The University of South Carolina of delivering the news remain of media and finding new ways capabilities. a news channel and online organization to join the newspaper, and operate the nation’s first multimedia or convergence. technology adds possibilities such video, and audio,” Thelen said. “Convergence is the fusing different types of media, especially with the Web. This has become known as multimedia or convergence. “Convergence is the organizational junction of print, video, and audio,” Thelen said. It will continue to change as new technology adds possibilities such as podcasts, Thelen said. At the lecture, Thelen was able to draw from his experience as publisher of The Tampa Tribune, which pioneered a new hybrid of multimedia. Thelen helped construct and operate the nation’s first organization to join the newspaper, a news channel and online capabilities. Integrating different forms of media and finding new ways of delivering the news remain

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**Segway demo helps simulate drunk driving**

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The Greek Village played host to Trick or Treat with the Greeks on Thursday, giving about 100 members of the Boys and Girls Clubs in Columbia and the children of faculty and staff members a chance to trick or treat. The event allows children to go to fraternity and sorority houses to trick or treat and participate in Halloween-themed games.

“A lot of the children don’t have great opportunities for trick or treating, so this is a great chance for them,” said Rachel Edington, a higher education and student affairs graduate student and granddaughter for the Greek Life office. “It’s a whole lot safer,” said Taucran Goodie, a volunteer with the Boys andGirls Club. “It’s a protected environment. You can watch everybody.”

The event was designed to benefit students and help them understand why they shouldn’t drive under the influence. It is great to do with the drug goggles and gives the students a perspective of motor skills when intoxicated,” Olsen said. “It is much safer than driving and gives them an idea about how they’re affected.”

Bryan Hayes, founder of Wet Dog Events, served as a guide to students who participated in the obstacle course.

Olisa Adisa, an electrical engineering graduate student, said she could barely drive the machines with the goggles on. “I was bad at driving the machine,” Adisa said. “I smashed cones and didn’t want to try without the goggles.”

Boys and Girls Club volunteers said they appreciate what the Greek community does for the kids. “This is my first year, but it’s different. It’s cool that you can get the kids involved in the community,” Goodie said.

Goodie said the kids have been looking forward to trick-or-treating with the Greeks for a while. “They were ready to get here. They wereching to go,” Goodie

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**Journalists can’t write...**

**During author festival, satirist, culture critic uses Keanu Reeves interview as springboard into writers’ lack of interpersonal skills**

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Joe Queenan, a free-lance satirist and pop-culture critic, spoke at the low school auditorium Thursday as part of USC’s annual Fall Festival of Authors and promoted his book “Queenan Country.” He talked about his life as a writer and his many experiences living abroad and traveling around the U.S.

Elise Blackwell, assistant professor of English and co-director of the Fall Festival of Authors, said she is her first year organizing the event. She said she likes being able to play host to her favorite authors, and she hopes the event will broaden students’ horizons.

“I hope they get exposed to a wide variety of writers and realize that writers are people,” Blackwell said. Queenan spoke on a wide range of experiences, beginning with his interview of Keanu Reeves. He said that it was difficult to get anything interesting out of Reeves, who was giving him one-word answers. He said he tried to explain to Reeves what he needed from him. “I just wanted him to be like being in an airplane. You get up in the air and realize you don’t have enough fuel. You should be able to land in a cornfield. You just need a little fuel;” Queenan told Reeves. He said Reeves didn’t ever get his message.

