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— Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster on Governor Nikki Haley's re-election, after the gubernatorial race was called one minute after polls closed.

**“When the courts do not let the people resolve new social issues like this one, they perpetuate the idea that the heroes in these change events are judges and lawyers.”**

— Judge Jeffrey Sutton in the 2-1 majority opinion of the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals upon its decision to uphold four states’ bans on same-sex marriage.

**“If you know me — I would never hurt a living thing. But you’ll have to watch #EatenAlive to find out how it goes down.”**

— Paul Rosolie, the man who will be swallowed by an anaconda on the Discovery Channel special “Eaten Alive.”

**“I have decided it’s time to end my professional football career.”**

— Former South Carolina running back Marcus Lattimore in a statement released Wednesday, announcing he would return to USC to finish his public health degree.

**“Benthall should have known that those who hide behind the keyboard will ultimately be found.”**

— FBI Assistant Director-in-Charge George Venizelos on the arrest of Blake Benthall, operator of illegal goods-trading website Silk Road 2.0.
An old fave: Beezer’s Gourmet Sandwich Shop

Founder Brandon Coomey sheds light on store’s origin, how sandwiches are made daily

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It was a Monday night at around 6 p.m. when I stumbled out of the cold into the warm, welcoming light of Beezer’s. The sub shop shone like a beacon at the foot of the Horseshoe on Sumter Street. Even before I opened the door, the smell of fresh bread and sub sauce was recognizable. Owner and operator Brandon Coomey was in the kitchen, calling out orders to be filled in 30 seconds or less. I ordered a Caterman’s Classic, received my sandwich and took a seat. Of the six people in line behind me, four ordered Godfathers, had their loyalty cards punched and were out the door again.

When Coomey walked through the kitchen door and sat down across from me, he looked skeptical. But when I told him this was my second consecutive dinner from Beezer’s, he warmed up. When asked why he opened Beezer’s, Coomey said, simply, “Stupidity.”

Coomey has been in the food business since he was 12 years old. As he put it, the man has a “PhD in the restaurant business.” His family worked in food, and he himself has worked in almost every type of restaurant imaginable. His background is in upscale eats, (he once catered a party of 500 on the White House lawn) but since its founding in 1998, Beezer’s has been serving affordable food to Columbia.

Coomey isn’t from around here though. He went to school at Purdue in Indiana, spent time in Virginia Beach and thought about settling down in North Carolina’s research triangle when the idea of Beezer’s took shape. Coomey knew exactly what he wanted his restaurant to be — he just didn’t know where to put it. Then, one rainy afternoon in 1998 over spring break at USC, he and his then-girlfriend drove by the vacant shop front on Sumter and she said, “That’s it.”

The rest was history. “I wouldn’t do this again,” he said. Don’t get him wrong. In the ’90s, and there were very few restaurants around the block on which Beezer’s sits. The sparse competition allowed Beezer’s to carve...
Equestrian takes on Fresno State Friday

Gamecocks look to earn winning record in second-to-last fall schedule matchup

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The South Carolina equestrian team is set to take on Fresno State Friday afternoon, taking its two-meet winning streak out west. After beating Texas A&M on Halloween, the Gamecocks advanced their record to 2-2 overall, 2-1 in the conference. Their SEC matchups are over for the fall semester, but the team is motivated to keep the success going.

You're feeling really good about getting ready to go on the road," head coach Boo Major said. "I think we're going to have a team that has a little bit more confidence on the riding side. Major also emphasized the role confidence plays in their performances when she said, "I think we need to settle down, as far as competing on the road. If we can go out there and try to take the confidence we think we need to settle down, as far as competing on the road and try to take the confidence we think we need to settle down, as far as competing on the road, we're going to be in a good place." The Fresno State Bulldogs are currently 0-2 with a couple more wins.

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“We haven’t been there in three or four years, so this is going to be a new experience for most of our girls,” Major said. “So it’s going to be a new experience for them, and they’re got to be able to go out there and give it all they got.

The teams met in Blythewood last year, resulting in a 17-1 South Carolina win. However, the Gamecocks’ 1-1 away record shows that results can be learned.

