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Undercover police presence to triple at Carolina Cup

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Capt. Eric Grabski, of Law Enforcement and Safety, among other state police departments and sheriff’s office.

Six officers from the university’s police department will attend undercover — dressed in plain clothes, according to USC’s Division of Law Enforcement and Safety Capt. Eric Grabski.

“We want to go and assist in any way we can,” Grabski said. “Obviously we’re going there for alcohol enforcement.”

State agencies, including USCSPD, SLED and the Highway Patrol, will be writing student conduct referrals for USC students who are caught violating the law, Grabski said.

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Columbia University gives to United Way efforts

Charity raises money for organizations

Kate West

USC’s United Way campaign has been widely reported the past week and a half to raise money for the organization’s Midlands office, and its officers will soon know how much their efforts have paid off.

The campaign, which began March 19 and ends today, has a goal of $140,000, a 35-percent increase compared to the amount that the university’s faculty and staff during the 2011 campaign.

The amount raised will not be known until the campaign has finished. The results should be announced by the end of next week, according to USC’s United Way Campaign chief,Chavez, senior vice president for human resource management, and the campaign’s chairperson for the university's faculty and staff during the 2011 campaign.

“We feel like we’ve done a good job getting the word out, and we’re confident in the results,” Byrd said.

He said that 13 percent of USC faculty and staff donated in 2011. “Our goal is a little bit of a stretch from last year, but we wanted to increase the rate of participation,” he said.

The campaign has a vocal supporter in the university President, Harris Paston.

“If every full-time employee on the campus gave just 5, we would surpass our goal of $140,000,” Pastides said in one of the campaign’s promotional videos.

Pastides said he gives to the Tocqueville level each year. Tocqueville donors pledge at least $140,000 annually.

Byrd said the promotional videos, one of which features a USC student who monitors at the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Midlands, are part of the campaign’s efforts to recognize those who volunteer.

“This year, we tried to focus on people who not only support the campaign, but actually give their time,” he said.

According to United Way, the Midlands campaign organizes programs across the state aimed at education and financial stability programs across the state.

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Three to four times the amount of undercover police will be attending Saturday’s Carolina Cup, as estimated by the Kershaw County Sheriff’s Office.

More than 50,000 people attend the steeplechase in Camden, S.C. Several officers from various police departments will be at the event, including the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and USC’s Division of Law Enforcement and Safety, among other state police departments and sheriff’s offices.

In the past, underage attendees paid “cooler carriers” to bring containers containing alcoholic beverages. However, the Carolina Cup Racing Association worked with the practice two years ago and has not reconstituted it, according to Mike Stone of the Camden Police Department.

The executive director of the Carolina Cup Racing Association did not return calls made by The Daily Gamecock.

If underage students are caught with a cooler containing alcohol, they will be given a ticket and officers will confiscate the contents, said Kershaw County Sheriff Jon Matthews, who will have about 40 officers in attendance. If the underage students are drunk, they will be arrested, Matthews added. Matthews said it is a matter of the same year, including those for minors in public disorderly conduct and resisting arrests, Matthews said.

“Alcohol on the track and there will be considerably more patrol vehicles for drunk drivers.” I would highly encourage somebody to be the Delta Delta — the designated driver,” Matthews said.

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Students discuss stereotypes at Diversity Dialogue

By Pragya Januja

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs and EMPOWER co-hosted a diversity dialogue Thursday to discuss the media’s influences on body image.

“The goal of the dialogues is to promote social justice and get college students thinking about diversity and social justice issues,” said Mandy Labossiere, graduate assistant for social justice and diversity education.

“It’s important for them to understand their thoughts and perceptions in an increasingly diverse society,” Labossiere began by explaining society’s concept of body image. “Females have to be thin and pretty to be confident and happy.”

“Males have to be muscular and fit in order to be successful!”

This concept of body image is continuously reinforced in the media.

“The media promotes perfection in body image the way we currently perceive it by publishing images, documents and videos that focus on this image,” she said. “People should focus on being healthy instead.”

After an introduction, students divided into small groups to analyze different forms of media. “They seem like one type of person,” said Anthony Sullivan, a second-year political science student. “They all have the same body type and size. It seemed like it was tailored to slender people.”

Labossiere commented on the portrayal of women in magazines. “All of the magazines are Corvette girls,” she said. “It gives girls this idea that their body is not good enough.”

