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GAMECOCK BRIEFS

Peer Conduct Board recruiting members

The Peer Conduct Board is recruiting new members. Applications may be picked up at the Towers main lobby in room 200 before Saturday. For more information, call Tammy at 777-0378.

"Undecided on a Major" workshop to be held at the Career Center

The Career Center will have a workshop, "Undecided on a Major," with Liz McCormack Tuesday at 2 p.m. For more information, call 777-7280.

Volunteer with International Students

The Office of Community Service Programs and the English Program for Internationals have created a community service class for International students. Students in the class will engage in one community service project per week and invite all USC students to participate. The first "One-Shot" will take place Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 777-6688.

Shuttle Pilot to speak at S.C. State Museum

Lt. Cmdr. Susan Still will discuss her experiences in space and on the ground at 2 p.m. Saturday at the State Museum. For more information, call 737-4921.

Peer Health Educator applications available

Peer Health Educator applications are available in the Health and Wellness Programs office in the basement of the Thomson Student Health Center through Monday. Peer Health Educators receive three academic credit hours.

Czech out the International Coffee House

International Programs for Students will be sponsoring an International Coffee House. All students are invited to come at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday to the Gressette Room of Harper College (on the Horseshoe). Slavic and Czech Republic food will be served. Call 777-7461 for more information.

Alternative Spring Break location announced

Alternative Spring Break will be helping poor and homeless families in the mountains of North Carolina this year. More information will be announced at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Russell House room 301, or call 777-6688.

Meet Your Student Government Day will be Wednesday

Student Government will hold Meet Your Student Government Day Wednesday. Student Government representatives will be in front of the Russell House all day, and students are invited to the senate meeting in the Russell House Theatre at 5 p.m. with pizza and drinks afterward.

Ebonics lecture to be held

The African-American Studies Program and the Linguistics Program will sponsor "Ebonics 101: Frequently Asked Questions." Dr. Charles DeBose, a visiting professor of linguistics from California State University-Hayward, will speak at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in Gambrell Hall, room 258. The event is free and open to the public.

Hopelights fund raiser to support survivors of sexual assault

Student organizations will be in front of the Russell House Nov. 10 and Nov. 11 to garner support and donations for the Hopelights project for survivors of sexual assault. For more information, call 777-8248.

Sleep-out on Russell House patio

The Office of Community Service Programs is sponsoring a sleep-out at 8:30 p.m. Nov. 17 on the Russell House patio. Donations of old blankets will be accepted. For more information, call 777-4223.

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Ebonics lecture to clear up misconceptions

MATTHEW MYERS Staff Writer

Political science senior Michael Thompson believes ebonics is the most ridiculous idea he has ever heard.

If you ask enough students at USC what they think about ebonics, you are sure to hear similar comments.

It's this kind of negative sentiment that Dr. Charles DeBose, a visiting linguistics professor from California State University at Hayward, hopes to dispel with his lecture, "Ebonics 101: Frequently Asked Questions," which he will give Nov. 5.

In fact, DeBose doesn't particularly like the term ebonics, largely be-

cause of the negative connotation the term already harbors.

"Unfortunately, when the new dictionary comes out, it [the definition] will be associated with slang and standard English," DeBose said.

There is no validity in the belief that some languages are intrinsically better than others, DeBose said.

"All human languages are equal and cut from essentially the same mold, consisting of words and rules for combining them into phrases and sentences," DeBose said.

He said the belief that African-American English falls short of the

quality of standard English is the root of most misconceptions.

"It is not slang, and there is no scientific basis for considering it bad, substandard or incorrect," DeBose said. "They are speaking correctly, following different rules than those of standard speech."

Dr. Carol Myers-Scotton, director of the USC linguistics program, echoed DeBose's point, explaining why African-American English has not been accepted in its own right by the American public.

"What they're doing is not judging the variety itself but the people that speak it," Myers-Scotton said.

However, many people who may respect other dialects of the English language still have reservations about its use in schools.

"It is teaching people that incorrect [nonstandard] grammar is proper," said Scott Robinson, a business administration junior.