In the long run, win or lose, it helps us prepare for SEC [matches],” she said. “It also helps us prepare for the national championship. It’s much harder to get a win on the road, so anytime you can get a win on the road, you’re tickled to death." Strong performances were abundant as South Carolina fought against the Aggies. Senior Katherine Schmidt is coming off a fantastic showing, going two-for-two Friday and earning her 21st MVP honor. She’s five away from breaking the team record of 26 MVPs. Fellow senior Sam Chiodo built upon her score, going two-for-two Friday and earning her 21st MVP honor. She’s five away from breaking the team record of 26 MVPs. Katherine Schmidt is coming off a fantastic showing, going two-for-two Friday and earning her 21st MVP honor. She’s five away from breaking the team record of 26 MVPs.

It’s hard to say how they will execute on Fresno State’s home turf, yet Major has faith that her team will do whatever it takes to bring home a win.

For us, the most valuable thing is that we’re going to get more experience and a lot more confidence," she said, “and hopefully come up with a couple more wins."
Halloween may be over, but the costume contests aren’t — Reclaimed Runway, a fashion show of clothing made almost entirely of recycled materials, ran at Russell House Thursday night. The event was hosted by Sustainable Carolina, a collection of campus organizations and students striving to transform USC into a sustainable campus.

Reclaimed Runway is a part of No Impact Week, six days of challenges and events that encourage students to live a life with little to no impact on the environment. Veronica Farrell, a third-year environmental science student, was a participant in this year’s event, and though she admitted to not knowing much about design, the recycling aspect was easy for her. “For the participants from the design school, I saw the amazing creativity the recycling and upcycling requirements of this fashion show brought out in them, working with the most unlikely materials,” Farrell said. “For the participants from the design school, I saw the amazing creativity the recycling and upcycling requirements of this fashion show brought out in them, working with the most unlikely materials.”

Farrell said before of the show. “It might not be the prettiest, most detailed or most structurally sound — none of us are designers — but it was a blast to make.”

The runway featured all kinds of dresses, from the ostentatious to the restrained, and all were impressive in their own way. Still, the judges had to name the winners. Amelia Shuler and her model Hannah Woosler took third place, Chilton exchange students Valerie Salas-Guzman and Francisca Torn Forbes and their model David Estrada Jaramillo took second, and Katherine Galang and her model Monica Gapud took first.

Galang said duct tape, plastic wrap, trash bags and newspapers to make her dress that she created over just four days. Galang is a computer science student, but she shares her passion with fashion design. “I love technology, too. It’s a second love.”

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This week, Dailey tackles a few how-to queries:

1. How to correctly spend on a credit card
2. When Cook-Out cleans you out, it might be time to fiscally slow down

**Q** I am broke. The last time I went to Cook-Out I paid in loose change. I am comically broke most of the time because I pay my own bills and tuition, and all my money from work goes straight into living expenses. But I feel bad that I never get to hang out with my friends. I don’t want to be the one who’s always too broke to do anything. Help? — Broke Betty

**A** Betty, this is college. We’re all broke. Believe it or not, all your friends probably use a night to watch movies. Well, their bank accounts could use it anyway. Tell your friends about your situation if they don’t already know. It’s a really difficult (but respectable) thing that you’re doing, paying your own way, and your friends should respect that. You can have fun doing whatever — don’t worry about going shopping all the time or going to see every movie in the theater. Window shop, go home, pull up Netflix and enjoy each other’s company.

**Q** Basically, my dad wants to kill me because I spent way too much on my credit card. I literally have no idea how I spent so much money, but it’s a lot. What can I do to keep track of my money? — Credit Crazy Chris

**A** Listen, plastic is your worst enemy. You have no idea how much you’re really spending until you think to check it online or you get an insane bill. You got the insane bill and now you know it’s probably better to take out cash. Only allow yourself to take out a certain amount every week and actually stick to it. You may not be used to keeping track of money yet, but you’ll learn to keep it in the back of your mind. Remember, credit cards should be for emergencies, not just to fuel you to do or buy whatever you want.
**Weekend Calendar**

**Nov. 7 — Nov. 9**

**FRIDAY**

**ARTS & DRAGUITS**
Columbia Museum of Art, 1115 Main St.
Fri., 7–11 p.m., Members: $5 / Nonmembers: $8
Art and alcohol go together like Vincent Van Gogh and absinths. Arts & Draguits has everything you could want in an evening, from beer courtesy of The Whig to musical performances and scavenger hunts.

