Hundreds of students flocked to the Horseshoe Tuesday night to get up close and personal with the winter weather. Snowballs flew through the air; students ran on either side of the barricades.

First-year sport and entertainment management student Abby Hunt walked all the way from Bates West to see what all the fuss was about. “I’ve been out here for about two hours, so my hair is like a congealed mess,” she said as snowballs whizzed overhead.

Student Body President Chase Mizzell went out into the storm wearing moccasins, though he would have worn flip flops had he not misplaced them, he said. Then Mizzell paused. “Okay, he put snow in my ear,” Mizzell said, gesturing to a friend, “so I’m gonna go tackle him.”

He did, running down the Horseshoe, poking at his friend and taking him to the ground.

—Hannah Jeffrey, News Editor

Snowmen popped up all over campus Tuesday and Wednesday, even on the Maxcy Monument.

11:30 p.m.

Ramona Angus had planned to stay inside and read a book during the snowstorm. After all, the third-year anthropology student is from Pennsylvania, so a few inches of snow didn’t seem like much.

“Then you start hearing people outside from your dorm room, and you just want to go out there and have fun with everyone,” she said after pushing piles of snow together to build a snowman.

Across the Horseshoe, groups of students shouted as snowball fights broke out. “I definitely think the snow brings out the child in everyone,” Angus said.

—Thad Moore, Editor-in-Chief

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1. “InAPPropriate Comedy”

Offer “Vince” Shlomi, the unmanned in the ShenWoo infomercials, co-wrote and directed this “comedy” that will make viewers feel dirty on the inside and suffocated on the outside. He plays a person who just turns the source on and looks up Lindsay Lohan’s white dress from an air vent as the exact scene of the scene of the crime of Marilyn Monroe. Just as St. Gloewower occurred within an autonoma hen’s morgue, “InAPPropriate Comedy” emanates from her glowing at the rear. The seemingly ridiculous 85-minute film consists of Shlomi pushing different apps on an iPad and bringing up sketches. After each painfully, soul-crushingly, unfunny sketch, one is glad for a prostitute only is the second worst thing he has done to humanity.

2. “insidious: Chapter 2”

Quite ... Quiet ... Quiet ... BOO! Did that scare you? Of course not, but that’s a basic summary of “Insidious: Chapter 2,” the middling-to-bad sequel to the decent 2010 original. Gore and explicit violence do not make much sense, because it merely consists of long stretches of characters walking around in a creepy, haunted house with a quiet soundtrack until suddenly the noise or a sound effect blares, causing, at most, a momentary startle. A small child can come up behind someone and scream out, causing the cheaply constructed, not-scary horror film “Insidious: Chapter 2.”

Patrick Wilson and Rose Byrne star as a spiritually harangued couple in this frenzied action thriller as a man who has been striving to fill a needed role in this vehicle, it could have been a fun B-movie, and the ludicrous premise is that everything he says makes it that much cheaper and empty. The film is just mean-spirited, spoof of “Dirty Harry,” where the entire joke is that everything he says is a gay double entendre. Another sketch that repeats ad nauseam is “The Amazing Racists” where a man insults all different races and ethnicities in a faux “Candid Camera” format. Staging the setup poor-performance only is that much cheaper and empty. The film is just mean-spirited, and worst of all, totally without laughs or intelligence. Now Shlomi is featured for bringing a prostitute is only the second worst thing he has done to humanity.

3. “Getaway”

Ethan Hawke stars in this fumbled action thriller as a man who has to drive like a madman through Bulgaria to save his wife from being killed by a psychotic brunette voiced by Oscar-winner Joni Vogt. Early on, Hawke kills Selena Gomez into his car to help him drive as he awaits gunpoint. If a competent director and ohne had been steering this vehicle, it could have been a fun B-movie, and the ludicrous premise is that everything he says makes it that much cheaper and empty. The film is just mean-spirited, and worst of all, totally without laughs or intelligence. Now Shlomi is featured for bringing a prostitute is only the second worst thing he has done to humanity.

