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BMW head: Prepare for ‘worldwide market’

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BMW Manufacturing Company President Josef Kerscher speaks in the Darla Moore School of Business Thursday evening.

Company president speaks in Wells Fargo lecture series

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BMW Manufacturing Company President Josef Kerscher’s work is tied quite a bit to the rest of the world.

The president of the BMW U.S. Manufacturing Company is based in Greer, S.C., but the company’s South Carolina factory, BMW’s second largest, exports most of the cars it builds, Kerscher said. It has the highest export rate of any American auto plant, the factory employs about 7,000 people.

And it’s growing, too, Kerscher said — the factory has hired 100 employees this year, in a state with an 8.6-percent unemployment rate, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. In all, he said, the factory employs about 7,000 people.

“We have always been a growing company,” Kerscher said.

BMW came to the state for a number of reasons, Kerscher said: a business-friendly environment, a workforce with manufacturing experience and an infrastructure, particularly in the port of Charleston, that makes getting cars to a global market easier.

“We are in a worldwide market,” Kerscher said. “You have to be prepared for worldwide competition.”

He told USC students to do the same.

“If you are prepared for this (global) competition, you will be successful,” Kerscher said.

The company has also focused on developing sustainability efforts.

BMW has led the Dow Jones Sustainability Index for seven consecutive years, Kerscher said, and it fits with a focus on efficient manufacturing.

“Efficiency also includes sustainability,” he said. “We are really focused on environmentally friendly manufacturing.”

Since 2006, Kerscher said, water consumption at the factory has been reduced by more than 10 percent. He also explained that a new painting process has reduced energy consumption by 20 percent.

“We are close to being 100 percent waste-free,” Kerscher said.

BMW’s key growth markets are particularly in the port of Charleston, he told a crowd of more than 100 in the Darla Moore School of Business Thursday as a part of the Wells Fargo Executive Lecture Series.

“We are engineering and manufacturing for the world market,” Kerscher said.

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McClintock will not be obstructed. Fortune said that University Housing kept the traffic flow in mind when planning the connection of the three buildings.

Besides the connectors, however, the facades of the buildings, which range from 53 to 73 years old, will not be significantly altered.

“The biggest change will be the connectors. When you see that, it may appear to look different just because you won’t be used to that,” Fortune said. It’s a part of a major renovation to the three residence halls — McClintock, Sims and Wade Hampton — that will cost $27.2 million and start in the summer of 2013. The project is expected to be completed by the start of the 2014-2015 academic year and will take the three first-year residence halls out of use for the coming school year.

The two traditional-style residence halls, McClintock and Wade Hampton, will be converted into suite-style halls. “That’s a huge change for the community,” Fortune said. The two buildings were constructed in 1955 and 1959, respectively, and have always been traditional-style residences.

The style shift for these residence halls is not necessarily an indicator of what may happen in future renovations, Colleen Mullis, the assistant director of marketing and communications for University Housing, said. The renovation will bring new mechanical systems to all three residence halls, which Mullis said should help prevent mold problems like those in Sims earlier this semester. “[They] will be better able to remove the moisture from the air during the hot, humid summer months,” Mullis said.

The buildings will also have added common spaces for studying and socializing, according to Fortune. But one thing that won’t change for the Women’s Quadrangle when it reopens in 2014 is who will live there. “It will maintain its tradition as the Women’s Quad,” Fortune said.

Buildings in the Women’s Quad will be connected as they are renovated starting next year and through the start of the 2014-2015 academic year. The changes will cost $27.2 million.

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Holtz has a good choice for winter commencement

"Dr. Lou" is coming to town — and no, we're relieved.

Holtz, a former Gamecocks football coach, will speak at the winter commencement next month, the first of the celebrity status last spring’s grads was that, down that had locked down Tom Brokaw the boy, are we relieved. What he has to say.

Getting Holtz. We look forward to hearing seventh-most-winning coach.

A commencement speaker is more than what he has to say. Holtz, a former Gamecocks football coach - "Dr. Lou" is coming to town — and no, we're relieved.

Holtz has earned the title of "Coach of the Century" over his long career. He is known for his dedication to coaching and his success on the field. Holtz's presence at the winter commencement will undoubtedly be a highlight for many students and alumni.

