For a hyped matchup, pep rally burns mascot in effigy

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Before fire was set to a 30-foot bright orange tiger Monday night, Pastor Frank Anderson of the Carolina Campus Ministers Association told a knock-knock joke to the crowd of hundreds packing the Greene Street Intramural Fields.

"Knock, knock," Anderson said.

"Who's there?" the crowd replied.

"Orange!" he shouted.

"Orange who?" the crowd shouted back.

"Orange you glad you don’t go to Clemson?"

As the crowd of Gamecocks roared in agreement, the giant cat went up in flames. Over the course of three minutes, the orange-and-black striped paper burned and fell to the ground, leaving behind a charred and naked skeleton of the tiger it once was.

As the big cat burned, fireworks burst and lit the night sky. On the fields, students danced to "Sandstorm" as they hurled insults at the animal effigy.

Student Body Vice President Chase Mizzell, who doubles as USC’s Mic Man, hosted Tiger Burn, the annual pep rally.

After inaugural season, tweaks expected for ticketing system

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Saturday marked the first full home season for USC’s new student ticketing system, but Anna Edwards still has issues with it.

While the director of student services thinks Ticketmaster is doing fine, she instead has questions about USC's culture and why so many students leave football games early — or fail to come at all.

Student Ticketing has 12,000 seats in all to divvy up, and over the course of this year’s home schedule, students only claimed all of them for one game — Georgia.

Since then, the number of ticket requests and students scanning in have tapered off as the number of no-shows has risen, according to data provided by Adrienne White, the Student Ticketing coordinator.

The number of ticket requests was more than 10,000 for each of the first four games, according to the data, but failed to break 9,000 after Georgia, and the number of no-shows has grown from 372 against Missouri — the first game for which numbers are available — to 1,615 against Wofford.

That’s a late-season trend that happens year after year, Edwards said.

“We start strong, but we just drop, regardless of who we play for this last game, even Clemson,” she said.

Edwards and White aren’t quite sure what to do about it, but they’re still considering a number of possible changes:

– Giving up a chunk of students’ 12,000-ticket allocation, so Athletics can sell them
– Going back to a game-by-game lottery
– Getting rid of upper-deck student seating
– Having students scan on their way out
– Changing when students apply for their tickets
Students feel that their voice was heard (and) "at least enough information out there so that the process, especially as they consider proposals in February. Conference that could help keep students in the practice among schools in the Southeastern which Edwards and White said are common charging for student tickets and assigning seats, season passes to later in the summer. Students can gain practical experience using a resource they themselves are most concerned with in their future employment," Doyle wrote. It's similar, Doyle wrote, to "Factiva is a valuable research tool and supports the curriculum for many additional areas including political science, media studies, technology, social sciences, and journalism. Doyle thought it would be especially helpful for students in the business school. Doyle wrote in an email. The resource could have impacts beyond the faculty, though, and Doyle thinks it could help out students, since about 80 percent of Fortune Global 500 companies are members of the PASCAL consortium — a Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries. Doyle also emphasized that it isn't just business students who would benefit, but the business school. "Factiva is a valuable research tool and supports the curriculum for many additional areas including political science, media studies, technology, social sciences, and journalism," Doyle wrote. When one group of students heads to Washington, they'll visit DOT. In Washington, they'll visit the Department of Transportation. "As college students, we live in a world of people are struggling with a vast array of problems," Doyle thought. She thought she would be especially helpful for students in the international business program. When one group of students heads to Washington, they'll visit the Department of Transportation. "As college students, we live in a world of people are struggling with a vast array of problems," Doyle thought. She thought she would be especially helpful for students in the international business program. University introduces new business information resource

Cost of subscription to Factiva not available

Evans D. Goff staff writer

USC students and faculty have access to Factiva, a high-level business information resource, but how much is USC's subscription worth and what the service costs isn't clear. The program is run by Dow Jones & Co. and allows users to conduct research with a number of tools, including expert analysis as well as a sophisticated search engine for content, according to Emily Doyle, a Ph.D. candidate in the Spring Business Library involved in acquiring new subscriptions. Factiva was introduced in 1999, due to the efforts of Richard Bracht and Dow Jones. Since then, the database has become a highly used resource among faculty and researchers, so when the Richland County Public Library ended its subscription, business faculty asked USC to buy one. Doyle didn't say how much the subscription costs. Factiva's licensing agreement doesn't allow USC to disclose its terms — including the cost. It's paid for with University Libraries funds allocated for e-resources information subscriptions. USC bought a subscription after it conducted a trial period and got input from faculty and Ph.D. candidates "in every business major," Doyle wrote in an email. The resource could have impacts beyond the faculty, though, and Doyle thinks it could help out students, since about 80 percent of Fortune Global 500 companies are members of the PASCAL consortium — a Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries.