Students were prompted to analyze the pictures further and comment on the negative effects. One group posed on a makeup ad of a young woman in a snow globe. “Women are often times objectified in society, and this has been completely Photoshopped to remove blemishes,” said Dominick Donaldson, a fourth-year political science student. “She has no control over her surroundings. She has been completely Photoshopped to remove all flaws.”

Students in attendance expressed what messages they felt the media presented concerning body image.

“People have very tiny girls,” she commented on the portrayal of women in magazines. “Females have to be thin and pretty to be confident and happy.”

Students shared their thoughts and perceptions.

Students explored media influence on body image

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FRATERNITY NEWS

Congratulations

Alpha Pi Alpha
Fraternity Inc.

First of all, servants of all, we shall transcend all!

This month they had Brothers work with the Adopt a Highway program on Assembly Street, Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands, Hope World Wide, and also have homegrown chapter programs that visit local high schools around Richland County and stress the importance of higher education to students with great potential.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. also hosted their own Miss Black and Gold Pageant at the New Ebenezer church where they also fed and entertained the homeless.

We at USC thank the Theta Nu chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity Inc. for upholding their values and being an extremely positive presence within the community!
was the only library at the school, then South Carolina College, and housed all of the college’s collections. Today, it’s the oldest freestanding college library still in use in the country, and it represents a niche within the university’s library system.

The building has seen marked change, though, even since Fulmer arrived. “I remember the years when protocol for people doing research was different from what we’d expect today,” he said. “We’ve had people who were very well-known academic researchers who came in who were allowed to smoke around materials they were using and to bring their pet dogs in.”

Today, the library’s second floor floods with sunlight, hushed conversation and, in a sign of the times, the steady tap on keyboards, and, with the updated protocol, only pencils — no pens — are allowed around documents.

But the building has also seen — and avoided — more formative moments in the South and the capital’s history. During the Civil War, for example, as Columbia was ravaged by battle and Gen. William Sherman’s fires, the library — and the Horseshoe — was spared, perhaps, Fulmer said, because of rumors that it was infected with smallpox.

That’s of particular interest to Fulmer, who said he’s worked heavily with and is especially fascinated by the library’s Civil War collections. “You realize that it was a nation at war — literally brother against brother, household against household,” he said. “Enemy encampments would be across a creek or a stream from each other, and yes they were forbidden from speaking with each other. I think that’s one of the really poignant things that’s pointed out.”

That point and other lessons throughout history, Fulmer believes, are illustrated within the library. “The other thing that really comes alive here in collections is that human nature is the same regardless of the century in American studies that you look at,” he said. “The motivations that people have today, the things they confide to electronic messages is exactly what you find in people’s private writings in previous centuries.”

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Letter: Mandate poses indecency to USD

In response to Wednesday's column “Americans deserve health care as a right,” I thought it important that the real facts be known.

The framers of the U.S. Constitution almost entirely what the federal government may do. The Constitution gives these responsibilities as the role of the states or Congress. While these powers do allow the federal government to regulate commerce, the Constitution does not allow the government to create it and force the states to pay with their money. For example, if the federal government did not force people into the health care industry.

In the column, the writer talks about the act’s successes, in fact to mandate worse than before. The government already takes money from the states for their health care programs — programs that will soon be Barack and so massively that they are already investing in our education.

And that is the sticking point of the status quo. If you would offer the status quo, you will make and require a decrease of funding. A decrease is to offer the status quo, and then we will get worse than before. We demand fewer and fewer funding cutbacks.

— Craig Erickson, second-year political science student

Megastore could worsen floods, traffic

Proposed Walmart will upend infrastructure

Thankfully, I was not in Columbia when the apparently too-good-to-be true Medgar Evers College Policing Unit that struck the city yesterday and killed a young man the following Sunday morning. The storm downed numerous streets in campus and caused costly property damage.

Columbia is, of course, no stranger to severe weather. We remember last summer when a storm flooded the Lofts at USC, emptying cars away and damaging students apartments. The amount of property damage the city faces with these storms is the lack of natural drainage to prevent flooding.

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With "80s pop tunes by the likes of Billy Joel pumping through the speakers, it’s clear just from walking through the doors of Burger Tavern 77 that the restaurant has atmosphere.

The casual dining joint, which opened in early February, is located on Devine Street and just a short drive from Five Points. Burger Tavern 77’s menu boasts 77 unique burger toppings, as well as 26 draft beer options.

From a laid-back lunch for two to dinner and a round of drinks with a bigger crew, Burger Tavern 77 is a prime location for all types of get-togethers. Restaurant seating ranges from cozy booths and tall four-top tables to stools at the well-stocked bar. The eatery also has outdoor seating at umbrella-shaded tables, perfect for the warm spring weather that has taken over Columbia in the past few weeks.

