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To celebrate the last week of classes, Carolina Dining hosted the first "Rockin’ Luau" Thursday on the Russell House Patio as part of Student Appreciation Week. With just one meal plan swipe, students got to dine on steak, baked potatoes, cake and other food provided by Sodexo while they listened to live music performed by local artist and USC student Haley Dress. A Coca-Cola India hoop contest and “Recycle for a Cycle,” was held where students could recycle plastic bottles and enter to win a Dahon bike, and a free shirt or visor, complemented the event.

Second-year biology and economics student Joshua Norris said he received an email moments before the event started and got all of his friends together to take part in the festivities.

"It’s a fun way of hanging out before class and a really good set up. I think the email invitation was a really great way of getting the word out and I ran over here as soon as I heard it," Norris said. "Basically I want free steak."

According to Cynthia Steele, Carolina Dining’s marketing director, this has been a tough year for students financially and Sodexo has had to lower the prices of meal plans.

"The students should not be blamed for the economy," Steele said. "We’ve had events going on all week to praise our students for working with us, both meal plans and cash customers."

To celebrate Earth Day, Carolina Dining will also be hosting a "Green Rocks" luncheon today where only local, South Carolina-produced food will be available for purchase.

"It’s completely and totally sustainable," Steele said.
USC offers variety of summer camps

USC is offering more than 60 summer camps through many schools, departments and colleges, including the College of Fine Arts, the College of Hospitality, Retailing and Sport Management, and the College of Engineering, Computing and Applied Sciences.

Barnes said that these camps are designed to provide students with opportunities to develop their skills and interests in a variety of fields.

The USC String Project, a camp providing instruction in stringed instruments, is open to students who have played a stringed instrument for at least a year. Barnes said that they have four stringed instrument ensembles for the violin, viola, cello and bass. Campers will have the opportunity to perform as part of an orchestra or chamber music group.

The Offi ce of Pre-Professional Advising offers APEX, a premedical camp for rising juniors, and PACES, a premed camp for incoming freshmen. APEX also offers a second assembly line for its new-787 trains.

We expose participants to natural, local and organic ingredients, teaching them how to read recipes, understand cooking terms and begin developing or advancing culinary skills, said camp director Katherine Shaw. "Underlying this is education on how food selection impacts nutrition."

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To view the complete list of winners, please go to www.dailygamecock.com/news.

The university also offers SAT and ACT preparation programs for high school students. USC also offers Duke TIP Scholars Weekends for high school students who have participated in the Duke TIP Talent Search. Weekends are sponsored by the South Carolina Honors College.

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The spring semester isn’t quite over, but almost all of us have begun to look ahead to what classes they are taking in the fall, and some of them have their semesters planned from now until the time they graduate. Why do we have to plan so far in advance? Probably because all departments and colleges require students to take specific courses. For some students to become successful and get jobs in their fields, it is important that they master the material and learn everything that can be taught about the subject during their undergraduate studies. However, there should be some wiggle room for exploration and discovery of topics outside of a student’s major.

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Summer films shine

**The Mix**

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The Mix's breakdown of everything you need to know about this week in arts & entertainment

"Game of Thrones" renewed
One episode in, and HBO already picks up second season of its new fantasy show. That's why HBO is not TV.

Jeff Bridges to release solo album
After winning an Oscar for "Crazy Heart," he's determined to live the life of his character. Affection to be determined.

Andy Samberg to host "Shark Week"
We just hope he does it on a boat. Preferably with T-Pain.

"YouTube to broadcast royal wedding"
Because when a member of the royal family gets married, it's time to take to the Internet and oversaturate it as much as humanly possible.

Colo-colo-based duo returns to Columbia with instrumental beats, colored light show

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Instrumental jam band Big Gigantic will bring its act to The Palace on Saturday, playing alongside electronic hip-hop group Archnemesis.

Big Gigantic, which consists of saxophonist and keyboardist Dominic Lalli and drummer Emmanuel Lubezki, took The Palace by storm in 2009.

With roots in Boulder, Colo., the duo began playing small gigs locally in 2009 and began to get noticed, opening for Sound Tribe Sector 9 soon after.

Big G, as the two are also known, has a number of festivals and concerts under its belt, having performed at venues across the country. The duo started its current nationwide tour Wednesday in Nashville and will continue through July 29. As of now, it has no tour dates set.