Queenan’s criticism of journalists was a recurring theme.
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theme is the speech, saying that journalists spend too much time on the Internet and not enough time with people. “Journalists can’t write worth a spit,” Queenan said. Queenan gave examples of cliché and unnecessary jokes journalists use because they want to be seen as cool and funny. He added that writers use the phrase “make no mistake” to advise to their writing and to emphasize things for which no one would be likely to mistake. Queenan said he only gets inspiration from personal reflection and observation, never from other people. Queenan made satirical observations on American pop-culture and Americans’ attitudes toward France. Many of these anecdotes were based on his travels around the U.S. and the year he lived in France. “We hated them for various reasons and now for the war in Iraq, but not because everyone was bad, but because we suggested that they were racist, and we still hate them,” Queenan said. Queenan said he went to France when he was 21 and said he didn’t start writing until he was 26. For five years in between, he said he read great books and suffered the cadence and rhythm of the great journalists. Queenan made tongue-in-check criticisms of his own career and fellow satirical writers. Queenan said enough work for about eight of us. He said people should try to get over a job, it is possible. “My dad always said ‘work is the curse of the drinking man,’” Queenan said. Governor candidates debate at university ANDERSON — Gov. Mark Sanford touted his proposals to structure a more efficient state government at Thursday’s debate, while his Democratic challenger Tommy Moore criticized those efforts as one of the Republic’s many failures in the past four years. “Every time you start talking about restructuring it’s always, ‘Well, give me more power and I can get things done,’” Moore said. The question really is, over the last four years what have you done with the power that you already have to improve the lives of South Carolinians? Moore asked. Even though most of the governor’s proposals thus far have stalled in the GOP-controlled Legislature, Sanford said he was committed to carrying on his mission in a second term. About 100 people watched the debate in a recital hall at Anderson University — just 14 hours after the candidates first face-to-face meeting at a Greenville television station. Thursday’s debate was carried on Upstate radio station WRIX.

Wall Street fluctuates after home prices fall NEW YORK — Wall Street Thursday greeted the government’s report of new home prices plunged at its steepest pace since 1970, interpreting a three-day rally in stock markets as evidence to restrain the economy. Home prices fell 1.2 percent in August, compared to a median annual rate of 0.9 percent in July, according to the Commerce Department. The overall price index for home prices rose 0.5 percent in August. Some economists say the report poses no danger to the economy. The problem, however, is that everyone is buying houses at the same price. “The problem poses no danger to the state’s economy, ” said Sanford. “It’s good to see all these people buying houses, but it’s not good if they buy too many houses. We need to make sure that people are not buying houses just because they can. The problem is that everyone is buying houses at the same price.”

Russian cargo vessel fails to moor to ISS MOSCOW — A faulty antenna apparently prevented a unmanned Russian cargo ship from mooring completely to the international space station Thursday, but the three-man crew was not in any danger, Mission Control said. The antenna on the Progress M-58 spacecraft failed to fold, keeping the ship from being able to dock. “The problem poses no danger to the state’s economy,” said Sanford. “It’s good to see all these people buying houses, but it’s not good if they buy too many houses. We need to make sure that people are not buying houses just because they can. The problem is that everyone is buying houses at the same price.”

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important in the survival of newspaper organizations. But the overarching principle Thelen emphasized is quality and talent. “The key ingredient to any enterprise is talent,” Thelen said. This certainly applies to the newspaper industry, as there is always a pressing need for good writers, he said.

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I hoped the Colloquium would be different. It's not.

Once, I remember, heaving with it's high seat cushions, calling out for warm-down, a coffee house, offering students on their way to and from class to go inside, sit and enjoy a cup of Joe, as the Colloquium is, by far, the best place for coffee.

So, you can imagine my outrage when I discovered that the Colloquium, like so many other college cafes, has turned into a Noble Cafe in the Russell House, refusing to accept meal plans, Dining Dollars, or Bonus Bucks. Black, Cash, or credit — the only color of the money that I can use, as well as the only currency that should be acceptable for buying a coffee.

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The world of ’race’ sports that I enjoy is ‘real world’ sports that I enjoy. I did not grow up playing Super Mario Bros. on my Nintendo Entertainment System, but I did grow up thinking about the games that I played on the Nintendo Entertainment System.

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It’s not hard to imagine sports that I enjoy playing. I play a lot of sports that I enjoy playing, and I enjoy playing them. I enjoy playing sports that I enjoy playing, and I enjoy playing sports that I enjoy playing. Mario Kart offers fun without pressure.

