



## DOWN to EARTH

BY MICHELLE PITTMAN  
THE GAMECOCK

Organizations and individuals around the world will celebrate Earth Day on April 22. The celebration began early at USC as the School of the Environment, SAGE and Faculty Services met to promote a cleaner planet.

The central event was held Wednesday, with students and faculty joining for the Clean Carolina Earth Day Sweep, removing litter and working toward a cleaner campus.



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LEFT: SAGE member Sarah Van Wye takes a break from collecting cans during Wednesday's cleanup. ABOVE: David Bornemann passes out Earth Day T-shirts to volunteers.

Recent policy shifts by the Bush administration have upset the environmental community, but the most important aspect of Earth Day is how it affects all of us.

"Sitting back and waiting for the political winds to change is a risky gamble with unacceptably high risks," said Jan Thomas, U.S. program director for Earth Day Network, a non-profit group that helps smaller organizations coordinate Earth Day events.

This year, the focus has expanded not only to litter and pollution control, but also to warnings of swiftly dwindling energy supplies, global warming and the expanded use of renewable resources.

"Slashing funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy — at a time when concerns about global warming are rising and supply problems and price hikes are spawning fears of an energy crisis — is poor public policy and a lost opportunity," Thomas said.

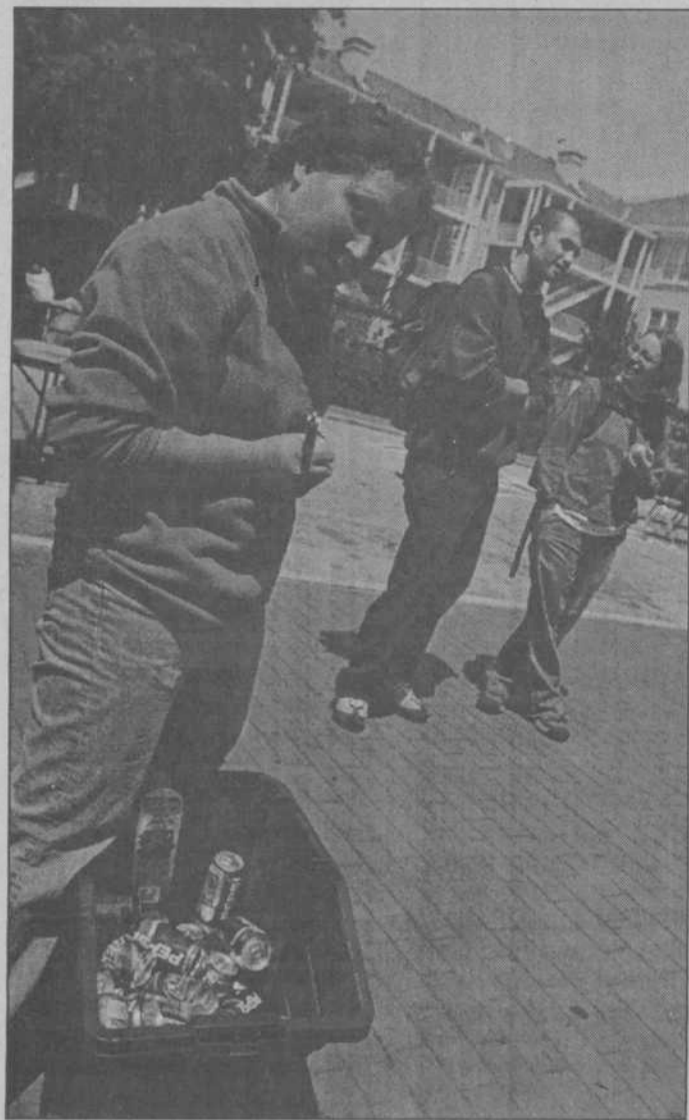
The events planned for the remainder of the USC Earth Day celebration aim to change attitudes about the importance of preserving the environment and to influence personal behavior and public policy.

"Ultimately, it is awareness and worldwide citizen action that will compel politicians to take global warming seriously," Thomas said.

Events will continue throughout the weekend. Free prizes, T-shirts and refreshments will be offered at Saturday's 15-mile bike ride. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.

On Sunday, the week will be capped off with an Earth Day celebration at Finlay Park. Bring a blanket and a trash bag and do your part to clean up the environment.

