Dancers learn a new step at the Dance Marathon in the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center this weekend.

**Dance-your-heart-out event helps local kids**

USC student chronicles fatigue, inspiration of high-energy event

Amanda Black, a first-year finance student, danced for 24-consecutive hours as part of the ninth annual Dance Marathon on Friday and Saturday. The event raised $101,980.90 and the proceeds will go toward the Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital in Columbia.

Black chronicled her hallucinations on her feet at the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center for The Daily Gamecock.

**Friday, 7 p.m.: Getting really excited! Dance Marathon Morale performs the dance for us, and I cannot wait to get started! Families came to talk to us about what we are working for.**

**1 p.m. First spirit competition. “Saved by the Bell” got rolled!** It’s all right, though. Everyone is in a great mood and ready to keep moving.

**10 a.m.** Basketball, dancing and games. I am feeling pretty good about staying awake too.

**11 a.m. Dinner! We had yummy pasta and amazing cookies, and it was the first time we really got to sit down for an extended period of time. Little did I know I should have taken advantage of that.**

**Saturday, Midnight: More dancing and the first band, Wides Open, performs. I spend most of this time jumping up and down in front of the stage like a groupie/fool. I bought a little hat for a T-shirt just because I wanted one... I lost.**

**DANCE 3**

The $101,980.90 raised by the dancers will be donated to Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital in Columbia.

**Greek candidates set to take office**

**Jackie Alexander**

Presidential and vice presidential election results will stand, according to findings released by the Elections Commission on Friday.

Nick Payne, a third-year finance student, and Jay Laura, a third-year international studies student, were elected president and vice president respectively last Tuesday.

Their opponents, Chase Stoudemire, a third-year history student, and Allen Khang, a third-year political science student, contested the election results on Wednesday.

The commission said a voting irregularity or illegality occurred at the Alpha Chi Omega sorority house based on witness testimony reflecting coercion of student votes in the presidential race.

However, the commission said it did not “find it reasonably likely that this illegality or irregularity had a significant impact on the results of the election...”

The commission said it found no irregularity in seven other points of contention, saying polling places set up in the Greek Village were not illegal, and that witness testimonies were inconsistent and did not show coercion of votes at the computers in those locations.

The locations included the chapter meetings of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Delta Delta.

The commission said there were not enough complaints.

**ELECTIONS 3**

**Black staff questions diversity, teacher pay**

Panel discusses university’s attitude toward minorities

Shaylon Rice

Members of the Black Faculty and Staff Association met with President Andrew Sorensen Friday to address issues of race on campus, pay discrepancies for teachers and general campus topics.

One of the biggest issues discussed was the association was why there were few black students on campus now than in years past.

There are nearly 700 black students here, and Sorensen said USC ranked No. 1 in proportion of black students of any public flagship university in the country. Although there is a presence of black students on campus, Sorensen said the university could do more to increase their numbers.

**ELECTIONS 3**

**Blayne Brown to be remembered by friends, family, classmates at fundraiser**

Fraternity raises funds to support scholarship to honor former pledge

Shannon Townes

A fundraising event for the Blayne Brown Memorial Scholarship will take place tonight at Village Idiot in Five Points.

The scholarship was established last spring to honor Blayne Brown, an Alpha Tau Omega fraternity brother who died in a car accident last year.

In its inaugural year, the event raised $2,500 to put toward a scholarship in the sports and entertainment management area of the college of hospitality, retail and sport management here.

Roland Trout, a former HRSM student at USC and member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, started the scholarship with fellow USC students.

Trout said the fund has raised $8,000 to date, and he is hoping to make at least $5,000 more at Monday’s function. The goal is to gain endowment, which requires at least $25,000 to be in the fund, and to supply a lasting tribute on Brown’s memory.

Trout started the scholarship to honor a “real great guy,” he said. After being involved in a near-fatal accident at the 1984 Olympic Games, Trout said Brown’s death hit an even more personal note and further prompted him to do something to help out.

The Village Idiot on Derite Street in Five Points has agreed to donate all of its take money from 7 p.m. until closing at midnight to the scholarship.

There will be a cover charge for admission, and musical guests The Marion Carter Band, Kilroy and Black Eagle will perform.

Another faculty member wanted know what USC is doing in response to an article published in The State newspaper that said black employees make more than their black employees in the time past.