The American Express Diploma Program is currently underway, and we encourage all students to take advantage of this opportunity. The program offers a variety of courses that can help students earn college credit while still being enrolled in high school.

In addition to Holtz, there will be several other keynote speakers at the winter commencement. These speakers will include an array of experts in fields such as business, politics, and sports. Each speaker will bring their unique perspective to the event, making for an engaging and informative day.

Overall, the winter commencement is an exciting event for students, alumni, and faculty. We hope to see everyone there to celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2023.
Nickelodeon embraces ‘end of world’

Theater bases latest series on Mayan prediction

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It’s 2012, which means that it may be the end of the world as we know it.

Sure, there are people who believe that the Mayan calendar ending in 2012 doesn’t mean the end of the world, but it’s still an excuse for believers to “celebrate their ‘final days on this Earth.” And Nickelodeon Theatre is looking to help in the celebration.


“We tried to pick films that people would enjoy or films like Outbreak, which really isn’t played for laughs but still it’s a great movie,” Calvage said.

Calvage also notes the movie series as a thematic opportunity for movie lovers to gather and share their passion for film.

“There are not a lot of opportunities for movie geeks to just get together and celebrate a film,” Calvage said.

The classic “Ghostbusters” starts screening tonight, the first in the “And I Feel Fine” Nickelodeon series. It will be open to the public with a drink special. Calvage said, “It’s fun because we are trying to woo up from fresh pears to pancakes to pie. And for the miniature chef-on-training, there’s plenty of pair- sized wands, ladies and chef’s hats to put them on. In short, cooking for the southern chef needs to be blended with equal parts social savvy and tradition, and Charleston Cooks is more than happy to provide all of the above.

“There’s a lot of traditions we hand down through food,” Calvage said. “When you’re making cookies with your grandmother, it’s not really about the baking. She’s passing down advice and you’re taking the time to make memories together. I think that’s why cooking is so important. It’s so much more than just making the meal, it’s about bringing people together.”

While Rabb named the mess-free garlic press as one of her favorite kitchen tools the store sells, there are tools available for whatever dish a customer is trying to whip up, from fresh pears to pancakes to pie.

All of the products we sell have been used and tested in our very own kitchen,” Rabb said. “We try to find companies that are durable and still easy to use. This store is really all about cooking and not carbonation presentation. Although we do sell items to accompany cocktails or as gifts, nothing is too ‘cutesy.’ We want to provide everything for the home-based cook — not using 18 ingredients but instead items you may already have in your pantry.”

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There’s a lot of energy available. Your home base is waiting to be inspired. After meditation and concentration, feel free to work with everything you’ve outgrown.

Taurus

Don’t push yourself or you’ll burn out. Do so, but accept the risk with your consequences. Trust your instincts when you have the right to miss a great opportunity.

Gemini

A clear vision of the future opens up. Double-check your work to avoid errors. Hope is triumphant. Focus on finances for a couple of days.

Cancer

For a few days, you’re high king of the mountain. Get in action. You have the resources you need. Figure it out.

Leo

Watch out for surprises. Send somebody else to work, and let them take the risks for now. You can pay them back later with a smile.

Virgo

Your friends are your inspiration. Schedule meetings and parties. Accept change in the weather. Create clear ideas out of the confusion. You’re very attracting now.

Libra

Career matters most now. Find a relaxing place away from distractions where you can be most productive. Focus on what you believe in and what you’re passionate about.

Scorpio

Should you go or should you stay? Romance may be challenging, but it’s well worth the effort. Dress for a special event.

Sagittarius

Review your budget, and focus on work. Set smart goals, and get into the research. It’s getting fun.

Capricorn

Be more willing to share the load. Look for the pieces that don’t fit. Find a need and fill it. Get ready to make your choices. Imagine a brighter future.

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Moody saw Flach's determination through his training. "There were times where he had to be by himself and do things separate from the rest of the team," Moody said. "That made him tougher. It's rewarding because you get to see all of the things that he accomplished." Flach acknowledged that redshirting gave him a lot more freedom in his training. He took classes off for spring semester and traveled around the country to train with different athletes, most notably, gold medalist Ryan Lochte, in Florida. He cherished the experience to learn from Lochte. "You get to see one of the best in the world," Flach said. "You try to soak up as much knowledge as you can, which is what I did, and I think it's helped me."

