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Pastides unveils eco-friendly car

USC President Harris Pastides shows off his new garnet and black Mini Cooper S on Greene Street yesterday at noon.

Coliseum that is repainted and the rest of campus got their first celebration yesterday.

Gaeckle said today celebrated Pastides's 239 votes. The Toyota Prius received 145 votes, and the Honda Civic Hybrid received 100 votes and the Mini Cooper received 500 students voted altogether. "It was kind of exciting that Dr. Pastides is driving his new Mini Cooper, and that the students decided which car he would drive," he said.

"I think when they see the president help to narrow down the options. Pastides created a contest Aug. 1 in which students headed by David Ensor, director of career services, and David Pernstein, financial aid director, each of us can do something little or big in every decision that we make." Environmentalism starts with the environment when he decided to do this.

"I wanted them to know that environmentalism starts with the individual," Pastides said. "It's easy to think that society has to change, but it's more important to be aware that each of us can do something little or big in every decision that we make."

Pastides created a contest Aug. 1 in which students voted to choose which car would be driven. A committee of students headed by David Ensor helped to narrow down the options.

The Daily Gamecock then created a poll on its Web site, in which around 100 students voted altogether.

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The Mini Cooper is black and white with a garnet pinstripe and a large Gamecock logo on the roof. "I think when they see the president drive the car, it will remind them of my commitment to sustainable transportation," Pastides said earlier this year. "Students will remember my commitment to the mileage and the environment."
“I’m going to be a gypsy. My friend and I thought it would be a cute idea.” — Daniela Ramirez, first-year biology

“I’m going to be Homer Simpson. I just thought it would be a cute idea.” — Bryan McKinney, third-year biology

“I’m going to be a pirate ‘cause my roommate has an extra costume, so that’s easy.” — Alex Le, first-year hotel, restaurant and tourism management student

“I guess I’m going to be a witch.” — Jessica Hammond, first-year history student

SAFAGHOD — Iraq wants to eliminate any chance of U.S. forces will stay late after 2011 in a proposed security pact and to expand Iraq legal jurisdiction over U.S. troops until then, a close ally of the prime minister said yesterday.

Those demands, which were presented to U.S. officials this week, could derail the deal — delivering a diplomatic blow to Washington in the wake of a security crisis.

Failure to reach an agreement before an end date could force a suspension of American military operations, and U.S. commanders have been warning Iraq officials that could endanger security improvements.

A current draft, hammered out in months of intense negotiations, would have U.S. soldiers leave Iraq by Dec. 31, 2011, unless the two governments extended an extension for training and supporting Iraq’s forces.

But Ali al-Adheem, a member of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki’s inner circle, said the government wants that possibility excluded by language added by authorizing the bill to continue in force until the end of 2013.

“The Iraqi side wants to narrow any mention of a possible extension of U.S. troops, fearing that the existing clause might be subject to a constitutional challenge or be changed in some way,” he told The Associated Press.

Otherwise, he said the U.S. might demand an extension “depending on their evaluation” of the security situation and the state of readiness of the Iraqi army and police.

U.S. officials have previously suggested 2012 is too early for an extension, and the Iraqi forces are not yet ready to maintain order.

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All-Afghan court for the first time heard a joint U.S.-Afghan court in a joint U.S.-Afghan committee to decide whether U.S. soldiers accused of such crimes were on authorized state programs.

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Health dean. He also held various academic and administrative positions at several other universities. Becker has a doctorate in statistics from The Pennsylvania State University in University Park, Pa., and a bachelor of science in mathematics from Towson State University in Towson, Md.

BECKER ● Continued from 1A

Each pledge class has its own executive officer board as well as separate projects for each area of service, and each pledge must also have 15 hours of service before becoming an active member at the end of the semester. The six areas of service are: nations of the world, community at large, university community, sisters of the sorority, mental health and the national president’s project. The national president’s project is usually related to a topic of interest for chapters of Omega Phi Alpha. For 2007, the projects centered on domestic violence. This year, the project topic is women’s cancer.

