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A report of a suspicious package on the second floor of the Russell House Tuesday night proved to be unfounded, University Spokesperson Russ McKinney said.

A couple hundred students were evacuated from the building, which was placed under a lockdown around 8 p.m. and were let back in roughly 10 to 15 minutes later.

“There were persons in the Russell House that observed what they considered to be a suspicious package,” McKinney said. “No package was found in the area.”

Major Chris Weachenic, deputy director for support services in the USC Division of Law Enforcement and Safety, said Thursday that an incident report was not available because it had not been cleared by enough officials, but should be available Monday morning for public viewing.

McKinney said the response by university police to the call that was made about the incident was “very fast.”

“Our offices are clearly trained on how to react to that situation, it was handled by the book and it proved to be unfounded,” McKinney said. — Staff Reports

### PoliFest focuses on young voters

If signs from USC’s annual PoliFest outside Gambrell Hall on Thursday are any indication of the number of college students that plan to vote, 2008 will be a record-breaking year.

Non-partisan groups, Democrats and Republicans said they’re registroing the highest number of voters this year.

Cedric Jackson with the South Carolina Democratic Party said it was great to see so much involvement.

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The Democratic Party’s table had at least a few students most of the morning as they leafed through campaign literature and discussed the candidates. Many students picked up free bumper stickers as well for their dorms and cars.

### Cock ’n Swirl takes Gamecocks by storm

Wildler brothers support team with spirit cloths through personal funds

Jonathan Battaglia, 1/10/2009

The newest Carolina football tradition wasn’t started by the Athletic Department, the administration or Student Government, but by a pair of brothers.

Originally from Barnwell, hometown Gamecock fans John and Chris Wilder created the “Cocky Cloth” to electrify the game day experience.

The brothers, along with 10 friends and family members, distributed 10,000 of the cloths outside four of the stadium entrances during the USC-LSU game.

John Wilder said the long-term goal is to extend the towel’s reach to basketball, baseball and soccer games. “This is going to be something for every Gamecock fan,” John Wilder, 14, said. “I want this to be known just like the ‘Terrible Towel’ for Steelers fans, when they see those towels waving they know it’s us coming.”

The brothers said they plan to give away 10,000 towels, which are white and read, “Cocky Cloth. A Carolina Original,” for the game against Tennessee and 80,000 for the final home game against Arkansas.

“The ‘Cocky ’N Swirl Movement’ was born after the USC-LSU Mass game, when the Wilders were looking to spur a winning streak for the upcoming three-game home stand. Unable to find help for funding for the towels, they decided to go along with the plan anyway.”

“We didn’t get the OK from the stadium until the day of the game.”

### Concert remembers victims

Carolina, Clemson students lost in Ocean Isle Beach fire honored through music in Five Points

Josh Dawsey, 1/10/2009

One year following the Ocean Isle Beach fire that tragically killed seven South Carolinians, members of the USC, and Clemson families came together for a concert in Five Points last night to remember, grieve and most importantly, to celebrate the lives of brothers and sisters lost in the fire.

Ellison Neese, the president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, said it’s good to reflect a year later.

“A year after the tragedy, it’s time to celebrate how great these people truly were,” the third-year history student said. “They were here, they’re here with us now celebrating.”

University President Harris Pastides said the concert hit just the right note.

“I looked upon the crowd of students teary and saw deep respect in their eyes,” Pastides said. “I know everyone is here for the right reasons, and that’s to remember the seven students that were lost in the fire.”

Through the tragedy, students resiliently made the best of the situation, Neese said.

Last year, more than $14,000 was raised for a scholarship fund to honor the victims, and prior to this year’s concert, students raised almost $15,000 by selling remembrance T-shirts. The concert, which included live performances by Villanolve and Danger Shiffin, speakers, and a memorial slideshow also raised more money for the fund.

“Our students came together better than I could have ever imagined,” Neese said.

Keith Griffin, the first recipient of the remembrance scholarship, said the lasting legacy of the makeovers would live on through others.

“I am more than humbled to receive this scholarship in their honor,” Griffin said.

“Shake up their salon, many friends and family members of the lost students shared their best memories,” Christine Galigan, Griffin’s friend, said.

She would always have a funny story to tell about her weekend,” the second-year civil biology student said. “If they were here, they’d be here with us now celebrating.”

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Amanda Mohr, a member of the college Republicans, manned her party’s table for most of the morning. She said her party has seen record turnout this year as well.

“There’s been a big increase in numbers for us,” said Mohr, a freshman political science student. “People are showing us they’re not going for popular trends and [they are] looking at real issues that actually matter.”