Alternative break trip focuses on LGBT advocacy awareness

When one group of students heads to Washington, D.C., over winter break, it won't be for the sightseeing. USC's Office of Community Service Programs will send students to the district to help out in the capital, and this year, they'll focus on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) advocacy and awareness issues as a part of the university's alternative winter break program, the first during winter break.

The main goal of [alternative break] trips is to educate students about pressing social issues while making a direct impact on the community," Noel Marsh, a third-year religion and psychology student coordinating the trip, wrote in an email response. In Washington, they'll visit organizations like the Human Rights Campaign, the National Center for Transgender Equality and the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund and Leadership Institute. They've volunteered as Food & Friends, a nonprofit that supports people who have been diagnosed with HIV, AIDS and other serious illnesses, according to Marsh. It's an experience that has already helped Marsh expand her worldview. "Planning this trip has really given me an appreciation for the struggles the LGBT community faces every day and how much work is still left to be done in order to achieve equality and acceptance in multiple areas," Marsh wrote. Marsh will be joined by Melanie Bracht, a first-year business student who wrote in an email response that she'd gained much from her experience with another alternative winter break trip.

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Service program headed to capital

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rally held in anticipation of USC’s rivalry game against Clemson.

Cocky danced to “Gangnam Style” as students lined up for towels and sunglasses from the My Carolina Alumni Association and as the sun set behind the giant tiger, constructed by USC’s chapters of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Mizzell and the Gamecocks cheerleaders led students in traditional gameday cheers, and he hosted a game of Carolina Trivia.

As the pre-burn performances wore on, the crowd got antsy; some students booed when dance group Rik-a-Sha was introduced for its second performance. Others began chanting, “Burn it.”

“I thought someone was going to throw a lighter and burn it down themselves,” said first-year biology student Rachel Ethridge.

But after performances from Rik-a-Sha; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and Swype, USC’s break-dancing organization, it was time.

Anderson delivered the traditional eulogy for the tiger, and it was time to burn the tiger in effigy — as flames engulfed what he called a “puffed-up, overrated and aptly named pussycat from a place called Clemson.”

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Fireworks erupt during Monday evening’s Tiger Burn pep rally, in which a massive tiger effigy was engulfed in flames.
Thanksgiving a time for family, not shopping

Black Friday doesn’t deserve same treatment as Black Monday

By AARON MCDUFFIE, Managing Editor

“I feel we have let our holidays be consumed by the Black Friday shopping frenzy,” said first-year student Kristyn Sanito. “I think that it’s a shame that people have to stay up past midnight just to shop. It’s silly.”

While I don’t completely condemn these celebrations, I cannot recall what I received or what I gave last Thanksgiving. I think the true meaning of the celebration should be more than just getting presents. I hate that people have forgotten that the main idea of Thanksgiving is giving thanks. I think Black Friday is just a distraction from the true meaning of the holiday.

I feel that the holiday should keep its traditions; it should not be about shopping. I think this holiday should be for family and friends to do together, but Black Friday affects the holiday itself. The malls are just going to be full of people instead of family and friends.

Gather with family and friends to give thanks and strengthen bonds. If we let this continue, stores are just going to get worse. They will always try to play tricks on people to get them interested in shopping. If you don’t like that, don’t shop. If you have to shop, then do it on a normal day.

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Second "Breaking Dawn" ends saga with overdone dramatics, uneven pacing

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as a ravenous and hyper-alert vampire, Bella still has problems. The Volturi have mistaken Bella’s equally growing daughter, Renesmee, as an Immortal Child, a savage little creature that destroys instead of throwing sippy cups in a fit of rage.

Still around is werewolf Jacob (Lautner), who once rivaled Edward for Bella’s affections, because he (and I’m not kidding here) “imprinted” on Renesmee when she was born. Apparently, this means Jacob is now paired with the 7-year-old vampire. I just wonder how the filmmakers managed to slip that through the MPAA rating.