While the sisters typically pick a new project each year, there are a few permanent ones as well. One of those projects falls into the nations of the world area of service and involves raising money for the Shikokho School in Kenya. Last year, Omega Phi Alpha raised enough money to buy the school two computers. This year the sorority’s goal is to raise enough money for the school to get running water. The club has already raised $780 toward this goal through canning and bake sales, White said.

Omega Phi Alpha also participates in smaller scale projects, such as volunteering at the Pets Inc. animal shelter in West Columbia. Pets Inc. is connected to a pet store that provides proceeds to the shelter. The sorority chose this shelter because of the no-kill policy that tends to cause an over-flow.

This year, the sorority is participating in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk. Past sisters of the sorority projects have included Make-a-Wish for a sister. For this project, each girl writes down a wish, and a member of the sorority grants the wish. Wishes have varied from a cup of coffee to a bouquet of flowers for a sister.

If you are interested in joining Omega Phi Alpha, you can e-mail the sorority at omegapa@gwm.sc.edu. The next pledge class will be formed at the beginning of the spring semester.

SERVICE ● Continued from 1A

WASHINGTON — Scared and out of money, Americans stopped buying everything from cars to corn flakes in the July-September quarter, ratcheting back spending by the largest amount in 28 years and jolting the national economy into what could be the most painful recession in decades.

With retailers bracing for a grim holiday buying season, the economy isn’t just slowing — it’s actually shrinking, the government confirmed yesterday. It reported that the nation’s gross domestic product declined at an annual rate of 0.1 percent in the year’s third quarter and consumers’ disposable income took its biggest drop on record.

In simpler words, “The train went off the tracks,” said Brian Bethune, economist at Jeannine Aversa Th e Associated Press

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Exxon Mobil Corp. announces largest ever U.S. quarterly profits

Despite falling economy, energy company posts record-breaking gains

John Paroetto

The Irving, Texas-based company has reported unprecedented back-to-back quarterly declines, the end of the most recent coinciding with a rapid plunge in crude prices. Brand new oil prices fell another $2.91 to $64.59 Thursday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, about $50 off recent highs in July.

Exxon set net income jumped nearly 15 percent to $2.86 a share in the July-September period. That compares with $9.41 billion, or $1.70 a share, a year ago.

The previous record for U.S. corporate profit was set in the last quarter, when Exxon Mobil earned $1.62 off record highs in July.

Exxon Mobil's results got a boost of $1.62 million in 2006, but that company, as well as the largest annual profit.

Setting U.S. profit records has become commonplace for the oil giant.

In fact, if one-time gains like bankruptcy settlements and spinoffs are stripped away from other companies, Exxon owns the record for the top 10 most-profitable quarters for a U.S. company, as well as the largest annual profit.

Oil producers are coming off a quarter during which crude prices reached an all-time high of $147.27 — and their profits have reflected it.

Exxon Mobil investor relations chief David Rosenthal said on a call with analysts, "Despite recent volatility in the financial, commodity and credit markets, the fundamentals of Exxon Mobil's business remain strong."

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Exxon cited disruptions caused by hurricanes Gustav and Ike, production-sharing contracts of its earnings from oil and gas production.

The company, which produces 3 percent of the world's oil, said production on an oil-equivalent basis was down 5 percent from a year ago — a concern given it generates more than two-thirds of its earnings from oil and gas production.

Exxon said profits jumped nearly 58 percent to $2.39 per share in the latest quarter on earnings by about $500 million.

A big factor: A one-time loss if those gains were stripped out. The airline would have posted a $306 million loss.

Earnings at Exxon Mobil's refining and marketing unit were $1.61 billion, up 10 percent from a year ago. Exxon saw margins improve on refined products, largely because of the drop in crude as the quarter progressed.

The company said it expects to spend about $27 billion on capital projects this year — the lower end of previous guidance of $27 billion to $30 billion.

Exxon Mobil said it bought 109 million shares of its common stock in the quarter at a cost of $17.57 billion. Roughly $8 billion of that amount was dedicated to reducing the number of shares outstanding; the balance was used to offset the number of shares issued as part of the company's benefit plans.
Non-citizen immigrants assist polling despite voting ineligibility

Those unable to cast ballots find ways to help with election

Juliana Barbassa
The Associated Press

From Florida to California, they’re working hard on the upcoming election — knocking on doors in ethnic neighborhoods, manning the phones in myriad languages and distributing political flyers. But come Tuesday, they won’t vote. They can’t. They’re not citizens.