Numbers from the League of Women Voters show the same thing. Suzanne Rhodes, the president of the organization from the Columbia area, said members of her organization have seen the highest level of engagement ever.

“The registration office on Hampton Street is so far back that we’re working with them to help them keep up,” Rhodes said.

“It’s not going to be a class project. See page 5

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Local band Hammer No More

The fingers release its laid-back rock ‘n’ roll album. See page 6

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**PIC OF THE DAY**

*What's your favorite place to eat in Columbia and why?*

"San Jose's, because it has good food and drinks for cheap, and you always see people you know hanging out there."

— Shannon Townes, a fourth-year

"I guess I'd have to say Wild Wings."

— Sam Coggin, a second-year

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— Monterrey's because it's Mexican and I love Asian food."

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"It's vital that this information doesn't come from playground rumor or the mixed messages from the media about sex education."

— Alan Tauber, a lawyer who has represented students who have complained to school districts that don't make schools get sex education

"For the very young, sex will mostly be about self-awareness, he said. "We are not teaching about sex."

— In England — including kindergartens — sex education to all schools is mandatory, and students are taught about reproductive health from age five. In Scotland, sex education is mandatory from high school. In India, the mixed messages from the media about sex education confuse students, experts say.
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The first batch of 30,000 cloths cost Wilder nearly $50,000, a fee paid by putting $14,960 on a credit card, withdrawing $8,000 from a home equity line of credit and taking the remaining $2,000 from his checking account. To help offset the cost, the brothers are selling the towels online and hope to get permission to sell them at the stadium and campus bookstores through a corporate sponsor but said money isn't a motivator. The Web site, cockycloth.com, has had 40,000 hits since last Saturday's game, John Wilder said. The souvenir towels, yadl for students to vote in the straw poll organized by the department. But for Joni Dickson, a fourth-year political science student who cast her ballot around 11 a.m., the decision was already made. "I decided in February 2007 to vote for Barack Obama," Dickson said. "I don't even think this race is going to close." And with the election less than two weeks away, Dickson's conclusion may hinge on whether the young voters show up. "Students have been very, very engaged in this election," Shaw said. "I expect we'll see a very high level of youth voters." Comments on this story? E-mail gamecocknews@sc.edu

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State governments should have more power

Ed Carr, a professor in USC’s geography department, argues that the federal government has much less control over local issues than it could have. Carr believes that by decentralizing power from national to state and local levels, more effective solutions could be found to many of the country’s problems.

Decentralization, he says, would allow for more tailored, efficient solutions to the unique problems faced by different regions. He cites examples such as education reform and environmental policy, where local governments have been more successful than the federal government in addressing the issues.

Carr also argues that decentralization would lead to less corruption and more accountability in government. With power held closer to the people, he believes that elected officials would be more responsive tothe needs of their constituents.

In conclusion, Carr advocates for a more decentralized system of governance in order to promote greater efficiency, effectiveness, and responsiveness in government.
shes playing on the LA radio. With each of these techniques in their marketing efforts. After watching the band's set at the 490 course and the mastermind behind the idea of incorporating his class into This Machine Is Me's marketing efforts. After watching the band's set at the Art Bar in July, Baker told Arlambula that he wanted to use one of their shows to teach his class how to perform. There are four key marketing techniques to employ when successfully promoting a concert or band a NTF. online promotion, live show critique and press release. With each of those techniques in their marketing efforts, the band has raised the awareness of their shows in the community. The band is lyrically and musically motivated by optimism and inspired by bands like Bad Religion, The Dead Kennedys, Minor Threat, Seven Seconds and the Bad Brains. Since their inception in 1999, the band's members have grown and matured as songwriters. But Principe said the band's roots are still intact in "Appeal To Reason," in their fifth release. "We started this band because we wanted to kind of inspire a sense of hope," Principe said. "It's kind of a light at the end of a tunnel or if there's something wrong it's up to us to fix it. It's not done because we can't do anything. The music of HNMTF has an expansive and subtle feel. They're in between love and alienation, between the feeling of having a heartbreak and the feeling of being a little sick. The resulting sound is likely somewhere in-between. The band writes an album full of songs that band is that, at times, a few of their songs seem to lack a certain gusto and direction that would really make them great, though this is by no means a reason to give the band the attention it deserves. The songs feature interesting and intricate guitar harmonies along with driving bass and guitar riffs. The tracks of this album themselves are fairly well varied, though they all maintain a common theme of being a little more sedate punk rock. The only real problem with the band is that, at times, a few of their songs seem to lack a certain gusto and direction that would really make them great, though this is by no means a reason to give the band the attention it deserves. In all, HNMTF delivers to their fans what they are looking for: a credible and well executed album of music that speaks to the real problem of "wild rock" experience should look elsewhere. HNMTF is closer to a cerebral type of rock and makes the set of music for people who like their music smart, street wise and intellectual. Once again, this band is certainly worth a listen, and though this self-titled EP is their first release, they will be releasing a full-length album that they recorded this summer, currently titled "Looking for Bruce," early in 2009. While they do not have any live performances scheduled for Colombia and South Carolina, the experience of its members together shows in their performance and musicianship, and as such is a band to watch for the future. For more information visit the band's Web site at www.hntf.com. The songs feature interesting and intricate guitar harmonies along with driving bass and guitar riffs. The tracks of this album themselves are fairly well varied, though they all maintain a common theme of being a little more sedate punk rock. The only real problem with the band is that, at times, a few of their songs seem to lack a certain gusto and direction that would really make them great, though this is by no means a reason to give the band the attention it deserves. In all, HNMTF delivers to their fans what they are looking for: a credible and well executed album of music that speaks to the real problem of "wild rock" experience should look elsewhere. HNMTF is closer to a cerebral type of rock and makes the set of music for people who like their music smart, street wise and intellectual. Once again, this band is certainly worth a listen, and though this self-titled EP is their first release, they will be releasing a full-length album that they recorded this summer, currently titled "Looking for Bruce," early in 2009. While they do not have any live performances scheduled for Colombia and South Carolina, the experience of its members together shows in their performance and musicianship, and as such is a band to watch for the future. For more information visit the band's Web site at www.hntf.com.
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Volleyball serves up impressive win

