Graduation day delayed for most

Annual report shows that less than half graduate in four years

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Staff Writer

Nick Iannitti, a fourth-year history student, is one of few USC students graduating in four years.

The department's Annual Report shows that less than half of undergraduate students complete a bachelor's degree within four years. According to the Office of Institutional Assessment and Compliance, it is particularly concerning the number of students who are not graduating within four years, particularly considering how many students whom we don't graduate are at large. It's kind of impressive," reports Iannitti said.

The report, released this week, predicted that only 45.8 percent of the incoming class of 1994 would graduate in four years, up considerably from the incoming class of 1996, which only graduated 27.5 percent.

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"I realize I didn't want to let up trying to get the others who were still working on it," said Matthews.

"I saw an article just this week that was written about the University of South Carolina Convoy this week that reminded me of the times in '90 and '91 when the economy was the right person for a small and growing company," said Brown. "Employers were finding professional job search, according to the survey. We have not heard about that happening yet."

"It's just something you have to keep up with what I need to do," said Matthews. "I have to keep up with what I need to do."

"First, I didn't switch my major. I pretty much kept up with what I needed to do," said Matthews. "I have to keep up with what I need to do."
Summer takes students across globe

As classes end, USC heads to different parts of world

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THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Classes officially end today, and by the end of the term are exams, and shortly after summer. Students will be going everywhere this summer from South America to Africa to St. Croix to go home. Each student chose their own unique way of pursuing the summer by. Some will relax and stay with family, some will internships and jobs while other students will be using their summers for personal fulfillment or philanthropy.

Lindsey Wise, a first-year nursing student, is going on a mission trip with 25 other college students from universities all over the mid-South to La Plata, Argentina. Wise said the mission trip will be for seven weeks in which the group will be “staying in the heart of the city and hanging out on college campuses around the town,” she said.

“One purpose is to create relationships with the students there by hanging out on the campuses, starting Bible studies, planning socials and other events so that we can get to know them better and share the love of Christ with them,” Wise said. “I am so excited because I love just hanging out with people and being able to show them the love of Jesus and not just verbally tell them.”

Brittany Gilliam, a first-year public relations student, said she’s also be spending her summer in altruism while working as a counselor with elementary school kids for a summer program.

Some students, like first-year graphic design student Linda Phung, have chosen to work over the summer.

“I am working at Miyala as a server and hostess. I’m thinking about doing an internship,” Phung said.

Jamie Peters, a second-year early childhood education student, said she will be babysitting over the summer.

“I’m going to be a nanny for a 4-year-old and 7-month-old for the summer,” Peters said. “It’ll be nine to five, Monday through Friday.”

Jessica Larson, a first-year business and real estate student, and Ontree Johnson, a third-year psychology student, both have full summers ahead of them with many things on their to-do list.

“I’m going to be working at Groucho’s this summer, do some camping and go to Cape Cod,” Larson said. “I’ll be mine to five, Monday through Friday.”

Victoria Atkins, a first-year student, said she was considering possibly going to junior college for the Maymester.

“I’m working at Miyala and thinking about doing an internship,” Atkins said. “I’m also looking at working at the library because I’m a bookworm and love to read.”

Still other students plan on just relaxing for the summer, such as Douglas Langer, a first-year Spanish student.

“I’m going to Madrid, Spain for vacation, just to see the sights,” Langer said.

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Gorman said recent college graduates don’t have bad habits that some older workers do and are often more eager.

“Kids right out of college are much sharper,” he said.

Isaah Kinsard, a fourth-year economics student, said he has not found a job after graduation and cites the slow economy as a reason for that.

“I won’t say it’s been difficult, but as far as an interview, but it is finding a job in my field has been difficult,” he said.

The survey, “College Job Forecast, 2008,” was conducted from Feb. 11 to March 15. Over 1,000 looking managers were surveyed.

Estimates were made by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

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Despite some troubling reports in the media, University of South Carolina students will be able to borrow federal student loans this fall. The loan that works with the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships have provided assurance that they will not allow recent developments in credit markets to prevent Carolina students from getting federal student loans.

In addition, there is much greater demand that students be given both thorough information and an unquestionable opportunity to borrow from the lender of their choice. To help our students access the loan funding that they will need, the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships has developed a new process through which it can meet new oversight rules for administering student loans. This process is designed to ensure that the University’s student borrowers have an active choice in lender selection and that they approve the release of necessary information to their lender in order to complete loan processing.

Stafford Loan borrowers, please note the following application related responsibilities for 2008 - 2009:

1. Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and request loan assistance (FAFSA question 25).
2. Once your FAFSA is received by the University, you will be advised to go to VIP and complete the selection process.
3. Click on the “Financial” tab.
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Beginning of summer means changes for all

As the dog days of summer creep upon us, for many USC students this is the end of the road. Thousands will trade in their garnet and black gear and don caps and gowns as their collegiate careers draw to a close. Tradition will be upheld and joy will be expressed.

But even those that will return to Carolina will find their worlds changed. New roommates, new classes, new status will greet everyone, and change is the essence of the French motto, “Live, Love, Laugh.”