DeBose said that the aim is not to replace standard English but to use the students' local variety as a reference point that teachers can use to relate the structure of standard English to the student.

"It is part of a rich cultural legacy that African-American children bring to school with them, and teachers need

to know how to build upon it rather than tear it down," DeBose said.

Other opponents of ebonics fear that the implications of such an education would be to compound the difficulty that many blacks face breaking into the working world.

"You can't get by without a proper education in English," economics sophomore Jody Hill said.

DeBose, however, said that people with dialects different from standard English will ultimately be able to proudly use their native dialect within their cultural community and simultaneously use standard English when needed.

Wright-less



BRYAN JOHNSTON The Gamecock

Quarterback Anthony Wright (No. 1) is tackled by a Tennessee lineman (No. 91) in the second quarter. The junior and offensive anchor had much promise and talent that hoped to be directed toward postseason play for Gamecock football. After tearing his ACL and MCL ligaments in his right knee later in the second quarter, Wright's season was over.

Carolina offense suffers major setback with loss

ACHIM HUNT Sports Editor

There was a huge sigh of relief in the North Stands after Anthony Wright went down early in the second quarter of Saturday's game against Tennessee with an ankle sprain but returned quickly to the game two plays later.

With the next Carolina possession, those sighs of relief turned into groans of misery. On the third down of the series, with Wright in the shotgun, he bobbled the snap deep in the Gamecocks territory. After regaining control the ball, Wright moved about in the pocket before he was hit by Tennessee defensive end Al Wilson.

Wright's knee buckled under Wilson, and the entire crowd of 106,301 fans went silent as Wright lay on the ground clutching his knee.

The game paused for 10 minutes as head trainer Rod Walters attended to Wright.

After a trip to a local hospital, it was determined that Wright suffered a tear his anterior cruciate and medial collateral ligaments in his knee. It was the first major injury in Wright's playing career.

"I couldn't believe it," Wright said. "This is the type of thing you would think would never happen to you. I played the entire season without any major injuries. For it to happen in this game, on television, against one of the Top 10 teams in the country, it's disappointing."

Wilson was almost apologetic after the game about hurting Wright on the play.

"I told him my prayers are with him," Wilson said. "Hopefully, he will come back stronger than ever next season. I told him if I could change anything, I'd go back and change that play, and he would come back and play the rest of the game."

Head Coach Brad Scott said after the game that redshirt freshman Vic Penn, who came in for Wright at Tennessee, will start both the Florida and Clemson games. If Penn gets hurt before the season is over, one of three walk-ons will take over the quarterback duties.

Wright's knee rehabilitation is expected to be long and strenuous. Wright still plans to attend both practices and games to help out Penn as much as he can. If Wright's rehab progresses as expected, he will be back for his senior season next fall.

Tobacco the drug of choice for American youth

JESSICA VANEGEREN Staff Writer

Everyone knows illegal drugs are harmful, but with one of the most addictive drugs still on the market, Americans are overlooking the damage caused by tobacco.

Teen smoking is on the rise among South Carolina teens, a trend that is reflected nationwide, according to the 1995 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, conducted by Dr. Robert Valois, an associate professor in USC's School of Public Health.

"There is a social situation that is occurring, and tobacco is a part of it," said Dr. John Ureda, a professor in USC's School of Public Health.

This social situation causes 80 percent of teens to try smoking cigarettes, Ureda said. Teens want to be

in control of an aspect of their life, and smoking gives them control.

There is a strong tendency during adolescent years to want to belong. Teens begin to assimilate smoking as a social situation, a way to establish intimacy between friends.

"Damage caused to the heart and lungs from smoking is irreversible," said Dr. James McNamee, associate professor at USC's School of Medicine. "Nicotine is a highly toxic chemical that gives 7,500 to 10,000 chemicals when it is burning. Non-smokers should be aware their health is also at risk if continually around a smoker."

Because the affects of smoking are irreversible, people who start smoking young are more likely to have health problems later in life.

