Students breaking out facepaint and “Maty Mauk likes Nickelback” signs can only mean one thing – ESPN’s College GameDay is coming back to the Horseshoe. The weekly marquee matchup show will head Columbia Saturday to do a three-hour pre-game show for USC’s game against unranked University of Missouri.

“GameDay wants to be at the biggest game of the week,” said Dave Nagle, director of communications at ESPN. “We have two solid teams, two rivals in the SEC. College GameDay has been to Columbia (South Carolina) before, and it’s a great scene, and we are looking forward to another great Saturday morning there.”

The matchup with Missouri, who joined the SEC two years ago, has blossomed into a new rivalry, with each Columbia team annually fighting for the Mayor’s Cup.

College GameDay wants to capture that atmosphere. College GameDay is returning to Columbia for the seventh time and the third time since 2010. The Gamecocks are 3-3 in the times GameDay has visited.

Last year’s game in Columbia, Missouri featured a double-overtime thriller that ended with a missed field goal and a Carolina victory.

The last time College GameDay visited the historic Horseshoe was in 2012 for the annual clash between South Carolina and the Georgia Bulldogs. And the Gamecocks won that game in dominating fashion, winning by the score of 35-7.

“We’re always fired up to get those guys here,” coach Steve Spurrier said. “We’ve had some good fortune when they come around. Hopefully that will continue.”

Spurrier’s not the only one getting pumped — students are just as excited to welcome the GameDay crew back to the Horseshoe.

“I was so excited this morning I almost messed up my haircut because I jumped out of the salon chair,” Student Body President Lindsay Richardson said. “My advice to everyone this week is save up your energy and your voice to bring the best and loudest fan excitement College GameDay has ever seen.”
When she went off to college, only in high school and he was in middle than Sinkler, met him while she was McCutchen House Saturday. She story to the crowd assembled at the around them and read their love Management class blew bubbles as the Wedding Planning and Sinkler and Danielle Dubose. to the table. Next to it, were Kevin wedding essentials. A dress sat next the cake, champagne glasses and other trees and hit the table filled with a deadly or dangerous weapon in federal Monday. The man who was accused of scaling the fence with a knife, which his former stepson, Jerry Murphy, said he always carries with him. He said Gonzalez owns "plenty of firepower" that he could have brought with him and argued that Gonzalez had no intention to harm anyone. Gonzalez is expected to face charges of unlawfully entering a restricted building or grounds with a deadly or dangerous weapon in federal court.

Students will throw fairy tale wedding for USC grad and fiancé for free

Collyn Taylor<br>SEPTEMBER 22, 2014<br><br>The sunlight shines through the trees and hits the table filled with a cake, champagne glasses and other wedding essentials. A dress sat next to the table. Next to it were Kevin Sinkler and Danielle Dubose. The couple stood on the Horseshoe, as the Wedding Planning and Management class blew bubbles around them and read their love story to the crowd assembled at the McCudden House Saturday. Dubose, who is four years older than Sinkler, met him while she was in high school and he was in middle school. The two went out of touch when she went off to college, only to meet up again and start dating in 2010. Dubose said she knew her brother before she knew her future husband. Now, after four years of dating, the two are ready to tie the knot. But Sinkler and Dubose’s wedding won’t be like other weddings — everything from the cake to the dress, all the way down to the invitations, is either made by the students in the class or donated by stores in Columbia. "It’s a lot of really good networking for our area," second-year tourism management student Morgan Tolson said. "It’s a lot harder than what I think it would be in real life." Dubose’s dress has been made, but the cake and other wedding essentials are still in production. Tolson said "It’s a lot of really good networking for our area," second-year tourism management student Morgan Tolson said. "It’s a lot harder than what I think it would be in real life." Dubose’s dress has been made, but the cake and other wedding essentials are still in production. Tolson said...
that after she saw the couple win, she’s ready to get back to work on the wedding, and the rest of the class is ready to get back, too.

“Everything has been hectic so far,” Tolson said. “We didn’t know each other to begin with. It’s nice to finally see everyone on the same page and we know what we are working for.”

The wedding is scheduled for Nov. 20, and the couple is excited for their newly announced big day.

Sinkler is in the National Guard, while Dubose works with BMW. Sinkler graduated from Newberry College and Dubose graduated from USC with a degree in social work.

And as far as the wedding goes, Dubose said she’s excited for the reception.

“You get to be with all your friends, the stress is gone, and you get to have fun,” Dubose said.

To get the wedding, the couple submits their love story to be reviewed by the class and the class chooses who gets the wedding.