The excitement that has made American voter registration numbers soar has trickled deep into the country’s immigrant population. But almost two-thirds of the 17.7 million foreign-born people in the United States have not taken the oath of allegiance, and are shut out from casting a ballot.

Non-citizen immigrants, legal or not, are putting their time and their effort where their vote would be.

“There are a lot of people who want to be voters one day, but it can take a lot of time,” said Kishan Putta, national director of Indians for McCain. “They do want to get involved. They’re calling, wanting to do want to get involved. They’re calling, wanting to help with election efforts to monitor how legal or not, are putting their time and their effort where their vote would be.

There are millions out there who have not yet become citizens, who need somewhere to plug in, to become part of the process that gets those who can out to vote,” said Ervin Escolar, director of voter engagement for the National Association of Latino Electorate and Appointed Officials Educational Fund, which has used non-citizens to turn out new voters in states where Hispanics could have a big say in the presidential contest.

There are approximately 12.1 million legal permanent residents and 11.8 million immigrants in the country. The concerns that are driving some of them to do election work are largely the same ones energizing Americans — the sagging economy, fear of unemployment, worries about health care and the quality of schools.

Those unable to cast ballots find ways to help with election efforts to monitor how legal or not, are putting their time and their effort where their vote would be.

There are a lot of things that keep you up at night,” said Hernan Cortez, 10, a Salvadoran who has been knocking on doors to get out the vote in Aurora, Colo. Cortez has two children, a wife who works nights at a hospital, and mortgage payments that ballooned from $1,000 a month to $1,700 in January. He is not a citizen — he nearly $6,000 in fees that he would have to pay for himself and his wife put naturalization beyond his means.

“I wish I could go out to vote,” he said. “Instead I talk to people about how this election is going to affect our community.”

Since much of their energy is focused on other recent immigrants — a fast-growing population that has added hundreds of thousands of new voters in swing states — non-citizens are in a position to make a difference, Cortez says. When McCain supporter Al Le, 57, takes her seat at a Virginia phonebank to encourage other Vietnamese immigrants to cast a ballot, she knows every call can help tip the numbers in his battleground state. “If the only way our voices can be heard and our issues addressed,” said Le, who has been living in the United States since 2004 — not long enough to qualify for citizenship.

Foreign nationals who are not legal permanent residents are forbidden from making contributions, but there are no laws against non-citizens volunteering in political campaigns, said Robert Strom, president of the Center for Governmental Studies in Los Angeles. And the campaigns welcome the help.

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“It is teaching them about democracy without giving them rights that should be exclusive to citizens,” said Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, which favors tighter immigration control.

But some say that immigrants who entered the country illegally should be kept out of the political process. “They start out with a lack of legitimacy,” said Stanley Rendon, a fellow at the center and a political scientist at the City University of New York’s Center for Ethnic Studies.

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Elder abuse deserves punishment

Troubled teen should get greater distressing

The city of Lake Worth, Florida, has been known for its once famous fishing pier and independent vendors selling unique items to locals and tourists alike. Following this past Memorial Day weekend, though, a few instances of violence and vandalism have now landed the city where, according to the city motto, "the tropics reign." Eighteen-year-old Michael Alfi nez, a resident of Lake Worth, was sentenced to 18 months in a youthful offender facility and three years of probation after pledging guilty to raping and dispossessing an elderly parent, among other crimes. In a horrific display of violence that is seeping into the youthful culture at a rising rate, Alfi nez, 18-year-old grandson into going for a voiced for the video titled "Gangstas & Thugs," making statements like 22-caliber pistol from a semi-automatic pistol. Alfi nez went on to describe his grandmother as senile with memory problems.

The behavior of Alfi nez is disturbing, as the fact that he's still old enough to be in high school manipulating an old woman said to be "smiley" and "like a sassy old lady" is universally condemned. I doubt this boy — who described the word "boy" because behavior conveys, no one what the conduct of a man means — was ever taught to embrace gun violence, or the words of his parents.

