Warming not main factor in storms

Climate changes only affect 1 percent of hurricane intensity

Brad Morrows
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Global warming is not significantly contributing to an increase in hurricane strength and frequency, Christopher Landsea of the National Hurricane Center said in a speech Thursday at the Calcutt Building as a part of the Department of Geography’s Colloquium Series.

He did agree that global warming is occurring, but that its impact on hurricanes is only slight.

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Spurrier allows recruit to resume team activity

New quarterback Stephen Garcia’s suspension lifted

The Associated Press

South Carolina quarterback recruit Stephen Garcia was taken off suspension Thursday, just days after being barred from participating in team activities because he was arrested outside a hot downtown campus.

After reviewing Stephen’s situation, it has been decided that he will be able to participate in all team activities, including running and weightlifting, beginning immediately,” Gamecocks coach Steve Spurrier said in a statement released by the university.

Spurrier had suspended Garcia on Monday.

Garcia, 19, was arrested early Saturday morning in a restaurant and nightclub district near the university and charged with drunkenness and failure to leave a restaurant and nightclub when the incident occurred, according to the police report. He was released from jail on a personal recognition bond Saturday evening.

The highly touted recruit out of Jefferson High in Tampa, Florida, enrolled at South Carolina last month.

Last year, South Carolina’s starting quarterback Blake Mitchell also was charged in an incident in the same area near the campus. He was accused of punching a police officer, to which he later pleaded not guilty charge that was later dropped — and spent a few hours in jail.

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Throughout her campaign SIlva said she was severely disheartened by the allegations. “I spoke about being concerned with progress as opposed to process and this is the very thing I was referring to,” Laura said. “Laura said he felt the voting stations were good campaigns that didn’t take away the autonomy of those voting. It was something in our strategy from the beginning.”

Laura said she met Payne and Aleshia Brown in the Greek Village before setting up her polling station. Laura said he took some of the treasurer candidate Brown’s campaign material to put up. In his legislative newsletter, Klump said he believed psychological intimidation had taken place. “I would ask that the commission consider the ramifications most importantly of supporting actions like this and what that would do to the electorate,” Klump said.

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The Columbia Centre Mall has extended its hours of operation on the weekend. The hours have been extended one hour on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. The new hours are Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., and Sunday 1:30 - 7 p.m. The change was a result of a survey conducted by General Growth. “General Growth did a survey with a local newspaper and shoppers and found that two-thirds of our shoppers wanted extended hours past the holiday season,” marketing manager of the Columbia Centre Mall Jeff MacGregor said. “They wanted more time to shop.”

In January, the Columbia experiment with an hour extension, opening two hours earlier on Saturdays, but later changed back to opening at 10. This past weekend was the first weekend with new hours. Prior to the extension, the mall had only changed its hours for the holidays.

“For the past 10 years, shopping centers have relaxed the same mall hours,” Mackie said. “We’re always going to provide more shopping opportunities and longer shopping excursions for UNC students, as well as for the rest of the area. "It think it’s a great shot that the mall is open longer, "first-year education early education student Amanda Shaw said. “Now I can shop a lot more.”

Conservatives tour South towing traditional views

Presidential hopefuls appeal to family issues such as gay marriage, abortion, teachers’ pay

GREENVILLE — Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney said Thursday that traditional marriage is essential for education in the U.S. “I’m an education guy,” Romney said “The presidential hopeful said he met with about 157 people gathered at a church in Greenville.

Student says success attitude is most important factor in students’ success

At Thursday’s hearing, the elections commission displays a sign to turn students away. "I did not see it personally voting." the witness said. "There were older guys in the fraternity who were standing there talking to them while they were voting. I felt like there was a lot of pressure towards to vote.”

Another witness said they saw a computer set-up with the voting section in the house personally helping set up the computers. "I saw a polling center in her sorority house," the witness said. "There were signs put up outside the house saying ‘vote in the TV room,’" the witness said.