Carolina all but clinches NCAA Tournament spot with victory over S.C. State Bulldogs

Drew Lither
STAFF WRITER

In the historic first-ever meeting between USC and S.C. State on the volleyball court, the Gamecocks made the game tight but took the match in three straight sets. The win pushed the Gamecocks to 6 wins on the season, earning the team a winning record for the first time since 2002.

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Carolina tried out various lineups and formations throughout the match, something that Sommer said they need to do before the team started on its NCAA championship tournament since 2002. Carolina is currently 7-3 entering the second half of the season.

The Gamecocks have little time to rest before heading off on a lengthy NCAA road trip. Entering the second half of their conference schedule, USC heads off to Athens to take on the Georgia Bulldogs Carolina defeated LSU in their first meeting of the season in three straight sets. Since then, the Bulldogs have put together a 4-5 record in conference play, while Carolina is currently 3-7 entering the weekend.

Following Friday evening's match, the fast-paced schedule continues on for the Gamecocks as they travel to the NCAA tournament.

Soccer draws even against LSU

Drew Lattier
STAFF WRITER

The South Carolina women's soccer team (6-4-4) battled to a nothing-nothing tie against the No. 15 LSU Tigers (12-3-4) at Stone Stadium on Wednesday night.

In the first half, the Gamecocks held the Tigers scoreless despite having plenty of chances to score. The Gamecocks went 0-for-4 on shot attempts and 0-for-3 in corner kicks. The Tigers were limited to two shots, but goalkeeper Mo Isom, who has played every minute this year for LSU, came up with four saves.

In the second half, Isom gave the Tigers a scare when she crashed into the goal post while going. That was probably her seventh save of the game. Redshirt sophomore goalkeeper Mollie Parton also continued a solid season in front of the net by holding the Tigers scoreless in 90 minutes.

Although the score remained 0-0 through the first 110 minutes, the Tigers did have more chances to score.

At the end of regulation, the game remained scoreless and a possible overtime was a distinct possibility. The Gamecocks struggled throughout the game. Their defensive efforts to win games.

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LSU limited the Tigers to two shots and seven corner kicks. Although the Tigers did have a few of their own opportunities to score, they missed four chances to finish and win games.

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The second half started out much as the first half ended. The Tigers were limited to 13 shots and 0-for-3 in corner kicks.

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U.S.C. was unable to crack the dominating LSU defense.

Swimming, diving team looks to rebound against Cavaliers

Gamecocks hope to capture first victory of season after last week's loss to UNC

Drew Lither
STAFF WRITER

Searching for their first win of the season, the U.S.C. swim and dive teams will host the nationally ranked Virginia Cavaliers today in the Gamecocks' second meet of the season this year. Both the men's and women's team dropped their season opener against Notre Dame.

Second-year coach McGee Moody said his team was encouraged by the loss, but was disappointed that the Gamecocks did not make a point.

"It was too competitive to be fine with losing," Moody said. "Losing is not fun, but there were a lot of bright spots, and we're going to where we want to be."