With the food’s name in its title, it’s obvious that burgers are this restaurant’s specialty.

Diners can choose from one of nine “Tavern Traditions,” including the Chipotle Chicken (topped with pimentos, cheese and chipotle mayonnaise), the Santa Fe (seasoned with a blend of Southwest spices and topped with guacamole, pepper jack cheese and homemade chipotle mayonnaise) and the Pub 77 (topped with a fried green tomato, pepper jack cheese, honey ham, cheddar cheese, and pickled jalapeno peppers), served on a white or whole wheat bun or onion roll. All Tavern Traditions are priced at $9.50 and served with a dill pickle spear and some seasoned fries in a tin cup that they spell out on the plate (customers can substitute a side salad for an additional $1 charge).

If those combinations don’t impress, the restaurant offers the option to create your own custom burger for $10, including up to four “tantalizing toppings” (additional toppings are $0.50 each), and “premium toppings.”

One-act operas showcase student talent

"Rita," "Pepito" hit USC stage

Chloe Gould
UGACampusLife.com

It’s a night at the opera — with a touch of biting wit, smart humor and flooring student-led talent.

And there’s a little 19th-century history peppered with a stance for women’s rights, making for the best kind of on-stage performance comedy.

"Rita" and "Pepito" are one-act operas which are showcased in their entirety at the USC Opera series this season. The two operas, by Offenbach and Pincherle respectively, were first performed in the 19th century.

"Rita" focuses on a woman named Rita, who is in love with Aimé, a man who loves another woman. The opera features music by Jacques Offenbach.

"Pepito" is an operetta by Ermanno Wolf-Ferrari, which tells the story of a young man named Pepito who falls in love with a woman named Olga.

Both operas are performed by USC Opera students and are directed by the opera program’s director, Dr. Richard Stone.

Whether you’re a fan of opera or not, these performances are not to be missed. The talent and passion of the USC students shines through in their performances, making for a truly memorable evening.

One-act operas showcase student talent

Not your average burger joint

Devine Street caters up traditional American fare with tasty twist on toppings

Kristyn Winch
UGA Campus Life

Burger Tavern 77, which opened in February, is just a short drive from Five Points. The restaurant’s menu boasts 77 different burger toppings, like honey ham, fried shrimp, chili and pescan-smoked bacon ($1 each). Baby spinach, caramelized onions, pineapple salsa, alfalfa sprouts, Jalo fries, tartar sauce and roasted red peppers are just a few of Burger Tavern 77’s topping options.

Diners can choose their meat, too, with the option to order a veggie burger or crab cake sandwich with any of the same burger toppings.

In addition to the seemingly endless burger options, Burger Tavern 77 serves up four different “chicken burgers,” which are 6-ounce chicken breast sandwiches like the Devine chicken burger (grilled chicken breast with an apple honey mustard). All four chicken burgers are also $9.50 and come with a pickle and Jalo fries.

For Burger Tavern 77’s vegetarian diners, the restaurant offers four salad options: the 77 colds, the spinach, the PGS 77 salad (mixed greens tossed with Ice Wine Vinaigrette, pistachio-crusted goat cheese and marinated strawberries) and the grilled Caesar (not with grilled chicken — the romaine lettuce is lightly grilled). Appetizers like pub pretzels with beer cheese dipping sauce, The coastal fried shrimp and crab cake plate and S.O.B. cheese sticks (made with pepper jack cheese and covered in toasted tortilla chip breading) are also great menu options for Burger Tavern 77.

Not your average burger joint

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Burger Tavern 77’s portions are generous, and the menu items are far from fast food. If you’re craving a filling, uniquely crafted burger, this is the place to go.

Thursday through Saturday, Burger Tavern 77 is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Burger Tavern 77’s Tavern Traditions. Customers can also create their own custom burgers with a choice of up to four toppings.

Parking is limited at the restaurant, and customers may not even be able to park for dessert like apple pie or raspberry cheesecake (some diners may even opt to bring home half of their burgers for a late-night snack or next-day meal). Parking lines come dangerously close to the outdoor tables, so when the place is packed, it’s important to be aware of cars coming in opposite directions. Parking lines come dangerously close to the outdoor tables, so when the place is packed, it’s important to be aware of cars coming in opposite directions. Parking lines come dangerously close to the outdoor tables, so when the place is packed, it’s important to be aware of cars coming in opposite directions.
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Romance is here to stay (at least for the weekend). Make sure you understand the instructions before moving forward. Now that your creativity counts double.