Sinkler and Dubose were chosen over two other couples to receive the wedding. As the bubbles swirled around them and the class read their love stories to the audience, the smiled and thought about how they met and their previous four years of dating.

After the announcement, Dubose said she was thankful that they were chosen and are happy to get the process going.

“It means a whole lot. We both graduated from school and we didn’t know where we were going to get the money,” she said. “We were planning on getting married but there was not much of a way we could have gotten anything this extravagant on our own. It’s a blessing.”
Class composed of students from different cultures and backgrounds is a source of holistic learning.
The sun finally came out on Saturday, and with it came rainbow flags, banners and clothing. Columbia’s 25th annual S.C. Pride Festival kicked off with a noon parade beginning on one end of Main Street, continuing down Sumter and ending in front of the State House.

Columbia native Mara Cowen, a first-year biological studies student, carried the lead banner for this Saturday’s parade after making a friend at last year’s festival.

“I carried the banner for Young Democrats last year, and I met this woman who is a cancer survivor. I think it’s relapsed and she has it again,” Cowen said. “I think that’s what college and the undergraduate experience is supposed to be about. It’s about expanding horizons and doing things that maybe, when you graduate, you won’t be able to do. I think Pride is one of those things.”

Guests like Cowen who have attended the festival over the years are noticing significant progress, with an increase in overall attendance and a decrease in protestors.

Pride events have been growing in Columbia with involvement and support from USC undergraduates and the overall youth culture of the city, creating a thriving, symbiotic relationship. According to Ben Aaron, third-year computer science and mathematics student and LGBT supporter, the city is proving privy to the currents of change.

“It shows how forward-thinking you are, and it opens you up to experiences you might not have had otherwise,” Aaron said. “I think that’s what college and the undergraduate experience is supposed to be about. It’s about expanding horizons and doing things that maybe, when you graduate, you won’t be able to do. I think Pride is one of those things.”

All signs are indicating increased openness, freedom and overall optimism amongst the local LGBT community.

Though South Carolina Pride is finally getting its long-awaited day in the sun, it has had to come a long way over its 25-year history. This Saturday was Columbia resident John Dawkins’ 24th consecutive attendance to the Pride festival, and he has noticed an emphasis on the cultural aspect of the festival as it has changed over the years.

“It’s a lot more family friendly and a lot less political,” Dawkins said, who attended his second Pride festival with his fiancé. “It’s really exciting for me to bring him here for that.”

Dawkins worked for a number of political organizations centered around LGBT rights, including South Carolina Pride, South Carolina Equality and nonprofit group Stand Out. While past festivals might have been more political, this year’s attendees reveled in the sense of harmony and empowerment in the community.

Despite the smiling faces and excitement, Dawkins feels that it still takes a great deal of courage to make it out to the festival.

“I think for a lot of people, this is South Carolina, so this is a huge step to make that step out,” he said. “The thing for me is that really cool is watching the youth. Watching the youth come out and really accept themselves...I’ve worked in this realm for years politically and it’s great to see that.”

Thrilled with the turnout amongst the younger generation, Dawkins said feels it’s important that all kinds of people make their presence and encouragement felt.

“I think it’s good for anybody, especially if you’re LGBT youth, come out and express yourself,” Dawkins said. “Be who you are. Our allies, it’s very important for them to be out to show support but also to experience other realms of culture and other people.”

South Carolina Pride continues empowerment in LGBT community

The Daily Gamecock

South Carolina Pride has celebrated the LGBT community with an annual weekend full of speeches, performances, celebration and parades for the past 25 years.
Let’s Talk

“Let’s Talk” is a program that provides easy access to informal confidential consultations with counselors from the Counseling and Human Development Center (CHDC). Counselors hold walk-in hours at sites around and near campus Tuesday through Thursday.

Tuesdays 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Capstone Room 111

Wednesdays 3-5 p.m.
School of Medicine Medical Student Library Conference Room
6409 Garners Ferry Rd.

Thursdays 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Honors Residence Hall Room A107

Let’s Talk counselors provide informal consultations to help students with specific problems and to introduce them to what it’s like to speak with a counselor.

To learn more, visit: www.sa.sc.edu/shs/chdc/lets-talk

GRIT: Gentlemen Respecting Interacting in Truth

GRIT, an all-male group, was created to educate men and encourage discussion about sexual assault as defined by South Carolina state law and University of South Carolina policy. For more information, call the Campus Police Office at 803-777-2449.

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### Aries
Long-term career plans advance with Pluto direct. Mysteries get solved, as the truth reveals. Illusions wash away. Enjoy the Autumn Equinox as the Sun enters Libra, highlighting partnerships. Take a walk together for a brief escape.

