Students split over Green Fee

Committee, research under way to discuss potential plans for proposed eco-friendly fee

Sara Horley

A student-led proposal for a green fee at USC is in the early stages of development, and many have already formed opinions on whether the plan will be approved.

“Community college presidents at a recent conference, nearly all identified students at four-year colleges,” the article said. “In an informal poll of 27 summer classes have nearly become a necessity for all college students.”

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Bill threatens to suspend dropouts’ licenses

South Carolina teens who drop out of school or skip too many classes would lose their driver’s licenses until they’re 18 under a bill cruising through the House.

A House Education subcommittee unanimously approved the measure Thursday morning.

The House then agreed to let the bill skip the full committee and come directly to the floor for debate. Legislators hope to move the bill to the Senate so it has a chance of passing this year.

“We’re trying to fast-track it,” said Education Committee Chairman Phil Owens, R-Easley. “This is an important bill that can have a positive impact.”

Its sponsor, Rep. Tom Young, has called it a short-term solution to the state’s long-term problem of too many students not graduating. He believes threatening to yank students’ driving privileges would be a powerful incentive for them to stay in school.

Students who return to school or enroll in GED classes could get their licenses back.

South Carolina education officials report a 2009 on-time graduation rate of 74 percent, meaning three out of four students earned a regular diploma in four years.

Carolina, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. West Virginia was the first to pass it in 1988, followed by Florida a year later.

Last week, the subcommittee delayed voting on the measure, saying too many questions remained on implementing the idea.

Changes approved Thursday to erase opposition from school groups included keeping the legal dropout age at 17, rather than increasing it to 18 — a change officials feared would be costly at a time of deep budget cuts — and delaying when the law would take effect, to Aug. 1, 2011.

 ― The Associated Press

Stock market recovers after President’s speech

NEW YORK — Stocks were mixed Thursday as Greece’s debt crisis took a turn for the worse, raising the prospect that the country will need a bailout program offered by its European neighbors. Households stocks rose after an upbeat report on home sales.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell about 25 points in afternoon trading after being down as much as 108. But Dow Industrials ended the day up 52 points at 12,099.63.

Dow’s rise came after a forecast that Greece’s borrowing costs surged again after Europe’s statistics agency found that the country’s budget deficit last year was even larger than previously thought. The findings pushed Greece closer to tapping loans from 15 European countries and the International Monetary Union. Moody’s Investor Services downgraded Greece’s debt and said more downgrades could be coming.

“It rings the alarm bell at least in the very short-term,” said Steven Goldman, chief market strategist at Weeden & Co. Goldman added that investors have been looking for reasons to sell off after two months of steady gains. “It’s more the market really trying to catch its breath — using this as a catalyst,” he said.

Greece’s debt crisis has undermined confidence in Europe’s shared currency, the euro, and raised the troubling possibility that other weak European economies such as Portugal may also need to be bailed out.

Earnings reports also brought concerns about the economy. Shares of eBay Inc. tumbled 7 percent after the online auction house’s profit forecast fell short of what analysts had been expecting.

Cardinal defends church’s lack of abuse reports

BOGOTA — A senior cardinal defended the Roman Catholic Church’s practice of frequently not reporting sexual abuse priests to the police, saying Thursday it would have been like testifying against a family member at trial.

Colombian Cardinal Darío Castrillón Hoyos also said in a radio interview that Pope Benedict XVI, formerly Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, was involved in a 2001 decision to praise a French bishop for shielding a priest who was convicted of raping minors.

“The law in nations with a well-developed judiciary does not force anyone to testify against a child, a father, against other people close to the suspect,” Castrillón told RCN radio. “Why would they ask that of the church? That’s the injustice. It’s not about defending a pedophile; it’s about defending the dignity and the human rights of a person, even the worst of criminals.”

(While the church stands by “those who truly were victims [of sexual abuse],” he added, “John Paul II, that holy pope, was not wrong when he defended his priests so that they were not, due to economic reasons, treated like criminal pedophiles without due process.”)
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"It stabilized my summer. It made me feel like I was doing something constructive, and I worked, too," Paulson said. "Typically they’re easier because people are taking summer classes either because they failed or want to graduate on time. Plus, professors and I worked, too," Paulson said. "Typically they’re easier because people are taking summer classes either because they failed or want to graduate on time. Plus, professors and I worked, too," Paulson said. "Typically they’re easier because people are taking summer classes either because they failed or want to graduate on time."

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5G representatives say the green fee would help make campus more ecofriendly.