This type of behavior can only come from one's surroundings, whether it be through peers, misguided advice from the media, or the popular media that glorify "tough" culture. Alfi nez continued to admit to discharging a "big party," and Halloween is about having fun, but your personal safety is of utmost importance.

It is your right to express your opinion on message boards at sagckspt@mailbox.sc.edu or send letters to the editor at scaper@dailygamecock.com.

Happy Halloween.
The latest reading on GDP, which measures the value of all goods produced within the United States, showed a rapid turn from a 2.9 percent growth rate logged in the second quarter. The new figure was the worst since the 3.4 percent rate of decline in the third quarter of 2001, when the nation was suffering through its most recent pullback, the economy walloped by such a huge loss that it took years to recover. Ed Lazear, the Council chairman, said the GDP report. Exports grew in the third quarter, less than half the 12.3 percent annualized cutback was suggesting — the most since the spring of 1980 when the country was 12.3 percent annualized cutback was suggesting — the most since the spring of 1980 when the country was in the grip of what some call the worst downturn since the Great Depression. Washington has such a huge pullback, the economy could cost the country a direct result of the Bush administration’s trickle-down policies that download, Wall Street first, and are weighing whether to hold a lame duck session and are pushing for another economic stimulus package the government’s unprecedented $700 billion financial bailout package and other early signs do suggest that success in getting financial and credit markets to operate more normally.

Typically a sponsoring organization can put up $2,000 to start production of specialty plates, but that doesn’t apply in this case because the Legislature proposed the tags, said Jay Cabelly, the state’s director of the Motor Vehicles Department.

Under attack from Democrats and Republican alike, the White House has been trimming spending on government programs to meet the 400-order threshold. The unemployment rate, that now stands at 5.8 percent, is mandated to have this tag under the 400-order threshold.

The Labor Department said yesterday that new claims for unemployment benefits for the week ending Oct. 19 were reported at 479,000, a slightly lower figure than in the week before. In the third quarter, consumers cut back on purchases of cars, furniture, household appliances, clothes and almost everything else. The number was down 1.4 percent from the 482,000 reported in the previous week, marking the 14th straight quarter of decline. The Labor Department said that new claims for unemployment benefits for the week ending Oct. 19 were reported at 479,000, a slightly lower figure than in the week before. In the third quarter, consumers cut back on purchases of cars, furniture, household appliances, clothes and almost everything else. The number was down 1.4 percent from the 482,000 reported in the previous week, marking the 14th straight quarter of decline.

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Unique holiday treats offer tasty alternative

Original recipes give relief from ordinary trick-or-treat candy

CINNAMON ROASTED PUMPKIN SEEDS

Ingredients:
- 1 tablespoon egg white
- 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup raw pumpkin seeds
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon egg white

Instructions:
1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Spray cookie sheet or shallow pan with nonstick cooking spray.
3. Let seeds cool before eating.
4. Mix salt, dry spices, and pumpkin seeds together.
5. In a separate bowl, beat egg white until soft and foamy.
6. Add the rest of the ingredients and mix well.
7. Let cool on pan 5 minutes or until coating is crisp.

SEVERED FINGERS

Ingredients:
- 10-ounce bag pretzel rods, broken in half
- 2 cups white or milk chocolate chips, melted
- 8 cups air-popped popcorn
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 4 teaspoons margarine
- 2 tablespoons honey

Instructions:
1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Stir honey, margarine and cinnamon in small saucepan over low heat until mixture is smooth.
3. Make sure popcorn is evenly covered, and pour onto prepared pan.
4. Immediately pour over popcorn.
5. Let cool on pan 5 minutes or until coating is golden brown.
6. After the chocolate has dried, put a dab of red icing on the tip of the pretzel to form a fingernail.
7. Dip the broken end of the pretzel in chocolate, covering about 2/3 of the pretzel rod.
8. Note: Eat these the same day they’re made so they don’t get stale!

CARAMEL CINNAMON CORN

Ingredients:
- 8 cups air-popped popcorn
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 4 teaspoons margarine
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Instructions:
1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Spread out on a lined cookie sheet, and bake for 15 to 13 minutes.
3. Let seeds cool before eating.
4. Note: To keep the seeds fresh, store them in an airtight container.
5. Let cool on pan 5 minutes or until coating is crisp.