**TREES ON MARS ALBUM RELEASE PARTY**
New Brookland Taper, 122 State St.
Fri., 7:30 p.m., $5 / $8 under 21
Institution at this point. They’ve hosted a pop-up show at Conundrum this weekend, so get ready to buy a new flattened shirt.

**THE BLUE DOGS**
Music Farm, 1022 Senate St.
Fri., 9 p.m., $12 - $15
Celebrating their 25th anniversary, americana group Blue Dogs are an art installation as this point. They’ve performed with Willie Nelson and the Blowfish, so enjoy the experience that 25 years and a storied career brings.

**SATURDAY**

**THRIFTED SISTERS PARTY**
Commenus Music Hall, 616 Meeting St.
Sat., Noon–4 p.m., Free
Vintage retailer Thrifted Sisters tries to combine high quality goods and cheap prices, a fine proposition for any shopper. They’re hosting a pop-up show at Conundrum this weekend, so get ready to buy a new flattened shirt.

**CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: TAREKAI**
Caledon Life Arena, 401 Lincoln St.
Sun., 110 and 5 p.m., prices from $27.50 to $122
The artistically ambitious performance group Cirque du Soleil are in Columbia, and they’re presenting their take on the Irwin story Friday through Sunday. Marvel in the acrobatics and action on display as you absorb the elaborate art direction.

**BIRDMAN**
The Necklodeons, 1607 Main St.
Sun., 5:30 and 8:30 p.m., $8
Michael Keaton has quietly been a huge talent for decades, and with Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu’s new film about a former boxer trying to make one last try at legitimacy and fame, he may have finally found the perfect vehicle for himself.

**SWIMMING & DIVING VS. EAST CAROLINA, COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON**
Carolina Natatorium/Blatt P.E. Center
Sat., Noon, Free
The men and women of the South Carolina swimming and diving team will host an action in Home Saturday, hosting College of Charleston and East Carolina.

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**How to: ask your parents for money**

When you’re in college, students learn just as much about themselves as they do about the world around them. Maybe you learned how great it would be to have one too many rounds of trivia. Or maybe you learned that free football tickets don’t mitigate the three $4 bottled waters you had to buy in the first quarter. Or that your summer minimum wage job and student loan can’t entirely finance your Labor Day blowout, your full break blowout and your Election Day blowout. Or maybe all the things you’ve learned so far have been such a blip, and all you have to show for it is a parent-sized hole in your wallet. Well, you’re a college student now and you’re determined to take responsibility and get yourself out of this situation ... by calling mom and dad.

Plan your request

The call home asking for money will likely be an arduous task. It will be the ultimate struggle in maneuvering passive-aggression, taming your pride and promoting whatever quasi-independent state you’ve asked up for yourself so far. Such an endeavor will take hard work in order to be successful. You know your parents, you need to share a roof with them. But now, you’re equipped with all sorts of rhetorical skill and emotional acuity from USC that will be sure to make them play right into your hand. Right?

**Art Bar**
1211 Park St.
Sat., 9 p.m., $5
Metal band Grüzer will be joined by Fall of an Empire, Space Coke, Black Hand Throne and Operation Transformation for the release of their new EP. Head down to Art Bar and enjoy local music and local drinks at the same time.

**Work on getting that mooal from Mia and Pa**
Mia and Pa
Fri., 6–9 p.m., Free
Get ready to buy a new flannel shirt. Once you’ve snuck past suspicion, get off topic quick. Any slight pause will induce the “So, what are you really calling about?” question, and we all know you’re not quick enough to play that one smoothly. Talk about all the hard work you’re doing, the lack of sleep you’ve had — any way you can induce from your parents, any pride you can instill. This will bring back the bacon from home.

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**Dive**
This is the most challenging part of the conversation if you’ve milked the divergence right. Once you can hear their pride on the other end of the line, it’s now time to bring the whole thing back to focus. A good “Speaking of ...” “You know what rhymes with ...” or “Excuse me one second, I’m being robbed” will surely get the softer attention that you need from your parents when trying to get your funds authorized.