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OCEAN RESORTS

The Daily Gamecock
Traveling by plane has not been such a pleasure for the past year, given the Hudson River incident and pilots in Angola flying to the wrong destination. More recently, Poland lost its president in a tragic plane crash, as well as dozens of other political figures. The volcanic ash from Iceland is also delaying thousands of passengers from traveling to and from certain areas in Europe. Lynne Douglas, the director of marketing and community relations at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport, thinks these developments won’t lead to a decline in people traveling via airplanes.

“I don’t think fewer people will fly because summer is a busy time for air travel,” she said. “Most people will continue to go on with their travel plans. Still, airlines do everything they can to make safety priority number one.”

Many students planning to travel by air do not seem to be concerned either.

“I’m not really concerned,” said Mike Calabro, a first-year business student. “Flights rarely go down, and if they do go down, you hear about it, unlike many car accidents.”

Calabro plans on going to Mexico for the summer, so he said he would not spend 30 hours on the road to get there and flying is the only option for him.

“If you go down, then you go down because there’s not much you can do,” he said.

Chaz Williams, a third-year sociology student, said he did not realize how bad problems with airplanes could potentially be.

“I think I’ll just chill,” he said. “They just need to get their act straightened out.”

Reuben Jacob, a second-year civil engineering student, said he does not like the amount of racial profiling at airports due to his Indian ethnicity.

“I understand the protocol, but come on,” he said. “Once I get on the plane, however, the ride is pretty safe.”

Jacobs plans on going to Texas and then Hawaii, and he said he is not too worried about his flights.

“I never feel unsafe while flying.” Despite what goes on in the real world, students like Tyler Hediger, say that statistics justify air travel.

“Things may change how we travel but honestly I will fly,” said the first-year advertising student. “It’s the most efficient way to travel, and most people have a great chance of having a good flight.”

Some students are taking precaution if anything else occurs. Even though he will not be flying until July, fourth-year political science student Thomas Langer said he is prepared if any problems come up.

“If I change my plans if another volcano or something else happens,” Langer said. “I’ll just drive instead.”

Derek Legette
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Recent volcano, plane crashes fail to deter vacationers

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Lab lacks computers, work space
Designers, money could have been put to better use

Evan Rauck and Thomas Cooper is filling up with students. For the most part, rooms are prepared for them. It has tables to seat them and everything to inform them. But when it comes to computers, there is no silver and greath not this.

This could have been understood before the renovation, but the new lab is up and running. The problem is that the new computer lab lacks computers.

Hold on; let's be fair. The computer lab does have one thing going for it. Thanks to Cooper, now it has the space to house the lab.

Ryan Quinn

In case you have not been there — a corner in the library — I assure you that the computer lab is now a table and chair setting. The PCs are second-hand and there are enough for the perimeter of the room. The lab does have computers next to the printers with built-in scanners. If only the designers had created more computers and had placed them together. If only the designers had used the money for the scanners to house computers. At least double screens. If only the designers had used the money for the scanners to house computers.

The lab is certainly operational for its stated function. But its form isn’t even remotely related to any functional form. It’s more like form and function follow absolutely linearly.

The few computers that are offered are not crammed next to one another. The lab space is not overly crowded. Cooper now need a merger — if you can call it that — between two computers. There is no way you’ll fit into one another. Much of the space is wasted on some kind of non-profit area catering offering classes in all different disciplines.

Separating adjacent computers is simply tiny walls, obviously understood as a means to slow the spread of sense of claustrophobia.

They are reminiscent of the tiny walls found in the library. They are meant to reassure you that no one is staring at you.

The transitional lab was better than the new one. Waiting for the computers upstairs is better than waiting for the computers in the new lab. How is it that the new lab is the successor to the Cooper’s design? Cooper, redo your lab. And, for God’s sake, change that you can brew your own stuff! I don’t call it a ‘Web site.”

Now, website joins the ranks of the corner in the library.

As of April 17, the Associated Press — now suing the pope for the alleged cover-up of the molestation of 200 deaf boys by the head of the earthly Church — has been charged with the pope’s crimes. Crimes are crimes, and if these allegations are true, then it will be punished.

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But international law does not see it. But you also saw webcast, webcast, webcast and Web page.

Notice, if you will, we’re capitalizing “terminals” or “band-aid.” It’s an anachronism to give our language the point that the original meaning has been altered. And the same is true now with website.

So, if you’re reading an article today and “Web site” doesn’t jump out at you as it might have if you gave it a thought before today, you’re welcome.

We didn’t do anything to change it necessarily, but we did type it in, surely.