One easy and fun last minute getup only requires you to paint your face white a minute. To complete the look, wear black pants and a black and white striped shirt (horizontal stripes unless you want to be confused with a referee). This easy costuming gives you the opportunity to make creepy and strange movements all night and gives you an excuse not to respond to unwanted conversations. 

If you are looking for a costume to show off your Gamecock pride, grab two friends and be “Carolina born, Carolina bred and Carolina dead.” All three of you should be in your most Cockeyed out game day attire. For “Carolina born,” wear a USC hat (you want to get one out of consortium paper and decorate it with markers), carry around your drink on a bottle and every 15-20 minutes say if you wish “Carolina bred” simply tops a couple of inches of beer to the hair of your USC shirt. “Carolina dead” shocks up a way to die and uses fake blood to achieve that realistic quality.

Party City, along with most costume shops, sell solid-color bodysuits. Buy a size one of these, wear it under the coat you will surely need in this weather, and you are a mutant. This costume is perfect for the dressing up party, or even if you briefly cover up your coat, somebody is bound to catch it or Full costume, the eye and assume you actually are naked.

Want to show off your moves on the dance floor this Halloween? Wear all black, and paint your face black as well. Tape a woman-shaped piece of cutout paper to your back and wear your iPod. Start dancing and swinging your hands around, and you are the iPod commercial. Another easy costume is to be a tourist. Throw on a Hawaiian shirt, some socks and sandals and your sunglasses. You can carry around your camera and funny-pack or map if you want to go all out.

Why not go as everybody’s favorite puzzle, a Sudoku? This costume is a bit more time-consuming than the last, but very easy to make. Simply cut two large cardboard squares (or just use the sides of a box) and hang them up so that the pieces hang off your shoulders across your front and back and then draw the puzzle on them. When drawing the Sudoku, make sure to use a ruler and color the nine larger boxes darker than the nine smaller boxes within the large ones. Also, make sure to use a real pencil as your model so that if people decide to solve them they will be able to learn.

Want to show off your moves on the dance floor this Halloween? Happy Hour 4 p.m., free Flying Saucer, 901 Senate St.
Five Points Pub Hollywood Hillburn 8 p.m., $5 Five Points Pub, 2020 Devine St.
Halloween at Allens Jillians, 800 Gervais St.
Blue Martini Stirners and Santos Party free The Blue Martini, 808 Lady St.
Art Bar Halloween Extravaganza 9 p.m., free Art Bar, 1211 Park St.
Van Helsing’s House of Vampires free Wild Wing Cafe, 729 Lady St.
Scream IV 9 p.m., free Taps, 700 Gervais St.
Pirates of the Carolinas with DJ Perry A 10 p.m., free Wet Willie’s Columbia Night 10 p.m., free Wet Avilla’s, 800 Gervais St.
The Whig Halloween Bash The Whig, 1200 Main St.
Do you like watching scary movies? Do you enjoy hanging out with friends or meeting new ones? Are you normally bored with nothing to do on Sunday nights?

If you answered ‘yes’ to any of these questions, then there is a solution for you: Midnight Murderama, hosted by New Brookland Tavern. Every Sunday, New Brookland Tavern hosts a horror movie night at midnight free of charge. The Sunday after Halloween is no exception.

For those people that are not worn out from all the weekend’s Halloween festivities, come out a little before midnight with all of your friends and enjoy a movie.

This Sunday, “Night of the Living Dead” will be playing, and with Halloween just a few days before, it is sure to be something that you will not want to miss.

Although a lot of “locals” come out every Sunday, many people do not know about these movie nights at all, so fresh faces are always welcomed and encouraged to come.

Riley Lab, who goes to Midnight Murderama often, enjoys watching the movies with friends. “You watch cheesy horror B-movies and make fun of them,” said Lab.

When first stepping into New Brookland Tavern during their “Midnight Murderama” extravaganza, you will notice the large projection screen, tons of seating, a bar and pool table and numerous people hanging out until the movie starts.

Once the movie comes on, however, several of the people gather around and watch it while others head to the bar to socialize and drink.