“What if you have information that the same pay band for which is getting paid more than someone who is black, I mean, that’s something that I would deal with it personally,” Sorenson said.

There are no statistical analysis indicating salary inequities within pay bands at the university, said Jane Jameson, vice president for Human Resources.

“We really don’t see to have those problems that the state agencies have as a whole, which is what the article was referring to,” Jameson said.

Jameson said one thing they do find disturbing is the dramatic drop in the number of black employees.

**BLACK 3**

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A bill is working its way through the South Carolina Legislature that would end a program designed to give parents a way to start paying for their children’s tuition the day they’re born.

The South Carolina Tuition Prepayment Program began in 1997, but has since experienced low participation rates and has become “a liability for the state,” said Scott Maylerck, director of communications for the Treasurer’s Office. “It’s great for families,” Maylerck said, “but not that great for the state because it’s costly.”

Maylerck said when the program began they assumed tuition would increase about 7 to 8 percent. However, “tuition has gone up, in the last five years, double digits,” Maylerck said.

USC spokesman Russ McKinney said lower tuition is something USC strives for, but it’s not entirely up to the university. “One of the major deciding factors is the amount of funding the state gives us,” McKinney said.

The prepayment program has caused the state to lose about $63 million, because of the low tuition increase rates that were factored into the program, Maylerck said. But there is a provision in the budget to put money into the program. “We have to bail out the program with about $63 million to account for the tuition increases,” Maylerck said.

The program also has not had as many participants as other similar programs. About 6,000 people are enrolled in the prepayment program, while the Future Scholars Program has about 30,000 participants.

Program Manager Melody Lamm said she attributes the participation numbers to the increased flexibility of the Future Scholars Program, which is “a lot more flexible in payments, as well as how you can use the money,” Lamm said.

The Prepayment Tuition Program has set monthly rates that families must pay, while the Future Scholars Program has flexible rates, Lamm said. The price that families pay is based on the average tuition prices for state schools. But it’s a bit more than the average to account for the increases in tuition per year, which is where the program ran into trouble. “The return on the investment had not been meeting what the goals are,” Maylerck said. “Tuition is rising too much.”

Maylerck said it doesn’t make sense to continue at the current level. However, there are some who will be sad to see it go, if the bill to end it passes. Marsi McAlister, an Irmo High School guidance counselor, said she knows students whose parents are using the program. “They said it was a wonderful thing to have,” she said. “It puts education at a priority.”

The bill to end the program was introduced by Sens. Greg Ryberg, R-Aiken, Kevin Bryant, R-Anderson and Danny Verdin, R-Laurens.

The bill passed through the educational committee and will be brought to the floor of the Senate to be voted on and will then be brought to the House of Representatives. The bill says the program will take no new participants but will remain functional for the existing participants. The bill will take effect July 1 if it passes both the Senate and the House before that date.

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Carroll named treasurer after Brown disqualified

John Carroll was named the new student body treasurer on Friday night after candidate Alexa Brown was disqualified.

The Student Government Elections Commission Kayleigh Enterlinger, a second-year political science student, said that Carroll, a third-year political science student, was the winner after Brown, a second-year political science student, was disqualified from the race for an elections violation immediately prior to the announcement Friday.

"He was the automatic winner based on the commission's decision to disqualify Alexa Brown," Enterlinger said.

Brown won door-to-door 75 percent of the vote. Carroll took 19 percent of the vote. The complaint was filed by Brown went door-to-door with candidates in Patterson to ask people to vote in the treasurer runoff.

Brown said she did go door-to-door, but did not visit students to ask for her vote.

"I wasn't nervous, because it was fraudulent activities, but I was anxious because it was out of my hands," Laura said.

I am ready to begin serving in the highest pay hand. Another candidate neither wanted to know if there are any official studies on black graduation rates. Vice President of Student Affairs Dan Pruts said there are no official studies, but he knows the females are doing well.

"We are doing a cultural study to figure out what is going on with the males," Pruts said.

Redrick Moore, director of Multicultural Student Affairs, briefly talked about a survey that will be distributed to 3,500 randomly selected students to find out about their experiences here. He said the survey will be distributed to all USC students — not just blacks.

The black faculty and staff members also questioned general university issues.