If you like to play video games, you will enjoy Mario Kart.

**Use stairs to help stop elevator bottlenecking**

“Come on, there’s room for one more.”

In the world of high-rise dormitories and students with overloaded schedules, these can be deadly words.

An Ohio State University freshman was crushed to death by an overloaded elevator after it started to descend with its door still open. The student tried to get off but was wedged against the floor, according to the Associated Press.

The elevator was overburdened as much as 1,100 percent, with 12 students in the car instead of the 12 they were designed to hold.

A study of overburdened elevators showed that the stairs deserve the right to use them, and USC allowed to. Capstone prohibits stairway use because those floors deserve an elevator.

The Associated Press.

**Student color split may show best spirit**

Garnet or Black? This phrase provokes the Garnet fans of many of USC's fans the week regarding the game against number eight ranked Temple.

Should we black em' out or garnet em' out? About a month ago a student created a Facebook group titled "Blackout Against the Vole." The group has grown to 2,000 supporters of the blackout this weekend.

As soon as I noticed the group I quickly disagreed with the idea. I did not think this mainly because we typically lose blackouts. Granted, we tend to Mackey against the Voles. The group has grown to 2,000 supporters of the blackout this weekend.

More importantly, everyone will be wearing Garnet or Black. We won't have to worry about what we'll wear, and the section wearing random neutral colors will be confused. I realize you want to see your team win, but by wearing your baby-blue button down, pink shorts, and craze colors with your chap, but in Garnet we will be the Garnet and black because you look ridiculous on television not wearing either and it looks pretty much amazing.

If you want to represent your chapter by wearing your neutral colors, wear them at that philanthropy event that you want to support every year. At least the sorority girls found some reason to wear those red shoes in bulk and wear those.

Let's send Fat Phil home with this reminder: Sportswear owns Fulfur and Vols. Go cox.

**Towers desks, chairs should be put to use**

Walking past the Colloquium, I have seen desks, chairs and tables that make the Colloquium look like a large pile of trash that looks like it has been hauled away to some garbage dump. If you are in a dorm that has sold that furniture or donated it to Goodwill, then you are just paying someone to take it away. How much of USC's commitment to "environmental stewardship"? Most of the effort put into West Towers desks, chairs and tables, which I have seen, have simply been cancelled out by this.

Kathryn Johnson
Fourth-year chemical engineering student

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**In Our Opinion**

Athletes rewarded only brutul sacrifces, forget rice, beans

Talk about a lack of perks. I don't use why all the professional athletes turn up and either the military or become athletes.

I may not be good at sports, that doesn't mean I won't play them. I wasn't a Redskin nor a Golden Retriever. If you throw a ball, I will chase it down and play. It was only until the game was over.

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**Students who take the elevator to the second, third and fourth floors deserve electric shocks.**

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Dear Style Doctor,

You know, I don’t think I have an answer to that question. For the first time, I’m stumped. I can’t imagine why people aren’t embracing the coming of colder weather. I love fall — it’s my favorite time of year because I finally get to wear heavy sweaters and gloves that feel like they’re actually made of something. I highly encourage everyone to embrace the cool weather — it’s here, and we’re not going to be getting rid of it any time soon.

But it’s not as though everyone on this campus is dressing like it’s the middle of July. It seems to me that fall has inspired a multitude of people to really think about what they wear. Whether it’s because we’re in layers, or because cold weather forces people to dress appropriately, people are dressing better than they have in the past few years. I hope that this trend continues as much as I can. I’ve seen several natty boys and girls wearing one of my personal favorites, the pea coat. Double-breasted outerwear never looks better here on campus than on the many people who have adopted them into their wardrobe this fall.

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The Lawrence Arms
Hungry, and that’s how you teach your students to be: hungry, you’re a marshmallow, though.
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Taurus: Seeing your future isn’t all that difficult to do. You just decide where you’re going and how to get there, and then start walking.