Lindsey Will

Fourth-year print journalism student

Taylor Ochoa

First-year print journalism student

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Up to this point, the majority of the pope’s critics have called for him to resign. But this suit presents a more radical position: that the “unfilable” should be punished for his crimes.

Suing the pope is perhaps unprecedented, but it is only fair. Crimes are crimes, and if these allegations are true, then he and the rest of those involved should have to pay. Vatican City is not recognized as a state by the U.S. government and cannot protect the pope. What will and has protected him thus far is Catholics’ belief that arresting the head of the earthly Church would be a grave sin. But international law does not see it.

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Brain is muscle: Use it or lose it during summer

Summer is just a handful of days away, and most want nothing more than to shed the duties of the drudgery that school can be and take up more pursuits you could engage in to take up all of that time off.

For those beer lovers out there, one summer pursuit you could engage in to take up all of that time off.

If beer isn’t your thing, there are more traditional pursuits you could engage in to take up all of that time off.

But learning something in your time off is truly exhausting.

Just a tan can’t be discounted.

And even if you have no time or money to take exams are imminent, and you still have the opportunity to enroll in your knowledge. Was there anything one of your professors talked about that could pique your attention, just to have him move on quickly to cover the material? Go to your local Borders store and pick something over the summer will give you a victory to the average newspaper reader, and clarity, or not publish at all.

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It's the end of the last week of class and time for finals. However, that means that summer is so close you can feel it. What does summer really mean? It's time to break out a new bathing suit and work on your tan, whether it's poolside, at the beach or wishfully on an island somewhere. Here are some new trendy options instead of wearing that same old string bikini every summer. Since we aren't all Sports Illustrated cover models, here are some looks that are fantastic for all body types, and only require a little attitude.

The classic one piece is a hot trend for summer 2010. It may seem more modest at first, but it is the perfect way to show off your legs while staying chic and sophisticated. The twist on the old favorite that has stormed the runways of designers like Michael Kors are one-piece with bold cutouts to add a little more spice to the look. The epitome of this style is a fierce black one-piece perfect with a new tan and best paired with silver accessories like bold sandals, oversized shades and confidence, of course. This look is perfect for leaving more to the imagination but looking very stylish.

The retro, pin-up style is one that is sure to make heads turn while keeping a fun, flirty attitude. Think Katy Perry of today mixing with classic Hollywood pin-up of the past like Marilyn Monroe. The perfect shades for this look are the currently chic cat-eye shades that are perfect for pulling off that '50s retro look. The best details showcased in this look are polka-dot patterns, ruffle detailing along the bust line or band of the bottoms, or a bandeau top paired with chic high-waisted bottoms.

The bright, graphic prints of spring 2010 runways have translated over into the hot swimwear for summer as well. For those who haven't been monitoring this trend, it is usually a bold digitally inspired print that makes a statement. Contrasting colors and bold prints are the necessities for this look. This look is featured either in two pieces or in a one-piece one piece. This look is not for the faint-hearted and is a powerful look best paired with bold utilitarian-chic sandals, shades and a bright contrasting light scarf.

Tie-dye has been a huge trend for spring that has also made a splash on bathing suits and accessories for summer. This look was featured prominently on the swim runways of brands like Blumarine with a light tie-dyed two piece look in light green paired with a complimenting tie-dye scarf in green and pink, bag and flat flats. For those who want to wear this look but maybe not all over their bathing suit, a tie-dye pair of shorts or a dress to cover up with is another great option. Designer Eugenia Kim currently has a great collection of straw hats for mass retailer Target at affordable prices.

Animal print is a recurring trend that is great for those who want to put a little wild into their summer look. This look works well on stars like Rihanna because they can use contrasting, but complimenting zebra or cheetah prints in a two piece. The key here is to pair two pieces that compliment each other even if they are not from the same set. This look is perfect in a neon or bright color of print paired with some bangles for accessories (not to be worn in the water though) and classic shades like Ray-Ban wayfarers with some neutral flip-flops or sandals.

So even though it’s time to hit the books, just remember those dreams of summer aren’t far from reach and the perfect reward for finishing those exams is a new style to show off once school is out. Choose wisely and enjoy summertime!
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What: Open Platform - Raymond Johnson Where: 11 a.m. Where: Greene Street
What: German Program Awards Reception Where: 3:00 p.m. Where: Harper College, Greession Room
What: Bombshell: Live at the Patio Where: 5 p.m. Where: RH Patio

What: The Overtones Spring Concert Where: 5 p.m. Where: Callcott, Room 153
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The Gamecocks sweep Wildcats to begin SEC Tournament play

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“Everything went pretty well,” said Head Coach Jeanne M. Russell.

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