We had a lot of standouts, a lot of lifetime bests which is good for right now."n

To have athletes churn out personal records this early in the season speaks to the team's preparation in the offseason. Several of the swimmers on the men's and women's team qualified for the NCAA championships last Friday, led by

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Carolina tried out various lineups and formations throughout the match, something that Sommer said they need to do before the team started on its NCAA championship tournament since 2002. Carolina is currently 7-3 entering the second half of the season.

The Gamecocks have little time to rest before heading off on a lengthy NCAA road trip. Entering the second half of their conference schedule, USC heads off to Athens to take on the Georgia Bulldogs Carolina defeated LSU in their first meeting of the season in three straight sets. Since then, the Bulldogs have put together a 4-5 record in conference play, while Carolina is currently 3-7 entering the weekend.

Following Friday evening's match, the fast-paced schedule continues on for the Gamecocks as they travel to the NCAA tournament.

Soccer draws even against LSU

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The South Carolina women's soccer team (6-4-4) battled to a nothing-nothing tie against the No. 15 LSU Tigers (12-3-4) at Stone Stadium on Wednesday night.

In the first half, the Gamecocks held the Tigers scoreless despite having plenty of chances to score. The Gamecocks went 0-for-4 on shot attempts and 0-for-3 in corner kicks. The Tigers were limited to two shots, but goalkeeper Mo Isom, who has played every minute this year for LSU, came up with four saves.

In the second half, Isom gave the Tigers a scare when she crashed into the goal post while going. That was probably her seventh save of the game. Redshirt sophomore goalkeeper Mollie Parton also continued a solid season in front of the net by holding the Tigers scoreless in 90 minutes.

Although the score remained 0-0 through the first 110 minutes, the Tigers did have more chances to score.

At the end of regulation, the game remained scoreless and a possible overtime was a distinct possibility. The Gamecocks struggled throughout the game. Their defensive efforts to win games.

"In the first half we had the best chances to win, but our defense was disappointing against a top team like LSU," coach Shelley Smith said. "We played hard down and give credit to our entire team, especially our defensive efforts to shut down a very dangerous offensive team."

The second half started out much as the first half ended. The Tigers were limited to 13 shots and 0-for-3 in corner kicks.

"The game proved to be a tale of missed opportunities and sloppy play as the Gamecocks committed nine fouls. The relentless Gamecocks didn't have nearly as many opportunities as LSU had, but had a few of their own."

U.S.C. was unable to crack the dominating LSU defense.

Swimming, diving team looks to rebound against Cavaliers

Gamecocks hope to capture first victory of season after last week's loss to UNC

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Searching for their first win of the season, the U.S.C. swim and dive teams will host the nationally ranked Virginia Cavaliers today in the Gamecocks' second meet of the season this year. Both the men's and women's team dropped their season opener against Notre Dame.

Second-year coach McGee Moody said his team was encouraged by the loss, but was disappointed that the Gamecocks did not make a point.

"It was too competitive to be fine with losing," Moody said. "Losing is not fun, but there were a lot of bright spots, and we're going to where we want to be."

We had a lot of standouts, a lot of lifetime bests which is good for right now."n

To have athletes churn out personal records this early in the season speaks to the team's preparation in the offseason. Several of the swimmers on the men's and women's team qualified for the NCAA championships last Friday, led by
USC seeks to stop skid

Equestrian, golf hit road

Teams look to bring Gamecock victories home, improve national rankings

Chris Cuti

Many south Carolina's soccer players will be facing off against some stiff competition this upcoming weekend as several of USC's squads will be hitting the road and seeking to earn territory as they look to bring back solid performances to Columbia.

The nationally ranked Gamecock equestrian team has road under their belt as they took on the Boo Major for a weekend trip to the South Carolina will take on the Queens University of Baltimore in Waco on Saturday and the University of Maryland in the Virginia Beach on Sunday.

In the 13th consecutive season game, Carolina women's soccer was charged against Texas Christian in a game which ended 1-0. The Gamecocks couldn't get on the scoreboard and suffered their first loss of the season.

Meanwhile, the Carolina men's and women's golf teams are also taking their talents on tour as the men, led by sophomore sensation George Bryan IV, look to continue their strong play at the Edgeworth Collegiate Invitational in Windermera, Fla.

In the two tournaments in which the Gamecocks have performed so far this season, the team has finished no lower than third each time, which resulted in the team being named the fourth best team in the country according to Golfstat rankings from earlier this month.

However, the women are boasting of a lofty finish as well, as three solid performances so far this season have led the team to a No. 15 placement in the latest Golfweek/Sagarin rankings.

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