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Read Across Carolina encourages youth to read with activities, giveaways

**Rebecca George**

**THE DAILY GAMECOCK**

Read Across Carolina made its way to USC today.

The spinoff of the national Read Across Amer-ica campaign that takes place every March on Dr. Seuss's birthday, took place in the Capstone Campus Room and was run by the on-campus chapter of the South Carolina Education Association, an affiliate of the National Education Association.

The event was made possible due to a $1,000 grant from the chapter applied for and received from the NAEA, Clemson-Clinton Carolina and USC each received a grant and ran Read Across Carolina events in March.

Read Across Carolina was an evening of reading and fun for more than 100 kids from Richland One and Two. The night was full of activities ranging from free giveaways to live readings and arts and crafts. Each child who attended the event received free books, pencils and pizza. They were also treated to readings by the Cat and Yol Har, Mount Everest climber and USC professor Patrick Hickory and children's book author Karen Payne.

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**USC alum and film-maker Prowen Vattikolla is finding inspiration through personal experiences.** See page 7

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Town uses Facebook to combat raging floods

Social networking sites, Twitter used to garner support from community

**Patrick Condon**

**The Associated Press**

FARGO, N.D. — When Kevin Tobosa got word Thursday that a friend needed help building a sandbag dike, he immediately posted a status update on his Facebook page: "Heading to 2825 Lilac Lane in North Fargo — needs to be raised another 2 feet."

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**SCEA celebrates Seuss’ birthday**

**Nicole Beatle dresses as the Cat in the Hat to get children excited about reading.**

With all this fresh food at no raise in cost, students will be able to feel good about what they are eating.

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**Floods**

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**Annual Carolina Cup to bring thousands back to Camden**

Gathering your bow ties and pearls because Carolina Cup is coming. The Carolina Cup, held in Camden at Springdale Race Course, brings the Carolina Cup and the Colonial Cup to raise funds to keep the equine and tourism corner running. It donates a portion of its profits to the Kershaw County Medical Center.

Carolina Cup is one of South Carolina’s largest social events attended by 50,000 or more.

The gates open at 9 a.m. The first set of races start at 12:30 p.m., and the last begins at approximately 8:30 p.m.

— Compiled by Kate Apel

— Information from http://carelia-press.org
CAROLINA BRIEFS
• A Goldwater Scholarship Workshop will be held Monday, March 30, at 3 p.m. in the Greeneese Room, Haymarket Village, for outstanding seniors and juniors who will get a graduate degree in the natural sciences, the social sciences, mathematics or engineering. Contact the Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs (803) 777-0958.

• Applications will be accepted through Friday, April 9, for Spring 2010 and Spring 2011 support of groups. The Steering Group of the (Columbia chapter of the National Student Health (and nutrition) usually meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. (Call (803) 777-2655 or email sar locator@mail. columbia.edu). There are several different groups, including one that meets at various weekdays at 12 p.m. at an off-campus location and one that meets at various weekdays at 12 p.m. at an off-campus location.

• Invitations are extended from students interested in the study of the University of South Carolina Health Research Center. The Center for Health Research is carrying a first prize of $500 for the best essay on issues in the field of any medium or any emphasis. This year, the deadline for submitting papers is 4:00 p.m. on March 31, 2009. The essays should be submitted to the Center via email at cahr@locatermail.columbia.edu.

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1 price: $25
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PIC OF THE DAY

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A map of South Carolina is displayed in the Talking Book Services Student Art Gallery. All art has been created by blind, visually impaired or handicapped students.
As the river rose higher, thousands of weary volunteers scrambled Thursday to extend the city’s dikes by another foot. Their work was made more difficult by temperatures below 20 degrees that threatened to weaken the effectiveness of the sandbags, which do not stack as tightly if frozen.

The city of 92,000 also announced a potential evacuation plan, and at least four nursing homes began moving residents elsewhere. In rural areas south of town, crews rescued residents stranded by the floodwaters.

By midday, the river had risen to almost 19 feet above flood stage. It was expected to crest Saturday at 41 feet, possibly breaking a record of 40.1 feet set in 1897.

Tobosa, 34, said he learned to appreciate the speed and efficiency of social networks at the online marketing company he owns. “I use it to reach customers, so I thought why not use it to reach volunteers?” Tobosa said.