**Pop the question**
At this point, you both know what you’re trying to ask. Any parent would be alert to what this midweek conversation with his or her child is really about. Go ahead and ask. Make your case and clarify how hard you’ve been working and how dire this is. Give reasons for your request but not too many unnecessary details that demonstrate a severe discomfort in taking from the feeding hand. You’re an adult now, so act like it. Ask your parents for money. Nicely.
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Day Trip: Hiking

Get out of the stifling city, hike into the wild with daylong hiking trip to Peachtree Rock Heritage Preserve

With just a few more weeks of the semester, crunch time is upon us. And we can’t think of a better way to relax and get some fresh air than going for a hike. It’s the perfect time of year — the trees are shedding their beautifully-colored leaves, and the weather is practically begging us to come outside.

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Not uncharmed by gigantic historical rocks? Don’t worry — the park also has walking trails great for hiking, walking or running. Put your dog, cat or lizard on a leash and take them out. Or just grab some headphones and go for a run. Switch up the scenery and go someplace beautiful while the weather is still nice!

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**THE BLUE DOGS**
Music Farm, 1022 Senate St.
Fri, 9 p.m., $12 - $15
Celebrating their 25th anniversary, americana group Blue Dogs are an institution at this point. They've performed with Willie Nelson and the Blowfish, so enjoy the experience that 25 years and a storied career brings.

**Hootie and the Blowfish**
Columbia Music Hall, 420 Meeting St.
Sat, Noon-4 p.m., Free
Vintage retailer Thrifted Sisters tries cheap prices, a fine proposition for any shopper. They're holding a pop-up shop at Conundrum this weekend, so get ready to buy a new flannel shirt.

**GRÜZER’S “PATH OF BUZZARDS” EP RELEASE**
Art Bar, 1211 Park St.
Sat, 8 p.m., Free
Metal band Grüzer will be joined by Fall of an Empire, Space Coke, Black Hand Throne and Operation Transformation, for the release of their new EP. Head down to Art Bar and enjoy local music and local drinks at the same time.

**Swimming & Diving vs. East Carolina, College of Charleston**
Carolinas Nazarens/Bleak P.E. Center
Sat, Noon, Free
The men and women of the South Carolina swimming and diving team will host their season opener at Home Saturday, hosting College of Charleston and East Carolina.

**Volleyball vs. Alabama**
Collegiate Life Arena, 401 Lincoln St.
Sun, 1 and 3 p.m., prices from $28-$50 to $222
The artistically ambitious performance group Cirque du Soleil are in Columbia, and they're presenting their take on the Tarzan myth Friday through Sunday. Marvel in the acrobatics and action on display as you absorb the elaborate art direction.

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Michael Keaton has quietly been a huge talent for decades, and with Alejandro González Iñárritu’s new film about a time and aim to gain ground in the conference standings. The Crimson Tide. The Gamecocks are skid Sunday when it hosts the Alabama football tickets don't mitigate the three $4 bottled tipper you can be after one too many rounds of trivia. Or maybe you learned how great of a job and student loan can’t entirely finance your Labor Day blowout, your fall break blowout and your Election Day blowout. Or maybe all the things you've learned so far have been such a blur, and all you have to show for it is a parent-sized hole in your wallet. Well, you’re a college student now and you’ve determined to take responsibility and get yourself out of this situation ... by calling mom and dad.

**Plan your request**
The call home asking for money will likely be an arduous task. It will be the ultimate struggle in overcoming passive-aggression, taming your pride and promoting whatever quasi-independent state you've cooked up for yourself. Such an endeavor will take hard work in order to be successful. You know your parents, you used to share a roof with them. But now, you’re equipped with all sorts of rhetorical skill and maternal anxiety from USC that will be sure to make them play right into your hand. Right?

**How to: ask your parents for money**
**Make the call**
So, you’ve well-rehearsed and ready to phone home. Find a time and a location that’s as silent as possible so it doesn’t sound like you’re distracted or around friends dipping in a quick call to your folks. Then get those fingers dialing and that big mouth flappin’. The classic mistake is to lay on the love too thick early on. The call-and-response between “my beautiful, adoring mother” and a dead dial tone is almost musically familiar.