The witness said they entered the TV room and saw a computer set-up with posters and a Laura poster. Another witness, a member of Chi Omega, said their sorority was Down the stairs with the computers. "I have to go set up a voting booth in the TV room for Nick Payne,” One sorority member said she saw candidates help set up the computers. "I came in while Jay Laura and Nick Payne were personally setting up the voting section in the house with their campaign posters put up by the computers,” she said.

The polling place was moved to the television room because people expressed concerns because of campaign material posted on the door of the house, the said. "I did not see it personally because I voted on my own campus,” she said. Several witnesses said Kayleigh Entsminger, a member of Alpha Chi Omega, set up the computers.

charge of the guys’ group. “It’s really, really open for discussion,” Silva said. “Everything is going to be open, no one is going to be closed off, everyone is going to be there,” said Ke...
Defense of property does not sway jury in Abbeville murder trial

Execution sentence passed on Bixby, who killed two officers in bewilderment

ABBEVILLE — A jury sentenced a South Carolina man to death Wednesday for gunning down two law enforcement officers during a dispute about his family's land in 2003.

Jaworski deliberated for a little more than an hour before sentencing Steven Bixby for the murders of Abbeville County sheriff's Sgt. Danny Wilson and State Constable Donnie Outers. Bixby, 95, showed no reaction as the verdict was read.

He joins 19 other inmates awaiting execution in South Carolina, which allows the condemned to choose between electrocution or lethal injection. The state's last execution, which was by lethal injection, was held in July.

Bixby, a New Hampshire transplant, and his parents were upset the state wanted a 20-foot strip of land near their home to widen a highway. Authorities said he and his father, who also is charged with murder, threatened violence against any officer who stepped foot on their property.

Wilson was shot while standing on the front porch of Bixby's parents' home on Dec. 8, 2003, and his body was dragged inside. Authorities say Outers, who arrived to check on Wilson once radio contact with the officer was lost, was shot as he stepped out of his patrol car.

The 20 feet of land the family had contested has since been used to expand a highway that runs near the non-owners home.

Before the jury began considering the sentence, a psychiatrist testified that Bixby had a bad IQ that made him susceptible to unethical opinions, particularly his mother's. Bixby took the stand to explain her view, and said he had emphasized the constitutional right to protect property when she home-schooled him. Bixby's 95, said, "If something is coming to destroy your property, you have the right to defend yourself."

Prosecutor Jerry Peace told jurors they should not be swayed by arguments that Steven Bixby was defending his property the way his mother taught him. After the sentencing, Peace said the only surprise for him was how quickly the jury came back with a death sentence.

"If you're going to have the death penalty, this case had to come back with a penalty of death. The evidence was overwhelming," said Peace, who was trying his first capital case.

Defense attorneys said they planned to appeal but wouldn't talk about their jury's decision.

The families of both victims smiled through their tears outside the courthouse. Outers' grandson Blake Outers said he will be at Bixby's execution when it happens, in part because he thought Bixby was smiling at his family during the trial.

"I will make sure I'm there," Blake Outers said. "And this time, I will be looking at him, instead of him looking at me."

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Bad days happen to all of us, and you can get worse if you have kissing disease. It is not an AIDS-related infection, however. I have never heard of kissing disease, but it is a type of mono. Almost everyone has had it, although they have never heard of it. The virus, which attacks the lymph nodes, can also cause swollen throat, loss of appetite, fatigue, and fever. The virus can also be transmitted through sexual contact.

In my opinion

My initial response was: "What are you Ebola talking about?" Not only do students neglect to deal with all the symptoms, but many also feel limited to ask the big question: How pretty was she? I think she was just trying to get her point across.

Yes, I’ve got the kissing disease. Chase and I often joke about getting sick and then date the very next day. Our Isle of Capri looks like a tree, ch-ch-ch-changes, mono.

In case you’re wondering why I’ve been so quiet, I got the kissing disease. If you’re really that curious, I’ve got mono. I probably have mono.