Big Gigantic knows that its extensive shows as the music itself. This tactic is used creating a musical and visual experience. During a typical show, colored lights and lasers are coordinated with the beats, creating a musical and visual experience. This tactic is used by many electronic acts such as deadmau5, and has become one of the major focuses of concerts in this genre.

Another impressive aspect of seeing Big Gigantic live is the level of improvisation that is incorporated into each song. Big Gigantic harnesses the jam band feel and extends three- and-a-half-minute long songs, like "Wide Awake," into six- to 10-minute jams.

Although Big Gigantic is predominantly an electronic dance band, the duo recently released some popular tracks. One of the most well-known remixes is Big Gigantic’s "I Need a Dollar," available as a free download at hiphop.net/dollar/remix. Other free downloads are available on Big Gigantic’s website.

This duo, which is still relatively young, is blowing up the music scene across the country and is sure to bring a solid show. Tickets are $15 in advance and $18 the day of the show. The show will start at 9:30 p.m.

**Super 8** (June 10)

J.J. Abrams doesn’t mess around when it comes to entertainment. He knows how to make it polished and fun, and he also finds ways to work in a lot of plot twists. Whether it’s in a parallel universe “Star Trek” or a zombie apocalypse “Super 8,” Abrams has a reputation for being a demanding visual perfectionist. His films subtly involve in favor of complex interrogations into his character’s mental states. "Super 8" centers on a family in 1979 America whose eldest son experiences a loss of innocence. The trailer shows off Emmanuel Lubezki’s amazing cinematography and graphy and whets the appetite for a consummative cinematic affair.

**Crazy, Stupid, Love.** (July 29)

Every summer needs a good, offbeat ensemble comedy to balance out the action, destruction and mayhem. "Love" seems like one of the most solid bets, featuring a cuckolded Steve Carell taking on lady-killer Ryan Gosling as his most solid bets, featuring a cuckolded Steve Carell taking on lady-killer Ryan Gosling as his

**Cowboys and Aliens** (July 29)

When it comes to Jon Favreau’s (“Iron Man”) latest, people seem pretty divided. It’s either incredibly turned off by his title role as "Cowboys and Aliens." Count us in the excited column. Harrison Ford? Daniel Craig? Gov't Mule versus terrifying aliens? This is a campy sci-fi love secret dream come true.

"The Tree of Life" (May 27)

"Tree of Life," which bows at the Cannes Film Festival before heading to U.S. shores at the end of May, is directed Terrence Malick’s fifth film in his nearly 10-year career. It’s his first since "The New World" in 2005, and for cinephiles, it may be the most anticipated film of 2011. Malick has a reputation for being a demanding visual perfectionist. His films subtly involve in favor of complex interrogations into his character’s mental states. "Tree of Life" centers on a family in 1950s America whose eldest son experiences a loss of innocence. The trailer shows off Emmanuel Lubezki’s amazing cinematography and graphy and whets the appetite for a consummative cinematic affair.

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Carolina Dining hosted “Rockin’ Luau” on the Russell House Patio Thursday as a part of Student Appreciation Week. Students showed up in stacks, soaked in pineapple and desserts that cost one meal plan swipe and enjoyed live music from Haley Drew.

SAGITTARIUS

Enter an intense shopping phase, but don’t go into debt. Inner harmony infuses your efforts. Be on the lookout for a brilliant insight.

SCORPIO

Your friends really come through for the next couple of days. Today you might fly, but at the end of the day, love prevails. If you were considering throwing a party, today’s good.

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The series in Starkville marks the first of five straight weekend meetings with SEC West opponents, an unusual setup for the final stretch of the conference schedule. Despite the strange scheduling — and the 500-mile detour — there shouldn’t be anything out of the ordinary to have a serious effect on either team.

“When you’re playing SEC baseball, everybody’s good,” Tanner said. “I always tell my guys it’s a top-21 team. Occasionally it’s maybe a top-five or top-10 team, but everybody’s good and you’d better play extremely well if you expect to win. We know there’s going to be a great challenge at Mississippi State.”

The Gamecocks enter the weekend in ninth place in the conference, which will be held at Ole Miss this year. Currently, South Carolina is in ninth place with a 5-14 league record, three games behind Ole Miss. Infi elder Samie Garcia and the Gamecock softball team are three games back of all-important eighth place in the conference.

USC coach Ray Tanner said intimidation has helped Matt Price (above) pitch well this year.

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“When something happens, you’ve got to move on. You’ve got to let it go. It’s not going to make you less of a person,” Tanner said. “Whether he’s a starter, a reliever, he’s up there for me.”

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