**Diverge, diverge, diverge**
Once you’ve snuck past suspicion, get off topic quick. Any slight pause will induce the “So, what are you really calling about?” question, and we all know you’re not quick enough to play that one smoothly. Talk about all the hard work you’re doing, the lack of sleep you’ve had — any pride you can induce from your parents, any pride you can instill. This will bring back the bacon from home.

**Segue**
This is the most challenging part of the conversation if you’ve muddled the divergence right. Once you can hear their pride on the other end of the line, it’s now time to bring the whole thing back to focus. A good “Speaking of ... “You know what rhymes with ... ” or “Excuse me one second, I’m being robbed” will surely get you the sober attention that you need from your parents when trying to get your funds authorized.

**Pop the question**
At this point, you both know what you’re trying to ask. Any parent would be alert to what this midweek conversation with his or her child is really about. Go ahead and ask. Make your case and clarify how hard you’ve been working and how dire this is. Give reasons for your request but not too many unnecessary details that demonstrate a severe discomfort in taking from the feeling bank. You’ve an adult now, so act like it. Ask your parents for money. Nicely.
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Q: Basically, my dad wants to kill me because I spent way too much on my credit card. I literally have no idea how I spent so much money, but it’s a lot. What can I do to keep track of my money?

— Credit Crazy Chris

A: Listen, plastic is your worst enemy. You have no idea how much you’re really spending until you think to check it online or you get an insane bill. You got the insane bill and now you know it’s probably better to take out cash. Only allow yourself to take out a certain amount every week and actually stick to it. You may not be used to keeping track of money yet, but you’ll learn to keep it in the back of your mind. Remember: credit cards should be for emergencies, not just to fuel you to do or buy whatever you want.

Q: I am broke. The last time I went to Cook-Out I paid in loose change. I am comically broke most of the time because I pay my own bills and tuition, and all my money from work goes straight into living expenses. But I feel bad that I never get to hang out with my friends. I don’t want to be the one who’s always too broke to do anything. Help?

— Broke Betty

A: Betty, this is college. We’re all broke. Believe it or not, all your friends probably use a night to watch movies. Well, their bank accounts could use it anyway. Tell your friends about your situation if they don’t already know. It’s a really difficult (but respectable) thing that you’re doing, paying your own way, and your friends should respect that. You can have fun doing whatever — don’t worry about going shopping all the time or going to see every movie in the theater. Window shop, go home, pull up Netflix and enjoy each other’s company.

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Veronica Farrell, a third-year environmental science student, was a participant in this year’s event, and though she admitted to not knowing much about the environment, she decided to participate in this event for two reasons. First, she loves technology, too. “It’s a second love.” Second, she shares her passion with fashion design. “I’ve always loved fashion,” she said. “I wanted to be a fashion designer at one point, but I was like, ‘I love technology, too.’ So it’s a second love.”

My inspiration was from a Zac Posen original costume contest,” she said. “It reminded me of gowns from the Louis XVI time period. For my recycled component, I show fashion magazines because they are fun, colorful, and they serve as a contrast to the design.”

The runway featured all kinds of dresses, from the most formal to the most simple, and all were impressive in their own way. Still, the judges had to name the winners. Amicia Shuler and her model Hannah Woofer took third place, Chilton exchange students Valerie Saile-Guzman and Francisca Tso Forbes won second place, and their model Danielle Jaramillo took second, and Katherine Galang and her model Monica Gapud took first.

Galang used duct tape, plastic wrap, trash bags and newspapers to make her dress that she created over just four days. Galang is a computer science student, but she shares her passion with fashion design. “I’ve always loved fashion,” she said. “I wanted to be a fashion designer at one point, but I was like, ‘I love technology, too.’ So it’s a second love.”

“We were pretty much as good as we could have been in just about every event tonight,” Moody said. “Florida Gulf Coast is an outstanding women’s program, so I’m proud of our ladies for stepping up and getting it done.”

A few individuals to watch for on Saturday on the women’s side include senior Victoria Mitchell — who has two wins in the 1,000 freestyle and one win in the 200 backstroke, freshman Meredith Vay, who has two wins so far and holds the top time on the team in the 100 breaststroke.

Freshman Julia Vincent and senior Patricia Kanz are the diving team’s top performers this season and will be the two to watch for in the one- and three-meter diving events.