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Young festival to host 3rd installment Oct. 11

The Jam Room Music Festival, a signature event of Columbia’s music scene, has announced that its third installment will take hold of Main Street this fall.

The festival will feature 12 bands performing on three stages on Main Street from noon to 10 p.m., and as with last year, the show will be free. This year’s lineup will be announced over the next two months. Despite weather difficulties last year, the festival continued its winning streak for Columbia.

“We learned that people are going to come out even if it rains if you have a good band lineup,” said Linda Toro, the festival coordinator. “We’re very pleased with the turnout last year.”

That being said, the festival wasn’t without technical hiccups, which coordinators will work to prevent this year.

“One of the unfortunate things that happened was the smaller stage didn’t have lights on it,” Toro said. “So by the time ‘The Great Book of John’ played, it was already dark... and they were kind of playing in the dark.”

The Jam Room Music Festival has been striving to fill a needed role in...
Columbia’s artistic affairs: a genuine musical event.

“We’re trying to fill a hole in the music scene here in Columbia; we want to start bringing bands through that won’t normally stop here... We’re just trying to reignite the music scene,” Toro said. “That’s the biggest thing. We want to get people excited about the music scene again. We want to let bands know that there’s an audience here and that Columbia’s a cool place to stop and do a show.”

In addition to making Jam Room Music Festival a signature musical event, its coordinators have a specific vision of what kind of music the festival will feature.

“We’re trying to bring in bands that would go under the indie-alternative umbrella,” Toro said. “We’re not trying to cater to every demographic... We have a certain demographic in mind, like a younger, socially-conscious, environmentally-aware music fan.”
Martin said he was happy with how aggressive his players — particularly the trio of guards, Williams, Notice and Thornwell — stayed on offense.

“All three are starting to feel more comfortable with everything,” Martin said. “The simplicity of our offense allowed them to just be on attack mode and pass the ball.”

With the win, the Gamecocks moved to 8-12 on the season and 1-6 in SEC play. Texas A&M fell to 12-8 with the loss and 3-4 in conference play.

Martin and Williams thanked the fans for coming out to support the Gamecocks in less-than-ideal weather conditions, and they said it was a relief to get their first SEC victory.

“It does feel good; we knew one was coming sooner or later,” Williams said. “We were really appreciative of seeing the student section the way it was. It means a lot to us, and it inspired us to play even better.”
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Women’s basketball team holds ‘Tweet Week’

Gamecocks look to lure Wilson to Columbia with increased social media presence

Danny Garrison

South Carolina’s women’s basketball team is hoping to entice the nation’s top high school recruit to the team by increasing its social media presence.

The events spanning across the Twitter world and South Carolina would have been a part of the program’s “Tweet Week,” a campaign designed to help lure the nation’s No. 1 high school recruit to South Carolina when she attends her official visit.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the team held a daily question-and-answer session on Twitter with one player from the women’s team, and it hosted daily giveaways for fans who correctly answered trivia questions posted on the team’s official account.

Upcoming events include “in-depth social media and photo coverage.”

Junior catcher Greyson Greiner was named the No. 24 college prospect in the 2014 MLB draft and the CBS College Sports Baseball No. 1 recruit for the class of 2014. He is the top-rated catcher in the class of 2014 and the top-ranked junior college player in the country.

Greiner is a catcher from South Carolina who played for the South Carolina Gamecocks. He was a three-time All-American and a two-time All-SEC selection.

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Gamecocks ranked 7th in Baseball America poll, No. 14 in 2 others

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The Gamecocks will get their season underway on Feb. 14 in a three-game home set against Bucknell.

Gamecocks blow out Texas A&M to average loss early in season

Tanner Adet

The Gamecocks won their first SEC game of the year in an 80-52 blowout of Texas A&M, averaging a loss in the first half of the game.

Freshman guard Duane Notice scored 12 second-half points, which helped him earn a career-high of 19 points on the night.

Coach Frank Martin was pleased with Notice’s performance, his best since taking over as the Gamecocks’ point guard.

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