No matter what, The Daily Gamecock will be here for us, our students, giving them the latest in news and culture, dealing with their changing world as we’ve always done.

We were there when the Gamecock football team won No. 6 in the country and we were there when six of our own perished during a weekend getaway. We’ve been there for USC for 100 years now.

But at some point, everything changes, even within our own organization. Brad Maxwell will step up from the news desk and take the role as editor in chief in the fall. Liz Segrist will work tirelessly over the summer to help welcome back all students to campus. They have learned with us through the bad and been there through the good.

But even those that will return to Carolina will find that USC students this is the end of the road. Even the French have a bit of “la mélancolie” as they see someone they grew up with move on. Maybe it’s democracy isn’t big enough is the “Battle Hymn of the Republic,” which we do. The music is good enough to bear the strain of their constitutional relevance. The French, however, had “Hatikva,” which is far more uplifting than “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

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The Boombox Man, a graduate computer science student, walks around USC with his 1980s boombox.

The Boombox Man

The Four Children of Tander Welch

Love the Boombox Man"

Graduate student uses boombox to entertain students around USC.

The Job

McKay's two previous films have been pretty mixed bag, with The Happening being the almost dialogue-free film. Pixar may be the luckiest studio of all, thanks to the almost dialogue-free Toy Story 3. However, the future is still a mystery for Step Brothers.

Step Brothers (July 25)

Director Adam McKay, the director and co-writer of the nearly silent film Step Brothers, is back with his third straight winner. The film promises more of the stripped down, gritty, and a club based on something spontaneous musical.

"I think it'll be a little bit better than that one.

M. Night Shyamalan has been working on the love story since 2002. Though the plot has been kept under wraps since 2001, Mark Wahlberg stars a high school science teacher at the center of the bizarre phenomenon that promises to promote psychological scares on par with the director’s "Signs" and "Silent Hill."

The Happening (June 27)

The loss of Heath Ledger will definitely hurt this film, an argument even stronger if Jim Carrey turns as the bulging scientist, or Stellan Skarsgard as a scientist turned into a robot.

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"What’s the deal with making the whole thing silent again?"

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Summer music festivals worth long-distance trip

Radiohead, O.A.R., among many bands to play hot concerts

Christopher Chewning
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Summer is no school + music festivals. Free rights for sure but where to go? Here is a list of all that is summer and music and good (within road trip distance of course).

All Points West. Jersey City, N.J. (Aug. 8-10) – A music festival with a view of the Manhattan skyline and less than 2,000 feet from the Statue of Liberty sounds good. Radiohead for two nights in a row sounds even better.


Austin City Limits. Austin, Texas. (Aug. 26-28) – Summer may have to extend itself into the first week of fall. The best show to watch on Saturday night also scores a great music festival in the middle of America’s best city for the collegiate – post-collegiate age group.


Bonnaroo. Manchester, TN. (June 12-15) – Music, comedy, cinema and art are all represented here in the biggest festival the summer has to offer. Music ranges from metal to blues and emo to pop bands for presently.

Who’s playing? Metallica, Widespread Panic, O.A.R., Death Cab for Cutie, Sugar Boss, Robert Plant and Alison Krauss featuring T Bone Burnett. Comedians Chris Rock and David Cross will also be performing.

Cost? $209.50 - $244.50

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Pitchfork. Chicago. (July 18-20) – Forget all the 1.2 album reviews and nose in the air pretentiousness, Pitchfork does do a festival right. The festival will cap at 15,000 people in Union Park’s 10,000 person capacity and will have ample time to catch all the performers you want. That means if you are claustrophobic this is definitely the festival for you.

Who’s playing? Public Enemy will be performing It Takes A Nation To Hold Us Back, Spont, Donosor Jr., The Dresden, Vampire Weekend.

Cost? $190.

Lollapalooza. Chicago. (Aug. 1-3) – There should be at least somebody into both music and race horses right? Well if so then watching a music festival at the home of the Preakness may be a dream come true. Weirdly, mimes and graffiti artists are expected to be present but sadly no horses.


Cost? TBD, expected between $97.50-175.

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Inside the Box  

By Marlowe Leverette / The Daily Gamecock

HOROSCOPES

Aries Finally, somebody appreciates all that you’ve been through. Confi de in a friend and get back the support you so richly deserve.

Taurus You have everything you need, or you know where to get it. Don’t reveal your sources, just produce the results. Then, smile knowingly.

Gemini The more you learn, the more you can contribute to your friends. They look to you to have all the answers, so st ay ahead of the pack. Do the homework.

Cancer Sometimes you have to spend money to make money. A little shrewdly invested can raise your status a lot. This is your excuse to get another new outfit.

Leo A person you sometimes fi nd frustrating has also captured your heart. This is good. It keeps the relationship eternally interesting.

Virgo You’re detainted from meeting your long- term objectives. A lot of short-term, routine duties need your attention. Don’t curse them, they’re giving you time to think.

Libra Continue to provide the most comfortable environment that you can. Don’t let yourself get sucked into the argument. If you stay objective, the others might, too.

Scorpio Slow and easy does it. Don’t try to push the tide. People need to talk things over before they make up their minds. Give them plenty of time.