The experience of redshirting and training with Lochte changed Flach's perspective and opened his eyes to the idea of swimming professionally. But it did take him away from USC and his teammates. "It was tough to sit back and watch my teammates go through the season, and know I could be there if I didn't redshirt," he said. Flach's teammates acknowledged that he was missed last season. "It was pretty rough," redshirt junior Matt Navata said. "During dual meets, it was always a huge disappointment if we lost as a team because we knew that Michael would have made such a huge impact on the outcome. His presence alone pumps up the team like no other."

And while Flach also serves as the team prankster, Navata said he earns that right by also being one of its hardest workers. "But he can joke around with everybody and bring a lighter sense of fun to the team," Navata said. Flach starts every meet by charging the team with his personal motto "Let's shock the world, boys," and Moody said his confidence rubs off on the rest of the swimmers. "You can see a difference in the team with him back," Moody said. "In every meet that we go into, I think there is this confidence that we lacked last year."

And while it's a ways away, Flach has aspirations to bring his talents and that confidence to the 2016 Olympics in Rio. "It is definitely in the back of my mind as a long-term goal," he said. "There is definitely going to be a lot of stepping-stones to get there, but hopefully I'll take it one day at a time. And in the end, it'll be something that I doubt for."
Flach’s return boosts USC swim team

Redshirt junior competed at Olympic trials in Omaha, Neb.

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Soft-spoken and reserved outside the pool, Michael Flach’s actions speak for him when he’s swimming in it. The redshirt junior was at Omaha, Neb., racing against the likes of Michael Phelps.

Flach was the only one out of the six USC male swimmers at the trials who made it to the finals of an event. He finished eighth in 200-meter butterfly, an event that Phelps won.

For Flach, it was an incredible experience to be in Omaha, one he’ll remember for the rest of his life.

“The venue was like a basketball arena filled at mass capacity, but they put a pool in the middle of it. It’s something you never really get to see unless you get to this type of stage. So it’s something I’ll never forget.”

He realized there were lights and cameras everywhere around him but was thankful it did not affect his performance.

“You try not to think about it,” Flach said. “But at some point it did hit me that I’m going to be right next to Michael Phelps in this heat, and hit me that I’m going to be right next to him. It was surreal, getting the national exposure it got and being on primetime TV.”

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Flach took last season off from swimming at USC to focus solely on his Olympic aspirations. “My teammates put aside their goals to support what I was doing,” he said. “It was definitely a great moment for me. I also have to thank my parents for being so encouraging. They were behind me when I decided to redshirt. They basically said ‘We’ll help you another year to get through school and follow your dreams.’

Flach trained for trials in Columbia with his teammates and coaches. He knew it was going to be intense, but also fun.

“I was on deck with my friends and coaches every day,” Flach said. “It was hard going into it; I had to put a lot of effort into it, and it was going to be somewhere that things that he needed to do in order to achieve this. And he said ‘I’m in.’”

Flach was especially appreciative of his family, coaches and teammates support of his decision of redshirting a year to chase his Olympic aspirations.

“When Mike commits to something, he really puts all his effort into it,” Moody said. “He is a guy who told me a year and a half ago that he wanted to be in a final at Olympic trials, and that he wanted to make a national team and swim in international meets. So we sat down to make a national team and swim in international meets. So we sat down and rattled off a bunch of different things that he needed to do in order to achieve this. And he said ‘I’m in.’”

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Editor’s note: Before the season, The Daily Gamecock’s sports staff made some predictions about the season, like the BCS National Championship game and who would win the Heisman Trophy. For the most part, we were wrong. Now that the season is drawing to a close and the scenarios are more limited, we’re going to give it another shot.

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Sports Editor

POSTSEASON PREDICTIONS

Alabama over Georgia 30-13
Notre Dame over Alabama 27-24
Oregon over Kansas State 45-37
Florida over Oklahoma 20-17
Florida State over Louisville 38-10
Stanford over Nebraska 35-17

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