If you answered yes to the third question, you have plenty of things to be worried about other than just mono, such as your judgment and direction.

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CANDIDATES DID NOT VIOLATE ELECTION CODES

Yesterday, Allen Klump posted a message on The Daily Gamecock’s message boards calling for the nullification of the SG elections. Klump made allegations against Nick Payne, Jay Laura and the Greek community.

His assertions were a display of his inability to admit defeat. Klump complained that too many Greeks voted.

He claimed there were "official" voting locations in the Greek Villas. According to Klump, the Greek Villas are open to anyone and allow them to vote anywhere in the Villas.

This is not true. The location code 807, "Location of Polk in Wolfe", states that the Greek Villas are open to anyone and allow them to vote anywhere in the Villas.

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Kathleen Kemp
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The PostSecret Project is more than just postcards. "It allows students to feel more cool to see people can have a secret that would break your heart if we just knew about it," said Warren. "We know that college students want to download their music, so we just want them to do it in a legal way by encouraging programs like iTunes and Napster."

South said that the university is working together in a collaborative effort to get the right message to the students. "We're just trying to get the right message out there by offering a legal alternative." Students want to download their music, so the final recommendations are a work in progress and will be shared with the university community very soon.

"The artists do deserve their music," said Gudridge. "We have just recently formed a task force to address this issue, so our final recommendations are a work in progress and will be shared with the university community very soon." According to Pringle, the prizes will eliminate illegal traffic on the network, evaluate vendor bids in order to offer a legal alternative to illegal music downloading, alert the campus community of the risks of illegal downloading as well as provide alternatives and the sanctions will be determined for those violating the university's appropriate use policies.

Meghan Gudridge, public relations coordinator of Student Affairs, said that there are many different legal sites that students can enjoy for entertainment; they just need to find them.

"The most important part of downloading is there is plenty of legal resources," Gudridge said. "Students need to take the initiative to find out what they are. Once you try them you are less expensive to use."

She said that students who download illegally violate United States copyright laws.

"I think the artists do deserve their music downloaded legally," Gauthier said. "The more illegal downloading that occurs it takes away from the artists."

"I think everyone together, knowing we have these secrets, connecting together without having to tell each other is good," some students may recognize the PostSecret concept from the All-American Rejects' music video for "Dirty Little Secret," which featured several of the secrets. Warren said that the PostSecret Project has changed his life.

"I think something it's shown me is that all of us have a secret that would break your heart if we just knew about it," he said. Warren will be here on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Russell House Ballroom.
Carlos Powell finished his career at USC as the number six all-time scorer in Gamecock basketball history.

Tarence Kinsey hit the game-winning shot in the NIT and eventually became an NBA player.

Neither player got what they deserved on Senior Night.

Powell received his farewell to less than 5,000 fans at the beginning of spring break and Kinsey’s finale against LSU was less than stellar.

Those guys were good. They meant a lot to the Carolina basketball program during their time. But no one deserves a proper send off more than that this year’s star senior Tre’ Kelley.

A lot is going to be made about Kelley over the coming weeks. After all, he is in the SEC’s top three scorers and could have a potential future in professional basketball.

But it’s not being No. 2 on the SEC scoring list that makes Kelley so great. It’s his heart and determination.

Now, you can read all about that in Brian Sab’s profile of Kelley we’re running in today’s paper. He’ll tell you all about some of the stuff Kelley has overcome, and the amazing story of what it took to be one of the best in one of the nation’s top basketball conferences.

The facts will speak for themselves. What has to be spoken is how to treat these facts.

Kelley deserves a standing ovation. Not just a standing ovation, but a crowd so loud that the opposing Ole Miss Rebels will think they’re at a Metallica concert.

He deserves every student, every Gamecocks Club member, every old man with arthritis so bad it hurts to breathe, every garnet and black clad fan to be on their feet letting him know how much they appreciate him.

This guy has played on a bum knee all season. Every time the pain gets to him, he grits his teeth and keeps fighting. He doesn’t rest.