Gemini: You have enough toys to last you for a while. This time when you go shopping, be practical. Buy things that will help you increase your income.

Cancer: Conditions are good for both listening and expressing your opinion.

Leo: While you’re doing one job, you’re thinking about another. Cut down the distractions and be very careful when you’re driving.

Virgo: Take a break. You’ve been working overtime for weeks. Do something special, just for you, and don’t feel guilty about it.

Libra: It’s not what you say, it’s what you do that’s important now.

Scorpio: Pay attention to the person who’s trying to explain. Don’t assume you know it all. You don’t, yet.

Sagittarius: There’s no shortage of money. It’s all around you and more is being generated every minute. Get in on the action.

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GEMINI: You have enough toys to last you for a while. This time when you go shopping, be practical. Buy things that will help you increase your income.

CANCER: Conditions are good for both listening and expressing your opinion.

LEO: While you’re doing one job, you’re thinking about another. Cut down the distractions and be very careful when you’re driving.

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It’s been following him around for his whole life. He learned to crudely crayon in an oil pastel to kindergarten. A city he leaves it as he becomes in the DMV on the day he passed his driver’s test. It echoed its way through the stadium of countless high school football fields for four years.

Instead of running from his name and running away from the weight that it carries, Captain Munnerlyn embraces it. Instead of shying away from the enormity of his name, Captain looks at it as an opportunity to be the best.

One of the places that Captain can prove the full capacity of his name is on the football field. While other children were throwing sand in each other on the playground, Captain was hurling the football as far as his little arm could muster. The equipment was bigger than he was.

“My mom got me started with football when I was only five years old,” Captain said. “I always played tackle, even when I was little.”

Thirteen years later, Captain no longer runs in the backyard with his older brothers everyday. Now, Williams-Brien stadium has become his field and his place to shine. At 18 years old, he is leaving the ranks of college classics and college football as a freshman cornerback for USC.

The dream started back in Mobile, Ala. On April 10, 1988 Evelyn Munneryd delivered a child that weighed about as much as a cantaloupe. She named her last child after him. The wish of her mother for Evelyn to name her grandson after her grandfather, and it was the promise her mother for Evelyn to name her 3 lb. son “Captain,” just like she had promised her mother. Captain was the name of her grandfather, and it was the wish of her mother for Evelyn to name her last child after him.

As a child, Captain was a handful according to his mother.

“He was pretty much a good child but a little bit of a handful,” Evelyn said. “He had a typical child growing up with a single parent. By the grace of God, though, I raised him to be a good kid.”

Despite the fact that he was the “Captain,” he was still the baby of the family, with two older brothers and an older sister, all being raised by Evelyn. He hit rebellion earlier than most kids.

“He was tougher when he was younger than he was as a teenager,” Evelyn said.

Perhaps he owes the fact that he runs the 40-yard dash in 4.7 seconds to his mother, though. “The reason Captain can run so fast now is because he started out early running from me!”

Captain regrouped from his younger rebellion years as he reached high school and joined the Murphy High School football team. When varsity coach Ron Lee came in for the head coaching position, Captain was a sophomore and he started that year under Lee.

“He was pretty much a good child but that wasn’t like him,” Lee said. “As far as an individual, he has a tremendous amount of speed and is a very competitive athlete,” Lee said. “He is just a class act.”

Captain proved his speed by pulling on class to take the football field and by donning his spikes as a sprinter on the track and field team. While his football talent earned him a spot in the Junior All-Star team, his extraordinary speed took him to Junior Olympics his freshman, sophomore, and junior years of high school. He ran the 100 m dash and participated in the long jump each year in the Junior Olympics.

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Steve Spurrier is going to match up once again with his old nemesis Saturday when Phil Fulmer brings his No. 8 ranked Volunteers to Columbia. Spurrier, who owns an 8-3 record all time against Fulmer, will be trying to knock off the Vols for the second straight year.

