. But eating when you’re stressed out can become an unhealthy habit very quickly.

The Album Leaf is pretty much the total antithesis of that. Oh sure, “Into the Blue” has its redeeming moments. You can vacuum like nobody’s business to “The Light.” You can unwind. But you’ve worn out your iPod, and Justin LaValle comes in. The San Diego-based musician works in a lot of bands, but The Album Leaf is a moniker he calls his own. For years now, Jimmy’s been releasing material for just this kind of predicament. Indeed, if there’s one thing The Album Leaf proves time and time again, it’s that Jimmy LaValle can make a man sleep. Luckily for you, he’s got a new album out called “Into the Blue Again.”

How he ever managed to tour with his primary group for 18 months after 2004’s “In a Safe Place” is beyond me. Somebody has to be eating this stuff up though because he’s back with 10 more tracks of what has to be the least offensive music in history.

As a brief explanation, The Locust dress like locusts and generally play songs about 30 seconds long. They scream. They rock. They’re loud. Really loud.

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Network shows for fall TV season mix old favorites with new, fresh hopefuls

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MONDAY

Listen up, humor addicts. If you desperately missed “The West Wing,” a sophisticated verbal repartee after-harrowed Sorkin left the White House drama, get happy again. With the impending arrival of “Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip” (10 p.m. Monday, NBC; Sept. 18), Sorkin returns to prime time with a brainy, this ambitious feel like CBS family. lawbreaking antiheroes don’t have a share of freedom of speech or the posh Flatotel in Times Square and enjoyed their practice shed to be finished in the near future. They are still playing shows in the area and can be found on MySpace or on their Web site, shallowpalace.com.

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A former member of Nick Devine and Tedesco, respectively, Slattery has played guitar for seven years but considers himself the businessman of the group. “I’m trying to take advantage of the classes that I’m taking as the group’s I’m involved in,” said Slattery, who has experience with WUSC and Carolina Productions, among others. “I want to have a feel for all the aspects of the entertainment business.”

Shallow Palace’s episode of “The Devil Wears Prada” is set for Sept. 25; in the meantime, the band is waiting for their practice shed to be finished so they can start to rehearse for the near future. The guys are still playing shows in the area and can be found on MySpace or on their Web site, shallowpalace.com.

While there was a lack of cash compensation, exposure from the show proved incentive enough for the band to tolerate whatever flack they had to deal with, music-related or otherwise. “I have to say that I didn’t respect myself as much after the show,” said Slattery, although he sees the show itself as a huge steppingstone to bigger opportunities. In addition to its potential fan-base growth, Shallow Palace will need bookings like this in order to play shows in the future, especially since they are looking to play on out-of-state more often.

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ARIES: Make certain you know what you’re getting before you put your money down. Be fast, but don’t be foolish. Read the small print.

TAURUS: Others don’t always agree with you. Be gentle with them, when they argue. You don’t have to shout, you’re right and, of course, they’ll realize that pretty soon.

GEMINI: You’re busy cleaning up old messes, so don’t complain. Instead, ask if you’re doing it right. You’ll make an awesome impression.

CANCER: You’re naturally frugal, and there’s no reason to be self-conscious about it. Hang out with friends who share your values and you’ll learn to save even more.

LEO: You’re getting to the point where you can ask for more and get it. Don’t just be confident, actually prove you can do what you say you can.

VIRGO: You’re naturally a perfectionist, so you don’t really mind putting in the extra effort. Make sure everything’s right.

LIBRA: You have enough to get an upgrade you’ve been thinking about. Don’t do anything rash, however, and splurge on a whole new wardrobe. Exercise restraint.

SCORPIO: Let somebody else represent you, but make sure they know what you want them to do. Don’t leave anything to chance.

SAGITTARIUS: Caution is advised, so double-check the requirements. Others expect you to have the right answers. This requires extra study.

CAPRICORN: Shift your schedule to give yourself extra time to play with your family. It won’t hurt the people with whom you’re doing business to wait for a while.

AQUARIUS: You like to have a solid foundation to base your opinions upon. That’s why you do the extra homework. Don’t take unnecessary risks.

PISCES: You’re seeing more clearly now. Avoid distractions and you can solve a puzzle that’s had you baffled for ages.

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FOOTBALL

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Newton said after the game. "He had a great game." Rice reciprocated. "He's a great athlete and he

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