Teen smoking is increasing among white males and females, as well as black males. The only group of teens not responding to advertisements and peer pressure is black females.

Black females are among a group of teens called aspirational non-smokers, teens who never try smoking. This group includes 20 percent of the total American population.

Aspirational non-smokers believe they are too involved in school and extracurricular activities to smoke, Ureda said.

Smoking not only causes health problems, it also leads to situations that are illegal and addictive.

"Adolescent smokers are about 20 percent more likely to use cocaine and 16 percent more likely to try marijuana," said Dr. Peter Johnson, a research

professor at the USC School of Medicine.

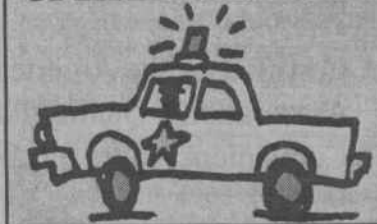
With all the negative information circulating about cigarettes, the tobacco industry stays in business by targeting teens with creative advertisements, Ureda said. Targeting youth is crucial to the business, Ureda said.

With the removal of Joe Camel, it appeared R.J. Reynolds had changed their targeted audience.

"Camel's new ad is slick," Ureda said. "You automatically try to find the camel. It is like looking for the bunny on the cover of Playboy magazine."

The tobacco industry has been successfully persuading teens to smoke for years, Ureda said. Ureda said he hopes American teens will wake up and put out the "butts" before it's too late.

CRIME REPORT



compiled by Kim Cox and Debby Hames

Oct. 30

Recovery of stolen license plate, 1300 Greene St. Arresting officer patrolling large Davis field was informed by a pedestrian that a green Dodge Ram pickup truck had just backed into a car with a USC emblem on the door. Officer observed suspect leaving large Davis field west on Greene Street. Officer stopped vehicle, and suspect said that he was going to the police to report the vehicle accident. Suspect returned to accident location with arresting officer, and a records check revealed the license plate on the suspect's vehicle was stolen, and his South Carolina driver's license was suspended. Suspect was arrested and transported to Richland County Detention Center.

Oct. 27

Simple possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, Bates House. Arresting officer was dispatched to the above location in reference to incident. Upon arrival, there was a strong odor of what smelled like marijuana. Further investigation revealed a plastic bag of what appeared to be marijuana in the trash can and items of drug paraphernalia on the top shelf of the closet and on the counter of the room. Items were taken into evidence, and suspect was issued two courtesy summons.

Oct. 26

Possession of marijuana with intent to distribute within 1/2 mile of school, Gervais and Heid streets. While on routine patrol, arresting officer observed subject vehicle driving erratically, weaving and crossing white line dividers. Officer initiated a traffic stop and ordered the driver from the vehicle. There were three other individuals in the vehicle. The driver consented to a vehicle

to USCPD lot because driver couldn't prove ownership, permission to operate or insurance coverage.

Oct. 25

Auto break-in, attempted larceny of radio and possession of tools of crime, S-6 lot. Arresting officer observed subject park in incident location, exit his vehicle and look into victim's vehicle. The subject returned to his own vehicle to retrieve a tire iron and inserted it into the victim's car window, causing the window to shatter. The officer then observed the subject run back to his car and exit the parking lot. After several minutes, the subject returned to original incident location, reapproached the victim's vehicle, opened the door and attempted to steal the victim's stereo equipment. Subject was scared off before removing the stereo and attempted to flee the scene. He was stopped by backup

officers and arrested. Subject had in his possession two screwdrivers. The subject's vehicle contained additional screwdrivers and the tire iron.

Oct. 24

Larceny of snack foods, BA Building, Basement canteen. Complainant, a custodial supervisor, reported that while making his morning rounds, he found the following item damaged: one coin-operated vending machine belonging to Cromer food services. The front glass was shattered and assorted snack items were taken for an estimated loss of \$136. One Pepsi refrigerator storage unit belonging to Marriott food services also was damaged. The door handle was broken, and assorted drink products were removed for an estimated loss of \$35.

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