In 2005, the Gamecocks blanked Tennessee 16-15 on a game-winning field goal by place kicker Roby. The Volunteer team went on to finish 5-6 and miss a bowl game for the first time since 1988. Unlike last year, this game features two teams with hopes of making it to Atlanta for the Southeastern Conference Championship game.

In order to win the East, Tennessee (6-4, 2-1 SEC) will need another loss by Florida if they win out. South Carolina (5-4, 2-1 SEC), on the other hand, controls its own destiny and will head to Atlanta if they win the next three against Tennessee, Arkansas and Florida.

Since taking over the starting quarterback job after the Georgia loss, South Carolina is 4-1 with Sydelle Newton starting. In his five starts, Newton has averaged 191 yards passing per game and another 31 yards running. Head coach Steve Spurrier knows that Newton’s play will be very important Saturday.

“He is going to have to really need to play well if we are going to have a chance this week. He knows that, I think our receivers know it,” Spurrier said.

After struggling to run the ball in the early parts of the season. South Carolina has found some success in the past two games. Junior running back Cory Boyd has broken the 100-yard barrier against both Kentucky and Vanderbilt, and Spurrier is clearly happy with his production.

“Cory is a back that can catch the ball, block and run; he’s a true all around worker. He’s very quick away to watch him play,” Spurrier said. “It should be an exciting game, a big game looking forward to seeing what happens.”

Wides receiver Kenny McKinley runs after a catch in a game earlier this season. McKinley has two touchdown grabs on the year, second only to USC receiver Sidney Rice.

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If Boyd has more success Saturday, it bodes well for the Gamecocks. So far this season, SEC teams are a combined 20-1 when they have a running back break the 100-yard mark.

South Carolina should also look to get the ever-dangerous Sidney Rice involved as well. Last year against the Vols, Rice had a key catching eight passes for 112 yards and two touchdowns.

In summary, the Gamecocks are going to have their hands full trying to contain some of the SEC’s best offenses. Tennessee is 1-2 in the SEC in both scoring offense and total offense. Junior quarterback Erik Ainge is one of the main reasons for Tennessee’s offensive success this year. Ainge, who is now under the tutelage of offensive mindmaster David Cutcliffe, has been the SEC’s passing, averaging 280 yards per game to go along with 14 TD’s and eight INT’s.

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While every football player, from high school players up to NFL players have enormous pressure on them to excel, imagine going through life with as the “captain.” It’s almost like 1 lb. Captain was born with a burden, to succeed resting on his tiny shoulders. But Captain doesn’t see it as a burden; he sees it as a great opportunity. So does his mother.

“When I named him Captain, everyone told me he’s destined to be a leader,” Evelyn said. “Everyone told me he’s going to be a great young man. I know that he can start last at whatever he’s doing, but if he puts his head to it, he’ll always end up first.”
Tennessee offense strongpoint of revamped team

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SPORTS EDITOR

Last season, when the Gamecocks traveled to Knoxville, Tenn., they were visiting a very Rocky Top. Tennessee was 3-3 at the time, having just lost a heartbreaker against Alabama. Quarterbacks Erik Ainge and Rick Clausen were floundering, and fans were calling for head coach Phillip Fulmer’s job. And all of this was before USC head coach Steve Spurrier and company knocked off the Vols 16-15 in a historic upset. The game cost UT offensive coordinator Randy Sanders his job, and Tennessee finished with a losing record for the first time since 1988.

Fast forward to this season. With a new motto of “Fired up, focused and prepared” and new-old offensive coordinator David Cutcliffe, the Vols are cruising at 6-1 (2-1 SEC). Ainge was recently named a semifinalist for the Maxwell Award (Collegiate Player of the Year), and any requests for Fulmer’s dismissal are now whispers. “Our guys have been very responsive,” Fulmer said at his Tuesday press conference, “and I think a lot of that can be attributed to the energy and the way that the staff has gone about approaching this team and this season, and more importantly the team’s response to that.”