Lizzie Cuthbertson, a third-year studio art photography student enjoys coming to the movies every Sunday. “I work at House Coffee [next door to New Brookland Tavern] and I get off right before the movie starts,” said Cuthbertson. “You don’t necessarily have to watch the movie, but they are usually totally gnarly.”

“If you’re watching cheesy horror B-movies then you make sure to come out before the movie starts, then going to a concert, listening to some awesome bands and then going to watch a movie definitely should be a good enough reason.

Sunday, punk/hardcore bands Bouncing Souls, Strike Anywhere, The Casting Out and Gimme Drugs will be performing. Doors open at 6 p.m. and tickets are $16 the day of the show.

New Brookland Tavern employee Rob Saltzman said he believes that everyone should come out and experience Midnight Murderama at least once, and that hopefully they will come back again.

“Not much is happening from 12 p.m. to 2 a.m. (and) there’s a show until 10:30 or 11 p.m.,” said Saltzman. “Sometimes we get the crowd from the show [to stay for the movie], but a lot are locals and regulars.”

If horror movies are not enticing enough, in two or three weeks, according to Saltzman, there will be a 3-D movie playing. Everyone who comes to the movie will get a pair of 3-D glasses.

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Concertgoers can enjoy free horror movies after the show every Sunday at midnight at the New Brookland Tavern.

Shelby Sachs
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Local venue hosts weekly fright fest

NBT’s little-known Midnight Murderama provides post-concert entertainment with scary movies, fun social atmosphere
Has a Masters in Geography.

VZ Navigator: Across town or around campus, navigate traffic with ease using VZ Navigator.
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Inside the Box  By Marwayne Lockett / The Daily Gamecock

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TAURUS After you and your mate figure out what you want, the shipping part will be easy. If you’re not in agreement yet, don’t push.  
GEMINI An expert can teach you an easier way to achieve your intended results. You don’t have to reinvent the wheel. Use other people’s experience and save yourself time and anguish.  
CANCER You may not get a massive task done, but keep working in that direction. It shouldn’t be very difficult. It could be kind of fun.  
LEO Move the items on your schedule around so you can have more time for fun. You’re especially lucky now. Try out a few of your favorite games. You’ll do better than usual.

SAGITTARIUS You’re more confident now, hotter, more willing to play. At the dinner table, you’ll have them rolling off their chairs with laughter.  
CAPRICORN Held off on travel, even the little doing-errands kind. Take care of cleaning up old messes instead. This weekend will be much better for running around town and courting.

AQUARIUS Definitely attend a social gathering tonight. All the surprises will be happy ones, including the tricks you play on others.  
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It’s Halloween today, and millions of kids across the nation will take to the streets near sunset in hopes of overflowing a bright orange plastic pumpkin full of candy. The phrase “Trick or treat” will resonate throughout the neighborhood streets until the final door is knocked on in the chilly October night.

Tomorrow, the pumpkin-colored Tennessee Volunteers take the field at Williams-Brice Stadium against the Gamecocks, and this year, Carolina has its own version of Halloween to deal with in the annual matchup.

Eight games into the season, USC coach Steve Spurrier is still flirting with quarterbacks Chris Smelley and the fan favorite Stephen Garcia. Although Spurrier has been criticized on multiple occasions for being fickle in deciding a starting quarterback, the two candidates for the job have both made convincing arguments to earn the starting position throughout the season. By the same token, both Smelley and Garcia have shown obvious areas of weakness that need to be improved. With the two athletes under center, it has been somewhat of a trick-or-treat this season, with either a stellar performance or a so-so outing on a given Saturday.

Starting off: Taking a look at Smelley’s performances, the redshirt sophomore looked promising going 5-for-5 in the season opener, throwing for 92 yards and two touchdowns in just barely over a quarter of play in relief for then-starting quarterback Tommy Beecher.

Receiving the starting slot against Vanderbilt the following week, Smelley played decent but by no means impressive with two interceptions and 23 of 39 passes completed. The quarterback continued his streak of wide arrays of performances throughout the early part of the season. For example, Smelley went just 1-for-8 in accumulating 44 yards in the UAB game the week before putting on his career day of three touchdowns and 100-plus yards against Ole Miss.