He's willing to push his body to the edge all for the cause of taking this program to the next level. He has incredible moves that allow him to split defenders, dart around big men inside, and make the team back on track. And the players coming back next season will make it possible for me to improve as a point guard.

Coach Odom still remembers the conversation. He sat down with the youngster and said, “I want you to be on our team, our point guard. Learn from Michael Boynton for one year then take the team over.”

Kelley did just that. He averaged 1.5 points a freshman during the 2003-2004 season. He served as an understudy to Boynton on a team that went to the Big Dance, a 59-43 loss to Memphis. A season later he led the team in assists as Carolina took the NIT by storm, winning their first championship. That win still stands as Kelley’s favorite memory at Carolina, when Tarence Kinsey hit the game winning three-pointer.

Kelley stepped his talent up another notch his junior year, again leading his team to an NIT championship. Kelley finished the season averaging double-digits in points scored.

Senior class deserves last standing O, fans’ respect

Sheldon, Wallace, Kelley prepare for senior salute with Saturday matchup

Gamecocks Point Guard’s Career Accolades

2006 SEC All-Tourney Team
2006 NIT All-Tourney Team
2007 SEC Player of the Year hopeful

The ‘Noles Bows out

Standout’s final collegiate season comes to close at SEC Player of the Year hopeful eyes future
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with 12.5 a game. Kelley scored 20 or more points six times that season. This season Kelley has been the only key to the back-to-back NIT championships remaining. He has taken only one game off, which he deserves. Coach Odom said he believes Kelley’s knee has been his biggest struggle this season. “His knee is debilitating yet he’s made him to the very best he can be. He has never asked any quarter off. He’s never asked to come out. He’s been adamant that he follows the role we carved out for him,” Odom said.

The stats prove it this year. Kelley is averaging 18.3 points per game this season, second to only Chris Lofton of Tennessee. Kelley is also passing the ball more, averaging almost one assist more a game than last season.

Statistics don’t do Kelley’s play justice. He has taken time to help out everyone on his team, including guard Branden Conrad. “Tre’ is the type of player that grabbed me right away and helped me out not only on the court but off,” said Conrad. “He’s always led by example; that’s probably what I respect most about him.”

It’s only fitting that Kelley is still playing despite his bum knee. So during Saturday’s Senior Day be sure to pay him, along with the other seniors Brandon Wallace and Bryce Sheldon, your respect. Kelley has given his blood, sweat and tears to put the Carolina program on the map. With the recruiting class coming in next year, it appears Kelley has done just that.

What does the future hold for Kelley? If you ask coach Odom, he’d say the pros. “He’ll play somewhere next year. He’ll play professional. No question in my mind.” As for now, Kelley must focus on finishing strong. If his past three years prove anything, it’s that you can count on him to do just that.

The Office of Student Media has an opening for an Account Representative for the Downtown/Vista area. Students with excellent time management and organizational skills are encouraged to apply. This position requires 15-20 hours a week and reliable transportation. Student Account Reps sell advertising for The Daily Gamecock, Garnett and Black and Discover Carolina. Interested students should come by the Office of Student Media and fill out an application, NCUS Room 343. Application deadline: Feb. 23.

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Safe Spring Break Week

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It could happen to you...

March 1st - March 7th
Free for USC students with valid ID
Look out for GAMMA on Greene Street

Thursday, March 1st
8 PM - 11 PM
Hollywood Heart Throb / Bring Your Own Band
RH Ballroom

Friday, March 2nd
11 PM - 2 AM
Putt-Putt & Roller Skating
3 Fountains
Recreation Center (Free Bus Ride)

Monday, March 5th
7 PM - 10 PM
USC Wild ‘N Out
President Tommy Preston Roast
Patterson Residence Hall

Wednesday, March 7th
11 AM - 2 PM
Safe Spring Break Carnival
Greene Street
7 PM - until
Forum/Movie Night
Location TBA