Property owners on the front lines of the flood fight are also using technology to issue last-minute pleas for assistance.

When Jamie Sampson needed help at her family’s home shoring up a sandbag wall, the 26-year-old woman sent a blast e-mail to co-workers and friends, and a friend sent out a mass cell-phone text message. About 20 people showed up within three hours.

Besides serving as a handy tool for marshaling volunteers, social-networking sites also offer a close-up view of the action for people who are interested but do not live nearby.

Troy Elchel, a 29-year-old software engineer in Mountain View, Calif., attended college in Fargo and plans to move back this spring. In recent days, he found himself obsessively checking a Web site that updated the level of the Red River.

“I realized a quick way to check it would be to set up a Twitter feed,” said Elchel, who just closed on a house next to the river. “Naturally I’m pretty interested in the flood level.”

Twitter allows users to post a constant stream of sentence-sized thoughts, observations and information.

Elchel posts the Red River’s flood stage once every hour or so, information that then pops into the inbox or onto the cell phone of those who subscribe to his feed. By Thursday, his “redriveratfargo” had more than 300 followers, updated almost hourly as the Red River climbed toward its projected crest of 41 feet above flood stage.

Sutton, the sociologist, first noticed widespread use of social networks in a crisis during the aftermath of the 2007 Virginia Tech shooting.

She said many people, particularly younger ones, get all or most of their news about the flood through social networking. She said such sites sometimes do fail prey to con artists, but studies have shown that’s rare in natural disasters.

Jerry Sampson tosses a sandbag to shore up the dike as the Red River continues to rise along the road in Fargo, N.D.

FLOODS Continued from 1

Sometimes it’s hard to watch good folks miss FREE utilities for a year.

4 days left...

SIGN IN MARCH And Get Free Utilities For A Year.
Old flag holds Columbia back

Confederate rolls keeps South Carolina from hosting SEC tournament, needs to go

I was reading an article in The State Tuesday, and I was shocked to learn that the reason we don’t host SEC events is because of the Confederate flag. It struck me that there is a connection between the flag and our inability to host teams. Perhaps this is because the Confederate flag still flies at our capitol. Sometimes I wish that the Confederate flag was no longer a symbol of hate and racism. It has no place in our country. It is a representation of a part of our history that we should not forget.

Confederate symbolism has been a matter of contention for a long time. The flag was first adopted by the Confederate States of America in 1861 as a symbol of their separation from the United States. It has been a source of pride and controversy for both supporters and detractors.

Many people believe that the Confederate flag should be retired as a symbol of hate and racism. It is important to remember that the flag has a history and was used during the Civil War. It is a reminder of a time in our nation’s history when slavery and racism were prevalent. The flag was also used as a symbol of resistance to the abolition of slavery.

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Alumni finds success in directing short films

Director Praveen Vattikolla has shown his films in festivals around the United States.

“Different Shades” will be available soon on Amazon.com and other retail sites.

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“Last House on the Left” frightening, ambitious

If you’ve seen the original 1972 version of “The Last House on the Left,” you know exactly what happens — rape, murder, torture and mayhem. In this remake, however, director Dennis Iliadis throws out the gore and gives the film a deeper, richer and fuller than someone that suffers from Alzheimer’s. It deals with themes of love, adoration and memories of the human experience.

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Inside the Box  ●  By Mathew Lawrence / The Daily Gamecock

ARIES You're strong, intelligent and lucky now. You have your plan worked out. Launch, with confidence, quickly. This assumes you’re ready.

TAURUS Set priorities first, otherwise, you’ll get swamped. Take on more responsibility so you can do find it quite attractive.

GEMINI You practically invented networking. You have more friends than Carter has peanuts. They’ll come to your rescue again.

CANCER A controversy arises. Keep your opinions to yourself. Let the others duke it out under these conditions. Go ahead and say you can do what’s required, even if you know you’ll have to study to keep that promise.

LEO Conditions are perfect, but you’d better get into port before nighttime. Complications are brewing and there could be trouble this weekend.

VIRGO Put everything into order, both down and across. Focus on the details, and the puzzle falls into place. Stick to your plan and you’ll be successful.

LIBRA You generally learn, the more questions you ask. Go ahead and say you can do what’s required, even if you know you’ll have to study to keep that promise.