What accounts for the volatile swings in level of play and performance?

"In the games I’ve played well, we were able to get some guys open, and I was being smart with the football and protecting it,” Smelley said. “I think that is the main thing, not being careless.”

The week after the Gamecocks earned their first SEC victory in 365 days at Ole Miss, the sophomore again fell on hard times the following week against Kentucky. Smelley was unable to ride the momentum from his play the previous week, posting meager numbers before being relieved by Garcia midway through the second half.

"With those games that I haven’t done so well it’s kind of the opposite. I think I’m trying to do too much and not protect the ball as much as I should,” Smelley said. “Sometimes I get a little too aggressive and try and do things when maybe I should just back off and wait another play.”

Moving on to Garcia, the young quarterback is still wet behind the ears, but without a doubt he possesses great potential. The redshirt freshman earned his first major playing time of his USC career against UAB, a much-needed sight for Gamecock fans. Although Garcia put up respectable numbers against UAB, his first glance of greatness came in the third quarter against Kentucky. Called in to take Smelley’s position, the freshman threw nearly 200 yards and a touchdown to lead Carolina to an important SEC win.

Garcia again played well against the top-ranked LSU Tigers the next week but was obviously limited in some game situations due to inexperience. Although Garcia has been around Carolina football for a while, the freshman only has one start to his name and not much more game time experience.

"He’s learning for Garcia, and it is a lot to ask from him to start that game,” Spurrier said. "It wasn’t a good idea to let him carry that load.”

Specifically, Garcia struggles to make quick decisions in the pocket under pressure. The figure was plenty of blitzes across the line that blazed through the USC offensive line in pursuit of the rookie quarterback. Garcia suffered six sacks in the game, six of which could have been avoided by throwing the ball away.

"I didn’t call time outs and I get hit way too many times,” Garcia said following the game. "That is pretty much my fault.”

Smelley was in Garcia’s shoes not too long ago and easily relates to his younger teammate’s inexperience.

"Obviously there is a learning curve, and it comes with being a quarterback in the SEC. The biggest factor, of course, is Smelley. Everything happens real quick there in the pocket, and you just have to learn how to deal with it.”

After taking a deeper look at each of the two athletes’ performances this far in the season, it’s evident why Spurrier struggles to name a permanent starter. It seems that Garcia’s weaknesses...
Auburn vs. Ole Miss: 2:30 p.m.

This game could very well determine which of these two teams earns a bowl bid and which one gets to watch all the bowl games. Both teams have struggled this season, and both will need a win to stay in the hunt for a bowl game. The game will feature two of the SEC’s best defenses, which should make for a low-scoring affair.

Kentucky at Mississippi State: 2:30 p.m.

There is a reason why this game is not on national television, and that is because both of these teams are better at losing than winning. Both teams are middle-of-the-road SEC offenses, and it’s likely that neither team will be able to put up many points. However, both teams have shown defensive prowess, and that could be the difference in this game.

West Virginia at No. 25 Connecticut: 3:30 p.m.

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Michigan State has been a surprise team this season, but they have struggled against the top offenses in the Big Ten. Wisconsin is one of those teams, and they have dominated the Spartans in recent years. This game will be a test for both offenses, but the Wisconsin defense should be too much for Michigan State to handle.

Duke at Wake Forest: 3:30 p.m.

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Georgia vs. Florida, Texas vs. Texas Tech, surprising Florida State vs. Georgia Tech games to watch this weekend of college football

No. 6 Florida vs. No. 6 Georgia in Jacksonville, Fla. 3:30 p.m. CBS

Perhaps the surprise of the season in the ACC has been the painfully slow start of the Florida State Seminoles. The past few seasons Florida State has looked like a team that could be a dark horse for Bobby Bowden’s retirement. However, the Florida State offense has shown great balance this season with a solid running game and a passing game that minimizes mistakes. The key to this game is the offensive line, which has been in flux all season. If the Florida State offense can consistently produce on offense, they should be able to pull off the upset.