After Friday’s meet against Florida Gulf Coast, head diving coach Todd Sherritt spoke of how the competitiveness between the two divers brought out their best. “Patty (Patricia Kranz) did really well and had some phenomenal dives. My freshman (Marissa Roth), I’m really impressed with her,” Sherritt said. “This was a very good meet for them. They were competing against each other and I really liked that.”

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**Equestrian takes on Fresno State Friday**

Gamecocks look to earn winning record in second-to-last fall schedule matchup

Kristen Schricker

The South Carolina equestrian team is set to take on Fresno State Friday afternoon, taking its two-meet winning streak out west.

After beating Texas A&M on Halloween, the Gamecocks advanced their record to 2-2 overall, 2-1 in the conference. Their SEC matchups are over for the fall season, but the team is motivated to keep the success going.

“The feeling really good getting ready to go on the road,” head coach Boo Major said. “I think we’re going to have a team that has a little bit more confidence on the reigning side.”

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Major also emphasized the role confidence plays in their performances when she said, “I don’t think we need to settle down, as far as competing on the road, no, I think they’re going to go out there and give it all they got.”

The Fresno State Bulldogs are currently 0-2 overall, 0-1 in their conference. While South Carolina holds the No. 1 slot in the National Collegiate Equestrian Association’s rankings, Fresno State tumbled out of the top ten.

“We haven’t been there in three or four years, so this is going to be a new experience for most of our girls,” Major said. “So it’s going to be a new experience for them, and they’re got to be able to go out there and give it all they got.

The teams met in Brynwood last year, resulting in a 17-3 South Carolina win. However, the Gamecocks’ 1-2 away record shows that their SEC matchups could go either way.

No matter the result, Major believes important lessons can be learned.

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His primary business is the college crowd. “We’re here for students. When it’s Christmas or spring break and summer break, we notice,” he said. As far as speed, quality and price, Coomey insisted that nothing compares. When it comes to price, Coomey takes pride in keeping his low.

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“As well as showing that love, Coomey also wants to find a way to hear customers’ needs in order to better meet expectations.”

“What can I do more?” he asked. Almost unapologetically, Springer’s “Born in the U.S.A.” began to play over the stereo system.

No joke. In my opinion, you’d have to press a hard button to find a restaurant owner who cares more about students than the Beezer’s Brandon Coomey. Though, I don’t think he’d ever admit to that.

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It was a Monday night at around 6 p.m. when I stumbled out of the cold into the warm, welcoming light of Beezer’s. The sub shop shone like a beacon at the foot of the Horseshoe on Sumter Street. Even before I opened the door, the smell of fresh bread and sub sauce was recognizable. Owner and operator Brandon Coomey was in the kitchen, calling out orders to be filled in 30 seconds or less. I ordered a Camelot’s Classic; received my sandwich and took a seat. Of the six people in line behind me, four ordered Godfathers, had their loyalty cards punched and were out the door again. When Coomey walked through the kitchen door and sat down across from me, he looked skeptical. But when I told him this was my second consecutive dinner from Beezer’s, he warmed up. When asked why he opened Beezer’s, Coomey said, simply, “Stupidity.”

Coomey has been in the food business since he was 12 years old. As he put it, the man has a “PhD in the restaurant business.” His family worked in food, and he himself has worked in almost every type of restaurant imaginable. His background is in upscale eats, (he once catered a party of 500 on the White House lawn) but since its founding in 1998, Beezer’s has been serving affordable food to Columbia.

Coomey isn’t from around here though. He went to school at Purdue in Indiana, spent time in Virginia Beach and thought about settling down in North Carolina’s research triangle when the idea of Beezer’s took shape. Coomey knew exactly what he wanted his restaurant to be — he just didn’t know where to put it. Then, one rainy afternoon in 1998 over spring break at USC, he and his then-girlfriend drove by the vacant shop front on Sumter and she said, “That’s it.” The rest was history.

“I wouldn’t do this again,” he said. Don’t get him wrong. In the ‘90s, and there were very few restaurants around the block on which Beezer’s sits. The sparse competition allowed Beezer’s to carve out a niche in the market. Today, the competition is harsher, but Coomey is still going strong. beezer.com
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