SAGITTARIUS Launch new projects, make commitments, set what you want to happen. Visualize yourself 10 years from now, happier than ever.

CAPRICORN You’re strong, you’re getting the puzzle falls into place. Stick to your plan and you’ll be successful.

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Storge Theatre, 520 Lady St.

DOUBT, A PARABLE
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**Baseball prepares for Kentucky**

**Sports Editor**

Coming into this weekend’s series against Kentucky the baseball season has not been exactly what USC coach Ray Tanner and the Gamecocks would have wished for. While Carolina has played well out of conference, the Gamecocks have struggled in SEC play to a 2-4 record. As for the SEC East a 2-4 record would have the Gamecocks in the cellar of the division but as it stands now USC is in fourth place. A series win over Kentucky could propel USC into the top half of the division.

A key to victory will be the pitching of USC sophomore ace Sam Dyson. Dyson is 1-1 on the year and boasts an ERA of 1.71. Dyson is leading the SEC in opponent batting average and tied for sixth in the league in wins. However, there will be more than competent opposition on the mound for the Wildcats. USC fielder junior Nick Ebert is fourth in the SEC in strikeouts.

The Wildcats aren’t exactly having their best year this season with a 4-3 conference record. However, USC will have to bring its ‘A’ game to compete with a UK team and win a series that could be crucial in the future for SEC Tournament seeding.

Spurrier said. “Hopefully, we’ll have a team that competes like these guys playing tonight — cause they all compete their butts off.”

**USC heads to Auburn**

Compton positive despite team’s mediocre record

James Knott

After a fast 12-1 start to the season, Carolina softball has struggled of late in SEC play, dropping 12 of its last 15 to fall back to 15-11. However, in that stretch, USC has three teams in the National Top Ten, and that’s a fact that coach Joyce Compton feels isn’t lost on her squad as they go into a weekend series with Auburn, another 20-win SEC team.

“We’ve played the No. 3 and No. 4 teams, and even though we didn’t win the games, we were in position in a couple to win, and even some of the other teams with lepied scores we really did some decent things offensively and played pretty decent defense,” Compton said. “I don’t think that’s lost any confidence.

Despite the losses and the struggle to score runs, which has earned the pitching staff several hard luck losses, Compton said she has seen positives over the past few series.

“One of the games against No. 4, Florida, she said, “We had three opportunities to score and win the game. The Georgia games, I think they felt a bit here or there or could have swung it for us. The number of people getting on base and the number of hits we’ve had and how the ball’s been hitting, I think that’s a combination boomer in a lot of regards.”

The 2009 season has been a youth movement for Carolina, with nine freshmen on the team, and Compton is pleased with their development.

“They’re only getting better, and they’re only getting better. They’ve taken a step forward and a step to the right,” Compton said. “It’s not where we want to be by any means,” she said. “But I think it’s a dose of reality for what our conference is all about. The record’s not very pleasing, but there’s a lot of things that we have done with a young team that I think makes believers that they are capable of playing and beating these teams. We just need to keep competing, we’re not even halfway through our schedule.”

In traveling to Alabama to face the Tigers (23-9, 3-3), another potential Top 25 foe awaits the Gamecocks. In the three-game set, which kicks off Saturday at 2 p.m. with a double header before the getaway game Sunday afternoon, USC figures to see AC junior pitcher Anna Thompson at least twice in the circle. Thompson is No. 3 in the league and No. 13 in the nation in strikeouts, striking out almost 12 a game. Thompson is the league’s only pitcher who has pitched a complete game this season.

The Gamecocks will try to get back on the right track this weekend against Auburn.

**Gilmore making impact on defense**

Freshman defensive back making plays in practice; Augustine thankful for presence on other side of field

Jonathan Bottagio

Freshman Stephon Gilmore still has braces on his teeth, but he hasn’t looked young on the practice field. In his third month at the university after graduating from South Pointe, the 6-foot-1-inch cornerback is impressing teammates and coaches with his progress.

Working with the first team defense on Thursday evening, Gilmore wrestled a completed pass from junior receiver Joe Hills for an interception. Later in the practice, he drew applause from the audience with a hit on senior wideout Mike Brown, causing the ball to fall loose.

“Stephon’s a ballplayer,” coach Steve Spurrier said. “He’ll play a lot and he knows how to compete and all that kind of stuff. We need a whole bunch of guys like him.”

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