Some were why asked if USC is the only public institution of higher education in the state that is respected it.

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Klump said he disagreed with the commission's decision because he said he respected it.

"Let's bring this campus back to balance," Payne said.

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"I feel very, very relieved help." Laura said Friday she was going to work with the new student body treasurer.

"I was pleased with the turnout and that all the vice presidents came and were able to resolve some real life issues for people in the audience," said Ernest Pringle, a Student Affairs staff member who helped coordinate the forum. "It was a great energy boost."

I won't need yet another Red Bull. This is the low point of exhaustion, and I began to feel like I could hardly have never realized how important Dance Marathon is.

I do not regret any of it for a second. The grand total is announced ($201, 980.90) and everyone is euphoric. I really remember dancing for the last time. I reflexed over the past 24 hours with excitement, like I had never, even more anticipation for next year. Because this was my first Dance Marathon, the weight of it did not hit me until the very end. It really is one of the greatest things I have ever participated in.

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In a Vatican-like move Saturday, the state of Virginia passed a resolution expressing “founding ideals” rather than regret” for its role in slavery, according to a report by the BBC. It’s just a word, just a gesture and not much more.

“founding ideals” isn’t the obvious, it’s the 21st-century and it’s time to commerce take bigger steps.

It is time for America to learn from its mistakes and make sure these kinds of horrendous depredations of human rights and violations of our founding ideals in our nation’s history don’t happen again.

Apologies can’t heal all wounds, but this should open our eyes. Violating our nation’s “founding ideals” isn’t just an 18th-century pastime.

This is a rough subject, a tough face to fact, but racism and hatred are still alive and thriving today. Women, Musims, Hispanics, blacks and gays still face daily “hardships” in this land of freedom.

Saying sorry can only bring so many bridges; it’s just a word, just a gesture and not much more. America needs actions and to be supportive of real programs that help our society heal every day.

After all, we don’t want to have to wait another 400 years for an apology.
**TYLER PERRY MOVIE SHINES**

"Daddy's Little Girl" doesn't need Oscar nod to entertain viewers

By Rashanie Green

The Daily Gamecock

**Daddy's Little Girls**

With the mayhem surrounding the Oscars last year, you may have missed playwright/ director Tyler Perry's latest film "Daddy's Little Girls." That's because it wasn't nominated for any Academy Awards this year.

If you missed seeing this film, don't anticipate a tear-jerking, life-changing film. Like most of Perry's films, "Daddy's Little Girls" is very cliché and predictable. But Perry, unlike most Hollywood directors, has the ability to target and connect with a certain audience that most big-budget Hollywood films don't.

"Daddy's Little Girls" revolves around a single father named Monty, played by Eddie Ila, battling for custody of his three daughters from his neglectful mother, played by Tasha Smith. With a previous conviction haunting him, Monty struggles to maintain a stable lifestyle while battling the temptations of his surroundings. Of course, this wouldn't be a Tyler Perry film without a fairy tale love story.

The film successfully challenged Money for a wealthier lifestyle, played by Gabrielle Union. Like most of Perry's films, "Daddy's Little Girls" underlines the importance of religion and family surrounding the main characters to triumph over the hardships of their lives.

This film is not for those who miss the days of campy, laugh-out-loud comedy. Perry's films are the only time this would be a Tyler Perry film without a fairy tale love story.

If you are looking for something edgy, you'll find Perry's films don't need Oscar nods to entertain viewers.

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**Play about murder handled with levity by local theater group**

By Jon Staples

The Daily Gamecock

"The Pillowman" is a play about murder that has a fairy tale quality. It revolves around a single father named Monty, played by Brian Rooney. The actors are graduate students at USC. As far as acting goes there were ups and downs. The first act seemed a bit like a warm-up, a very long and drawn out warm-up. It was as if the actors were throwing their lines at each other rather than speaking them.

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There is no Broadway performance, but the script is so bizarre that it's worth seeing. If you are looking for something edgy, you'll find this to be twisted, but are still well-earned R rating will definitely find plenty to enjoy.

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**‘Reno 911!’ crew visits Miami, hilarity ensues**

By Tyler Mobley

The Daily Gamecock

"Reno 911!: Miami" is still a pretty hysterical movie. The funniest pieces of the show remain intact in the film version, even if they've been peppered with a few lame bits. Plus, even though the movie has slow parts, it clocks in at under an hour and a half, so the slowdown really can't run too long anyway.