These three lead actors just do all of the same things they’ve been doing throughout the entire series. There’s that greatly anticipated moment when Jacob takes his shirt off (cliche to talk about, I know), so anticipated that the camera soaks in every detail. Pattinson and Stewart also steam things up with another sex scene but, due to the PG-13 rating, you don’t get to see much of Stewart. It’s become tedious just in time for the finale.

The supporting cast doesn’t offer much for entertainment either. Michael Sheen (as Aro, the leader of the Volturi) just hams up his entire screen time to the point where it looks like he escaped from “The Rocky Horror Picture Show.” Dakota Fanning supposedly comes off as creepy, and she’s apparently picked up Stewart’s knack for sounding bored with her dialogue. Her lines are basically limited to the word “pain.” My newly adopted baby cousin has more to say.

The cinematic charm that ensues between the wolf-vampire gang and the overly-dressed-for-the-occasion Volturi does have its share of surprises and visceral moments, but it was all rip-and-tear with cheap, highly CGI-enhanced effects. And too much inane, clumsy dialogue leaves it all completely joyless.

After five years of the “Twilight” popularity being shoved down our society’s throat, I still don’t understand how the franchise has become so popular, other than a vampire’s representation of youthful immortality. I’m just happy I won’t have to see another nightmare of a vampire fantasy film on screen for a while.
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South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier, left, with Clemson coach Dabo Swinney.

That’s right — after all of the back-and-forth jabbing, the two have exchanged the rival coaches’ wives even getting along. “I think he’s a wonderful guy,” and an excellent coach,” Spurrier said. “Every now and then, just to keep the rivalry going, I think he will need to say a little something to stir things up here and there.”

When Swinney and Spurrier settle their supposedly nonexistent differences on the field Saturday night, the prior talk will have no impact on the game, though it has added intrigue to a rivalry that has only recently ascended to national relevance.

“Rivalry games are big games, and you have to step up.”

— Kenny Miles

Air Force

Coach and tailback Sidney Wheatley.

Wheatley wrote a column about how Spurrier was “classless” in his remarks.

While college football fans across the country have taken an interest in the heckling, it has only added to the bragging rights at stake for the teams’ fan bases. With California ranked 12th and South Carolina 15th, the two will be playing for far more than an upper hand in trash talk during the next year.

Though Spurrier has never downplayed the importance of the “state championship,” he said he doesn’t think it makes or breaks his season. When he first became the coach at South Carolina, fans would tell him they didn’t care if he lost every game as long as he beat Clemson at the end of the season.

Spurrier said he disagreed with the sentiment. He said if he had a choice, he’d rather win all of the season’s games and lose to Clemson.

“I think they overdid it prior to (me) coming here,” Spurrier said. “When I was hired, there were signs all over the locker room, the dressing rooms, the coaches’ office that said, ‘Beat Clemson.’ They were all over the place … My belief is that you don’t talk about one team the entire year.”

Now that the year is coming to a close and it’s the week of the Clemson game, players and coaches will not hesitate in discussing the Tigers. Senior free safety D.J. Beattie said the rivalry was personal for him because he grew up in Greenwood, halfway between Columbia and Clemson.

For the seniors, another win over the Tigers would mean finishing a career as a Gamecock without ever having lost to the rival, a rare feat in USC’s long history.

“There’s been some talk about that, and I think I heard one of the Clemson guys saying, ‘I certainly want to hear them before I leave here.’” Spurrier said. “It’s a chance for that. It’s a chance for a 10-win season and the state championship. That’s always a goal of ours every year, and I think it’s probably a goal of Clemson, too — to win the state championship.

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big challenge for us, but it should be against," Spurrier said. "It will be a best offensive team we have played without a doubt, they will be the and all that kind of stuff, but Spurrier said it had to be a game.

Junior quarterback Connor Shaw, who has struggled with a foot injury since the Tennessee game, made just 20 passing attempts in the game Shaw said he tried to play in the pocket as long as he could, but when Wofford put pressure on him, he ran the ball on most plays.

"Our passing game is a concern," Spurrier said. "We've had to protect it beautifully at times, and we just didn't throw it down the field very much [Saturday]. We'll see how we can improve and get from there.

Shaw said he concentrated his foot in the first series of the game. In his Sunday teleconference, Spurrier said Shaw will not practice much this week.

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Tailback Kenny Miles has now celebrated Senior Day twice, and both were accompanied by memorable performances.

Miles wasn't the starter in last year's final home game against Clemson, but after then-freshman Brandon Wilds struggled to move the ball, the senior entered the game in the second quarter and finished the game with a season-high 102 yards in rushing yards.