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No. 8 Florida vs. No. 6 Georgia in Jacksonville, Fla. 3:30 p.m. CBS

There should be no shortage of points in this clash of national championship hopefuls. Both teams have offenses ranked in the top five in the country in points. These high-octane offenses are led by two of the best quarterbacks in the country. Colt McCoy is widely believed to be the front-runner for the Heisman Trophy this season as he has led his team to an undefeated record while completing over 80 percent of his passes attempts. However, Graham Harrell is no slouch, as he has led the Sooners to an 8-2 record. This game should resemble a track meet more than a football game. However, in the end Florida has more speed and is sound in all three phases in the game. Those reasons plus the added anger at Georgia for last year’s disappointment will result in a Gator win in Jacksonville.

Score: Florida 38 Georgia 27

This week’s best bet is No. 9 Florida vs. No. 6 Georgia in Jacksonville, Fla. 3:30 p.m. CBS. The Gators have been dominant this year and have tasted victory in the SEC East for the first time since 1996. Florida has scored at least 30 points in all nine games this year and has only been held to less than 30 points once. The Bulldogs have struggled offensively this year, averaging just 22.5 points per game. Florida will win this game by at least 15 points, and the Gators defense will shut down Georgia’s high-scoring offense.

Wisconsin at No. 21 Michigan: Noon

This Big Ten match up pits two teams going in opposite directions. After falling to No. 1 Ohio State in Week 1, Wisconsin has rebounded to win its last two games. Michigan State, on the other hand, was embarrassed by No. 9 Purdue last week, and they have struggled to score in recent games. This game will be a test for both teams, as Wisconsin has a potent offense and Michigan State has a solid defense.

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Clemson at Boston College: 3:30 p.m. ESPNU

This is a battle of two teams that are determined to prove themselves. Clemson is trying to use this game as the beginning of a late-season turnaround, while Boston College is looking to keep its season alive.

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No. 1 Texas at No. 7 Texas Tech: Noon

This week’s best bet is No. 1 Texas vs. No. 7 Texas Tech at Noon. Both teams are nationally ranked, and this game will be a key matchup in the Big 12. Texas has a strong defense, while Texas Tech has a powerful offense. Expect this game to be a high-scoring affair with plenty of points on both sides of the ball.
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Jared Cook and senior receiver Kenny McKinley were such as former Gamecock Cory Boyd, junior tight end to capitalize on Culliver's abilities because other threats was the top recruit and newest offensive threat. Deemed the answer to Sidney Rice's departure, as he Norwood have been constant topics of discussion, but

Over 400 yards already this season, he is the team's return man for the second straight season. As the Gamecocks take the field this weekend against a sparring teammate, they understand that it is still SEC competition and any lockdown could lead to a potential loss. The Volunteer offense is currently led by unproven sophomore quarterback Nick Stephens, who has started the last four games. Though inexperienced, Stephens earned his job because he has not been turning the ball over. He has thrown four touchdowns in the four games with no interceptions. The offense has not been too impressive with Stephens at the helm as the Volunteers beat Northern Illinois and Mississippi State while losing the important SEC games to Georgia and Alabama. Culliver and the Gamecocks know that if they want to ensure victory this weekend, they must still play to their potential.

"Like coach has been telling us, they are pretty down right now, but that doesn't give us the go-ahead to let up," Culliver said. "We have to keep on them, bite the young quarterback and do a lot of things defensively to come out with the win."

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The South Carolina Gamecocks face yet another must-win game this Saturday night as they host the struggling 3-6 Tennessee Volunteers. The East match-up, in order to secure a victory, USC will undoubtedly hope to jump start its offense, which has been inconsistent the entire season and played a major role in three conference losses. Looking to help his team do so is junior tight end Jared Cook.

Cook’s 242-pound junior tight end leads the team in both receptions and yards with 37 and 460 respectively. With such a rare combination of size and speed (the running a 4.37 40-yard dash), Cook poses a problem for any defense. Yet there may be some unexpected obstacles for Jared Cook and the Carolina offense on Saturday night.

Cook’s lingering foot injury kept him out of practice over the weekend, but he was able to participate in practice and afterward stated that he was ready to go.

“Today I did some blocking and some catching, and I felt pretty good out there,” he said. "I think I’m 99 percent.”

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