Fans of the show will enjoy the familiarity of "Miami" and those who haven't seen the show but can handle the show's bent can handle this well-earned R rating with a pretty good chance of enjoyment.

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**Film version succeeds despite boring points that slow down plot**

"Reno 911!: Miami" is at its core a social satire aside, "Reno 911!: Miami" is still a pretty stupid movie about stupid cops. Fart jokes, men in thongs and uncomfortable sex scenes abound in the heat of Miami.

Problems aside, "Reno 911!: Miami" is a film made to astound, it fails to do anything new, it merely copies the popular weekly show "Reno 911!" together, and instead of the gunplay and action that fans of the show love so much, you'll find this to be a "real movie." Basically, imagine watching a bunch of "Reno 911!" together, and instead of the commercial breaks between bits, they throw in a few funny scenes to fill holes in the story.

Almost all of the gags are extremely crass, violent or rely on characters' ignorance of their own social and ethnic astonishment. This is not a movie for those who enjoy "cute" humor. None of the potentially offensive jokes (Trudy Wiggl's racism) are made for the sake of discrimination in and of itself. The politically incorrect humor is meant to make fun of social stereotypes and ignorant people (think "Borat").

Social satire aside, "Reno 911!: Miami" is a story that has a fairy tale quality. It revolves around a single father named Monty, played by Brian Rooney. The actors are graduate students at USC. As far as acting goes there were ups and downs. The first act seemed a bit like a warm-up, a very long and drawn out warm-up. It was as if the actors were throwing their lines at each other rather than speaking them.

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HOROSCOPES

Aries Avoid the most irritating people and conversations, if you can. Clutter yourself with your teammates.

Taurus You’re learning quickly. Don’t forget what you already know. The method that will work in this situation is one you’ve used before.

Gemini You’re a good communicator, naturally. Also be a good sport of good humor, and tell a few good jokes.

Cancer You’re so cute, you can get away with practically anything. You cannot get away with everything, however.

Leo You’re at the point where you really need to consult an expert. Ask around for a person who understands machinery better than you do.

Virgo There’s more work coming in, and the urgency is also increasing. Ask your friends for support, but don’t spend too much time talking.

Libra You’re still not making more money but you can make a good impression. It’s up to you to decide if that alone is worth the extra effort.

Scorpio You can see for miles and miles. You’re coming up with ideas that will increase your income as well as your fun.

Sagittarius This next lesson has to do with arithmetic. Can you figure out how many numbers you’ll need? Can your passion? You loaded just put the lightest good partner comes to your rescue. Someone who already knows what you’re learning provides relief.

Aquarius You’re in the mood to get a lot done. Luckily, you can also get into an appropriate place. Great abundance can be yours.

Pisces A private conversation with a loved one will help you make the decision you’ve been thinking about.

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25 Teen’s crime
27 Old hag
28 Unnamed source
29 Man of La Mancha
31 Curreret Shaw
32 Gave in
33 Period
34 Corroborates
37 Arrived
38 Eavesdrop successfully
40 Release
41 Popeye’s nemesis
44 Titled
46 ... we all
47 Setting
48 Neurotic’s opposite
49 Marmion, for one
51 Mayflower, for one
52 Adam’s address

Solutions from Friday

Solutions to Friday’s Sudoku

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Students hold up trays to honor guard Tre’ Kelly for Senior Night at the men’s basketball game Saturday, where the Gamecocks defeated Ole’ Miss Rebels 72-66.

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Tony’s for 3

They clin the elections.

Sudoku By Michael Mephram

How to Play

Complete the grid so each row, column, and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9.
The Gamecocks did not exert a strong presence on Saturday as Carolina (14-1, 4-1) dropped its third consecutive game to the Ole Miss Rebels (18-10, 7-7), 76-63 on Senior Night before a 2,800-person crowd.

"I wasn't going to force it. I wasn't hitting shots in the first half," Grooms said. "I have to get my stroke in the second half, that's what I've been doing and that's making good pitches and giving the team a chance to win," Grooms said.

Stay in they did. The Gamecocks would just not go away, as they brought the lead down to less than two points four times in the second half. However, the Gamecocks were unable to close the gap until the end of the game.

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