After being honored in his second Senior Day against Wofford Saturday, Miles ran for 127 yards against Arkansas.

The Gamecocks hope to improve their transition, as it has to focus on a pass-heavy offense after facing a triplo-option offense against Wofford last Saturday.

Clemson has the ninth-most passing yards in the country, and Wofford is fast in the Football Championship Subdivision in passing yardage. "We've played a lot of football this season," defensive coordinator Lorenzo Ward said. "Hopefully, the grinding that we have had this season prepares us.

Clemson is scoring a lot of points and passing up a lot of yards on people. We have a big task ahead of us; we think the guys will bounce back. The Gamecocks hope to improve since the last time they played a pass-first offense. In games against Arkansas and Tennessee, two prominent passing offenses, USC allowed a combined 658 passing yards.

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5. Prediction time – who ya got?

I fear shouts of “homer,” but it’s Clemson. South Carolina has a very good defense, but when you look at that Tennessee game, Tyler Bray ripped this secondary to shreds. Boyd, given time to throw, could continue his stretch of video game-esque numbers. If Clemson can turn this into a shootout, I really don’t see any other outcome.

In Columbia this would be a different story, but in Death Valley, under the lights and with full focus on ending three years’ worth of hurt: Clemson 34, South Carolina 28.
RIVAL EDITORS TRADE COMMENTS, INSULTS AHEAD OF SATURDAY’S USC-CLEMSON MATCHUP

**South Carolina**

Did West Virginia just score again?

Yes. If it was a 50-0 win, that would be a win... outside of the building. But this is only the first half. So Clemson fans prefer to forget that game! Then let’s talk instead about the fond memories Tiger fans have of the Gamecocks in recent years.

Remember 2009, when a Clemson team ranked in the top 20 lost to a 6-5 USC team? The final score was 34-17.

Clemson had a chance for revenge in 2010, and what happened then? The Tigers took a 7-0 lead within two minutes and then didn’t score again the rest of the game. South Carolina won that one 29-7.

The only true test Clemson has faced was against then-No. 4 Florida State. And the Gamecocks in recent years. To forget that game? Then let’s revisit.

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Paulina Berkovich

No. 20 Michigan @ Ohio State, Saturday, noon, ABC

This meeting of Big Ten heavyweights is one of the most storied rivalries in college football and this year both teams have something to play for. Ohio State is ineligible for the postseason but is one of only two undefeated teams left in the country. Michigan, with a 6-1 conference record, needs to win and hope for a Nebraska loss to win the Legends Division and earn a trip to the conference championship. The Wolverines defeated Iowa 42-17 last week behind backup quarterback Devin Gardner, who accounted for six touchdowns. Starter Denard Robinson was back on the field as a running back after missing two weeks with nerve damage in his elbow, and he finished the game with 98 rushing yards on 13 carries. The Wolverines defeated the Buckeyes last year for the first time since 2003.

No. 1 Notre Dame @ Southern Cal, Saturday, 6 p.m., ABC

The rivalry game between the Irish and the Trojans has been played every year since 1946 with the Jeweled Shillelagh, a war club, at its helm. But after racking up 321 rushing yards against Texas Tech last week, propelling the Beavers to a 59-21 win, senior running back Cierre Wood. Southern Cal, the top-ranked team in the nation in the preseason, hosts Notre Dame after taking its fourth loss against UCLA. The Trojans were down 24-0 halfway through the second quarter and closed the gap to 31-28 before a touchdown with four minutes left sealed the win for the Bruins. Quarterback Matt Barkley left the game with a shoulder injury in the fourth quarter after tallying 101 yards, and he will not play this week.

No. 5 Oregon @ No. 16 Oregon State, Saturday, 1 p.m., Pac-12 Network

Oregon holds an all-time series lead of 46-40-10 in the rivalry game, known as the Civil War, and it will look to extend its advantage after having its national championship hopes all but dashed with a 17-14 overtime loss to Stanford last week. The Ducks need a Stanford loss and a victory over the Beavers in their regular-season finale to win the Pac-12 North. Oregon has relied on its high-powered offense all season, particularly on a dominant rushing game with senior Kenjon Barner at its helm. But after racking up 121 rushing yards three weeks ago, the running back was limited to just 38 yards in the conference championship. Oregon State enters this game riding momentum from a 62-14 win against California. The Beavers one of the weakest running games in the nation but will rely on their defense and passing as they attempt to hand the Ducks a second loss.