Sagittarius If one illusion is shattered, you can always come up with another. Stay as practical as you can. Don’t worry about philosophy now; concentrate on making money.

Capricorn Collect your winnings and continue to take care of your family. They don’t really understand what you’re doing at work, but they like what you do for them.

Aquarius A person who’s stubbornly set in his or her ways is especially frustrating now. You’ll make more progress by listening, if you possibly can. If not, extricate yourself.

Pisces At fi rst, your team seems to have the advantage. Then, you wonder. Don’t worry, a hero emerges and leads you to victory.

Crossword

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Congrats!

Stay tuned for more exciting puzzles in tomorrows Stress Busters Issue!

Have a great summer!
Hot streak halted on the Bayou

After winning 10 of last 11 games, Gamecocks swept by LSU Tigers

Chris Car
STAFF WRITER

The South Carolina baseball team was swept by the LSU-Tigers in a three-game series at Alex Box Stadium in Baton Rouge, La. Poor pitching and errors proved costly to the Gamecocks throughout the weekend. The Gamecocks also left over 10 base runners on the bases three times.

The weekend started badly for Carolina (31-14, 11-10) early Friday night. After taking a quick 2-0 lead on RBI singles by Whit Merrifield in the first and second inning, LSU began to tee off on Carolina ace Mike Cisco (5-2). The Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, native issued a walk and a two-run single off the bat of Micah Gibbs. LSU plated three runs in the frame off USC starter Will Atwood on a two-run home run from Sean Ochinko and an RBI double off the bat of Micaah Gibbs.

Despite a leadoff home run by Lail in the top of the sixth, the Gamecocks couldn’t put the Tigers away, as they were able to pull within a run at 4-3 on runs in the bottom half of the frame. The Gamecocks get an insurance run in the top of the eighth on an RBI single by Phil Disher, but the Tigers counted with a run of their own when Scott Wingo and Smoak. However, the game was far from over as the Tigers began their rally in the bottom of the eighth on a two-run homer an inning later. The Gamecocks would then load the bases for Harley Lail, who knocked a two-run single, followed by an RBI single from Kyle Enders. USC would go on to stretch the lead to 7-4 through six innings off homers from Scott Winn and Smoak.

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Carolina seemed like it may finally have some life left after taking a quick 2-0 lead on RBI singles by Whit Merrifield in the first and second inning, LSU began to tee off on Carolina ace Mike Cisco (5-2). The Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, native issued a walk and a two-run single off the bat of Micah Gibbs. LSU plated three runs in the frame off USC starter Will Atwood on a two-run home run from Sean Ochinko and an RBI double off the bat of Micaah Gibbs.

The Gamecocks get an insurance run in the top of the eighth on an RBI single by Phil Disher, but the Tigers counted with a run of their own when Scott Wingo and Smoak. However, the game was far from over as the Tigers began their rally in the bottom of the eighth on a two-run homer an inning later. The Gamecocks would then load the bases for Harley Lail, who knocked a two-run single, followed by an RBI single from Kyle Enders. USC would go on to stretch the lead to 7-4 through six innings off homers from Scott Winn and Smoak.

“We scored a couple of early runs, but they came back with a five spot and we didn’t score enough to get back in the ball game,” Smoak said. “They had a good lefty (Blake Martin) on the mound, and he kept us off balance.”

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Final farewell to sports legends, staff, Gamecock faithful

Raise your glass, Columbia.

After eight semesters (10 if you count two summer sessions), I write my final column as a member of the staff at The Daily Gamecock.

If you'd have told me back in August of 2004 that I'd be writing this article today, I might have called you a fool. But here I sit, computer on lap, waiting to see Cory Boyd's name get called for the draft and thinking about where the last four years of my life have gone.

While I don't always feel like it, I know I'm a pretty lucky man. I've been blessed with opportunities no 22-year-old kid should have.

Courtside seats at Madison Square Garden. Long and crazy nights roaming the streets of Nashville, Memphis and Atlanta. Having my mouth and tons and even on ESPN.

But after eight semesters, all the memories are to come to an end, and I get to focus on finishing out school and getting a "real" job. Well, at least one that pays for something other than microwave dinners and Wal-Mart trips.

To be quite honest, there's really nothing left to write about anymore. All the stories have been told, all the games have been previewed and recapped, and at the end of the day, it was worth it. And thanks.

To anyone who ever read my stories the way they were meant to be told, I am thankful.

To the staff at Student Media — thanks for allowing me to run the ship the way I liked. I knew I asked a lot of things, but I hope you saw it was worth it. And thanks for making my sometimes absurd list of demands.

To the players, coaches and staff I've had the pleasure of interviewing throughout my time, I appreciate you letting a young guy like me tell your story. I hope I didn't mess things up too bad.

To whoever ever read anything I wrote in the paper — thanks. Sometimes having a completely shorter than average sum of words. My writers and editors know that I have the utmost respect for the jobs they've done. They've informed those who read my work.

I know I've missed a lot to know I appreciate you letting a young guy like me tell your story. I hope I entertained and informed you people of reality.

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