For Carolina, the main concern on defense has to be Ainge and UT’s high-powered aerial attack. Some Gamecock faithful might scratch their head in confusion after remembering Ainge’s horrid 9-of-21, 65-yard performance last season.

However, Cutcliffe has remade Ainge into a confident, accurate quarterback. While the junior is still a bit interception prone, he is among the passing leaders in the country with 1,959 yards and 14 touchdowns. “He’s been bouncing back ever since he got here,” Fulmer said after the Alabama game. “He’s a fairly poised young man. His maturity is starting to show.”

Likewise, Tennessee’s receivers have rebounded from last year’s onslaught of poor routes and dropped passes. Junior Robert Meachem and senior Jayson Swain comprise the nation’s third-best receiving combo, averaging 168.1 yards per game. “Versus our defense, their ability to run the ball with (Cory) Boyd and (Mike) Davis, Newton’s ability to make plays, particularly turning scramble-type plays into big plays for them is a very big concern for us,” Fulmer said.

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Casper Brinkley, defensive lineman #51

After a huge game in Vanderbilt, Brinkley is second on the team in sacks and is a force on the Carolina front. His 5.5 tackles are fourth best on the roster.

Cory Boyd, running back #3

Back-to-back 100-yard rushing games have made the New Jersey native one of the best players in the league. Boyd continues to grind it out for most of the game and seems to find the end zone when it is crucial. His running will need to be established to ensure a Carolina passing attack.

Who has the Edge?

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Week 9: Key conference battles with BCS implications bountiful

SEC. Big 12 matches sitting down and watching all sorts of football all day long.

One of those weeks this season comes in the last home Week 9 for a couple of teams that have both been in top 25 standings every season.

This week at the Gamecocks, Junior quarterback Rhett Bomar, who has thrown for 1,400 yards and eight touchdowns — tops in the conference. But Jayson Swain also has five scores, and two other receivers are averaging more than 50 yards a game, giving the Tennessee aerial attack a lot of options.

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Tennessee — Robert Marveaux is the SEC’s leading receiver with almost 109 yards per game and six touchdowns — tops in the conference. But Jayson Swain also has five scores, and two other receivers are averaging more than 50 yards a game, giving the Tennessee aerial attack a lot of options.
BIG. Georgia is just not good game. Urban Meyer and the so they don't remember the more than the Florida fans. I hope Georgia fans drink World's Largest Cracker my personal favorite, “The Live North of Virginia,” and Most Persuasive Reason to network including “The Surprisingly enough, GQ had a few suggestions for the tags that shows up in every work! Herbstreit could be cuffed up for the Newrxy vs. Wingate game, and if you put a cactus in his face he's going to say about the atmosphere. Get over it. I really don't think he's going to sit there and say, "The atmosphere in Clemson? Well, it smells like a giant urinal and I've seen better collective derm tippe at a convention of meth addicts.”

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How will Carolina's GameDay atmosphere compare to Clemson's? It will be a tough act to follow, but if we can guarantee that there will be no cows, overall, craters, inappropriate cousin-cousin relationships, and the dominate color of our uniform will not be purple, I like our chances.

Hey Carolina fans, make a huge deal because apparently Kirk Herbstreit said Clemson had the best atmosphere of any GameDay this season. It has been 41-66-2. Our fans should totally ignore him. When he picks Tennessee to win (which he probably will), we can make a reaction, don't do anything. Don't cheer, don't boo, don't throw things — don’t do anything. Stand totally still, absolutely silent and stare ahead like a pack of zombies. It would be the most awkward television moment since Joe Paterno sprinted to the moment since Joe Paterno sprinted to the College GameDay set in Texas and wave the flag of his beloved Washington State Cougars. A few weeks after that, he decided to FedEx the flag to fans around the country to follow GameDay, and a tradition was started. The flag has flown in the background of 42 straight GameDays, which is pretty cool. So if you see a guy holding a Washington State flag, leave him alone. He’s not trying to steal our spotlight or insult our fans, he is just continuing one of the only new traditions in college football that I wish I thought of first.

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