Crossword

Sudoku

Horoscopes

Aries
Think it over before making a change. Check the facts. Once you’ve made lists again and again, postpone travel or big expenses. Stick to simple tasks. You’re clever with words.

Taurus
A friend of a friend is a big help. Get some physical exercise. Don’t dip into savings. Learn from experience. Don’t launch any new endeavors just yet.

Gemini
Money is flowing, so keep an eye on the budget or be tempted to blow it all on spontaneous luxury (rather than those necessities you’ve been saving for). Get them on sale.

Cancer
Work behind the scenes and travel later. A scenic route is the way to be shared. Build energy, and research the background. Save up and prepare. Better trips get you a long ways.

Libra
It’s important to show your care. Take a walk together, somewhere lovely. Share some exercise: It’s win-win. Turn your phone off.

Scorpio
Adventures are again! There are dragons to slay and hanging bridges to cross. You could immerse yourself, but then who will save the villagers?

Sagittarius
You’re in the middle of a practical phase. Creativity comes in handy. If at first you fail, don’t worry. There is a lot to learn from the experience.

Capricorn
When the going gets tough, it helps to stick together. Don’t fall for the negative thoughts. Long-term bonds to those who support you. Take a walk together.

Aquarius
Stick to your plan and to what worked before. Don’t get distracted, and rake in the profits. Only go for cost-effective strategies, and don’t gamble your winnings.

The Scene

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When checkpoint, Stephen Gilmore signed with South Carolina, the Gamecocks had finished the prior season in 7-5 mark and finished with a 10-10 loss in the Outback Bowl. In Gilmore’s three years, USC has ascended to a relevant significance, as he played for the SEC Championship in 2010 and won a school-record 11 games in the 2011-12 season. Because of that, and some other factors, Gilmore felt it was time for to move on, rather to forgo his senior season and declare for the NFL Draft.

“Tell me if I could play university,” Gilmore said. “Practiced hard, played hard and I rewarded what I gave my all to the University of South Carolina.”

Gilmore has now completed his three-year draft process, in some NFL Combine time. His broad jump at Indianapolis was a solid mark of 10 feet 3 inches. Though Gilmore is coming off his strongest season, he’s still not cleared across my finger and hope to be drafted in the first round.

For Pro Day, Gilmore wanted to show that he had his hips and can come out of his breaks well, so he only participated in secondary drills. When Gilmore was able to get off most of his combine movements, defensive back Antonio Allen wanted to improve his measurables after his senior season. Allen played shortstop back for South Carolina, so scouts wanted to see Allen catch the deep ball, as he participated in drills with the secondary. He also cut a tenth of a second off his 40-yard dash time to get himself at an unofficial 4.55.

“I hurt my right hip, so they wanted to see me get my hips more open,” Allen said.

Part of the reason for Allen’s improved numbers is that he felt more comfortable at Williams-Brice Stadium, where he was best at his college. The scouting service also attended the Pro Timing Day, and former players, some of whom are currently in the NFL, helped Gilmore coach his NFL combine performance. Gilmore credited the family atmosphere at Pro Day to the better leadership the program has seen over the past several years. The crowd on the field almost outnumbered the crowd in the stands, but Allen was surprised to see fans all at, as thought Prou Day was typically down.

Gilmore, fans aren’t necessarily supportive of his decision to enter the NFL Draft, as next year’s team would have been stronger with him on the field than without him. But after Gilmore’s performance in both the NFL Combine and Pro Day, many are coming to the realization that it was a good decision for him. Gilmore has visited with 30 teams in the coming weeks. “People are going to have their opinions, but I know what I can do,” Gilmore said. “It made this decision. I think I did well from then, and I think I’m going to do well at the next level.”

After spring practice Thursday, USC coach Jeff Spurrier was excited for all of the players who participated in the Pro Day, as it was one of the largest group of NFL scouts that USC had at the event in Spurrier’s seven seasons as head coach of the Gamecocks. With in talking to the scouts, the Gamecocks could have three first-round draft picks in Gilmore, wide receiver Alden Jefferson and defensive lineman Melvin Ingram.

For both Allen and Gilmore, playing in the NFL was a dream that they’ve dreamt about for most of their lives, so this time leading up to it could decide where they’re chosen and the size of their contract.

“Hopefully it’s a lot of zeroes,” Allen said.