No. 11 Stanford @ No. 15 UCLA, Saturday, 6:30 p.m., Fox

After an unlikely upset of Oregon last week, Stanford controls its own fate in the Pac-12. A win over UCLA this weekend will set up a rematch against the Bruins in the conference championship. Trailing Oregon by a touchdown after three quarters, the Cardinal tied the game with less than two minutes remaining on a 10-yard touchdown pass from redshirt freshman Kevin Hogan to junior tight end Zach Ertz. They won the game on a field goal after the Ducks missed a field goal attempt of their own. Stanford's defense is fifth in the nation with fewer than 17 points allowed per game, and it will be tested again by a UCLA offense that averages nearly 38 points per contest. The Trojans won the matchup last year for the first time since 2002, dominating 44-10. Junior running back Joseph Randle led the offense with 151 yards and two touchdowns, and the defense forced five turnovers, including four by Jones. Randle has been the Cowboys' rushing leader this season as well, averaging almost 100 yards per game. Both teams trail Kansas State in the Big 12 standings, but Oklahoma still has a chance for a BCS bowl bid.
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Vanderbilt @ Wake Forest, Saturday, 3:30 p.m., ESPNU

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Auburn @ No. 2 Alabama, Saturday, 2:30 p.m., CBS

Thought of by some to be the most heated, impassioned and vicious rivalry in American sports, Auburn and Alabama will face off in the 77th edition of the Iron Bowl. Auburn had its best offensive performance of the season with a win over Alabama A&M last week. Running back Tre Mason and Quinton McCleod led the way with more than 100 yards rushing each. Freshman quarterback Jonathan Wallace threw for 171 yards and a touchdown in the 51-7 win. The Crimson Tide rolled past Western Carolina 49-0 to enter the Auburn game at 10-1 for the second straight year. Alabama’s rushing attack put up 380 yards against the Catamounts and was so effective that quarterback A.J. McCarron only attempted six passes. McCarron finished six-of-six on the day for 135 yards and a touchdown. Alabama aids the Iron Bowl series, which dates back to 1899, 41-11-1. The Tide seeks a berth in the SEC Championship game against Georgia with a win over the Tigers on Saturday.

Georgia Tech @ No. 3 Georgia, Saturday, noon, ESPN

The Georgia Bulldogs beat Georgia Southern last Saturday, 41-14. Aaron Murray hit up Georgia Southern’s secondary, passing for 316 yards and four touchdowns. The Bulldogs struggled to contain the Eagles’ triple-option scheme, surrendering 1.7 yards per carry. However, Georgia’s defense managed to hold Georgia Southern to two touchdowns and zero fumbles. The Bulldogs will face another triple-option team next weekend as they prepare to face in-state rival Georgia Tech. Tech became bowl eligible with a 42-24 victory over Duke. The Bulldogs and the Rebels meet once again in one of the South’s oldest rivalries, the Egg Bowl. Both the Volunteers and the Wildcats have under consumed coal power plants for five weeks. Tennessee coach Derek Dooley was released from his duties Sunday and will not be on the sidelines against Kentucky. Joke Phillips will not return in 2013 but will coach the Wildcats on Saturday against the Volunteers. Tennessee struggled offensively last weekend, gaining only 101 yards against the Commodores. Quarterback Tyler Bray had his worst performance of the year, as the junior threw two interceptions and completed less than 50 percent of his passes. The loss was only the second in 36 years that Tennessee fell to Vanderbilt. Kentucky earned its second straight win of the season by beating Samford last Saturday. The Wildcats ran for more than 140 yards, and freshman quarterback John White completed 10-of-11 passes for 113 passing yards and a touchdown.

No. 25 Mississippi State @ Ole Miss, Saturday, 2:30 p.m., SEC Network

The Bulldogs and the Rebels meet once again in one of the SEC’s most storied rivalries, the Egg Bowl. After beating Arkansas 17-14 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, State exploded in the second half to defeat the Rebels 49-14. Quarterback Tyler Russell and running back LaDarius Perkins also played a key role in helping the Bulldogs put up more than 500 yards of total offense in the win. Mississippi State managed just 209 total yards and 209 total offense against the Sunshine State. Ole Miss was aided by beating the Hogs. Ole Miss and LSU were tied 13-13 with 15 minutes left in the half. Running back Jeremy Hill ran into the endzone for 17 rushing yards and two touchdowns against one of the SEC’s most formidable defenses.

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