### Taurus
Launch your next adventure with Pluto direct. Focus on practical matters, rather than pursuing mirages. The Autumn Equinox heralds a month of powerful communications and travel.

### Gemini
Someone needs extra attention. Postponed travel. Get your work done before you remind. More slowly to avoid accidents and error. Take action on a financial matter now that Pluto is direct. Savor family fun with the Autumn Equinox.

### Cancer
Celebrate home and family with the Autumn Equinox. Long-term partnerships and strength with Pluto direct. Review the budget to dispel illusions about what you have. Costs could be unexpectedly high.

### Leo
Advance at work with Pluto direct. Your efforts seem to go further and with greater ease. Focus on practical matters, rather than pursuing mirages. The Autumn Equinox heralds a month of powerful communications and travel.

### Virgo
Entertaining opportunities call you out with Pluto direct. Focus on practical matters, rather than pursuing mirages. The Autumn Equinox heralds a month of powerful communications and travel.

### Libra
It’s easier to keep house with Pluto direct. Your perception and power play forward with the Autumn Equinox and the sun entering your sign tonight. Your plans go more smoothly. Compassion is an essential component.

### Scorpio
Communications and shipping flow with a greater ease now that Pluto is direct. Begin a phase of introspection and resolving internal conflicts with this Autumn Equinox. Speculate on a contribution you’ll love to make. Think it over as you maintain.

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Now that Pluto is direct, watch your spend spirit abundantly. Make long-term financial plans. Don’t trade a sure thing for a pipe dream. Take practical, concrete actions or rest. Group skepticism about a financial plan advances with Pluto direct. Mysteries about what you have. Costs could be unexpectedly high.

### Capricorn
Complete projects. Things seem to be going your way now that Pluto is direct. Advance long-term personal priorities. A new career phase begins with the Autumn Equinox. Refresh your wardrobe. Dress the part.

### Pisces
Things seem to go much easier now that Pluto is direct. Focus on practical matters, rather than pursuing mirages. The Autumn Equinox heralds a new adventure, a period of exploration and discovery. Live simply and frugally, and consider your long-term relations. The Autumn Equinox heralds a month of shared profit and mutual benefit. Build strong foundations.

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Sophomore wide receiver Pharoh Cooper gained 188 total yards (114 receiving, 74 rushing), including a 70-yard run in the fourth quarter that helped seal the game.

Dores finally break down

Cooper’s career night helps overcome shaky special teams

Danny Garrison

No. 14 South Carolina survived Saturday in Nashville, escaping Vanderbilt Stadium with a 48-13 victory. The Gamecocks did so thanks to a powerful performance on offense, defense and special teams.

Vanderbilt had barely put up a fight against its three opponents prior to South Carolina, but its defense looked nothing like the 2014 Gamecocks, it’s easy to expect the unexpected.

No. 14 South Carolina survived Saturday in Nashville, escaping Vanderbilt Stadium with a 48-13 win. But to ask first-year coach Steve Spurrier was disappointed in the Gamecocks’ effort would be an understatement.

"The way we play is embarrassing," he said. "And I'll be the head coach of this embarrassing group of guys."

South Carolina’s path into its head coach’s grasp began immediately, as Vanderbilt’s Darius Sims took the opening kickoff 91 yards for a touchdown. The Commodores would expand their lead to 14-0 before South Carolina could even get on the board.

After that, the Gamecocks would score 24 unanswered points to take the lead for good.

It was, by most accounts, a good day for the South Carolina offense. Redshirt senior quarterback Dylan Thompson threw for 237 yards and three scores and junior running back Mike Davis collected 122 all-purpose yards on the day.

But it was sophomore wideout Pharoh Cooper who stole the show against the Commodores, hauling in a catch-and-run for 70 yards on top of the 71 yards on the ground.

"Pharoh, he can just do it," Thompson said. "He’s a humble kid that comes to work every day, and he’s got a great attitude that.

The only thing missing from Cooper’s impressive stat line is a touchdown. But the Gamecocks' defense held their opponents to just 55 plays, as well.

Spurrier added that his defense held the juggernaut in the SEC, and we did the Commodores to just 55 plays, as well.

"The Head Ball Coach seemed to settle things down once he started looking at the stat sheet in his post-game press conference. He said his team is giving up too many big plays in simple coverages, and it may be a while before the defense becomes one of South Carolina’s strengths.

"We’re still a long way off," Ward said. "You have to end the game the way we did the last drive."