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

#### Live Music

- Banana Joe's Caribbean Cowboys, Love Stone
- Billy G's Three Miles
- Delaney's Tim White
- Elbow Room Tender Idols, Mayflies U.S.A., Beam
- Hemingway's Tokyo Joe
- Hollow Creek Acoustic Jam
- Hunter-Gatherer Suck
- Jammin' Java Hannah and Elizabeth
- Jillian's USC Steel Drum Band
- Mac's on Main Sabor Latin Jazz
- Manifest Discs & Tapes, Isabelle's Gift
- New Brookland Tavern Japetto, Fivewise
- Roadrunner's 3 Feet Deep
- Skyline Steel Justice
- Sundance Gran Torino, Another Man Down

#### Performing Arts

- Blue Martini Laugh Riot Late Night w/Bare
- Comedy House Theater Basile
- Longstreet Theatre *The Darker Face of the Earth*
- Township Auditorium *Behind Closed Doors*
- Trustus Theatre *Side Man; The Adventures of Dick Johnson*

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

#### Live Music

- Alley Cafe Laura Blackley
- Banana Joe's Love Stone
- Billy G's Colossal Music Crawl: Volley (midnight), S.M.O. (11 p.m.), Pause For Effect (10 p.m.), Cup A Joe (9 p.m.), Moonshine (8 p.m.)
- Blue Martini Natural Desire
- Decisions Pamela Dale & Better Things
- Delaney's Colossal Music Crawl: The Stelle Group (midnight), Binary Star (11 p.m.), Jumbowood (10 p.m.), Loch Ness Johnny (9 p.m.), The Verna Cannon (8 p.m.)
- Elbow Room Weekend Excursion, Catching Red (M.S. Benefit)
- Flip Side Colossal Music Crawl: Danielle Howle and the Tantrums (midnight), F-13 (11 p.m.), From Safety to Where (10 p.m.), Superbike (9 p.m.), Captain Easy (8 p.m.)
- Group Therapy Band Tournament w/Loch Ness Johnny, Blush
- Jammin' Java Charlie Chastain
- Jillian's Colossal Music Crawl: Elaine Townsend (midnight), Jef Chandler (11 p.m.), Bryan Wade (10 p.m.), Jason Gann (9 p.m.), Jedi (with Lee Barbour) (8 p.m.)
- Mac's on Main William Boyd Jazz Project
- Mugshots Colossal Music Crawl: Science Knows No Sin (midnight), Erector Set (11 p.m.), The Go Ahead (10 p.m.), Burns Out Bright (9 p.m.), Slurr (8 p.m.)
- New Brookland Tavern Grindfest: Hand over Fist, Meat Rocket, Wretch, Maelstrom, Stitch 88, Necroside, Shock Plate (7 p.m.)
- Pavlov's Colossal Music Crawl: Soup (midnight), The Soul Mites (11 p.m.), Justincase (10 p.m.), Hot Lava Monster (9 p.m.), The Betty Ford Experience (8 p.m.)
- Riverfest (Riverfront Park) Sabor Latin Jazz, S/Tribe, Familiar Ground, Along for the Ride, Furious George
- Roadrunner's 3 Feet Deep
- Sharky's Colossal Music Crawl: Hick'ry Hawkins (midnight), The Sol Divers (11 p.m.), Constellation (10 p.m.), Six Ten Split (9 p.m.), Martian Death Lyric (8 p.m.)
- Sundance Jennifer Nettles, Bill's Band
- Uncle Doctor's Colossal Music Crawl: Isabelle's Gift (midnight), Japetto (11 p.m.), Ultravibe (10 p.m.), Throtterod (9 p.m.), Jack Synister (8 p.m.)
- Williams-Brice Stadium George Strait, Alan Jackson, Lee Ann Womack, Brad Paisley, Sara Evans, Asleep at the Wheel, Lonestar

- Performing Arts**
- Comedy House Theater Basile (8:00, 10:30 p.m.)
- Koger Center Philharmonic
- Longstreet Theatre *The Darker Face of the Earth*
- State Museum Auditorium Toast, Bare, Art Bar Players (7 p.m.)
- Township Auditorium *Behind Closed Doors*
- Trustus Theatre *Side Man; We're Not Your Mother Players* (11:15 p.m.)

## Smith's Clerks open for business on DVD

BY TUG BAKER  
THE GAMECOCK

Last summer, from the depths of the dim, hazy wasteland that's prime time summer programming, a bright light shone for the briefest of instances — then ABC canceled it.

*Clerks*, an animated series based on the 1994 cult hit movie directed by Kevin Smith, ran on ABC for only two of its scheduled six episodes before it was yanked and replaced with reruns of *Spin City*.

ABC claimed the show's poor ratings were mainly to blame for the cancellation, but it also seemed to be uncomfortable with *Clerks*' "risque" content.

Smith himself had this to say after the cancellation. "What more can I say about the wonder boys at ABC that I haven't already? I know the ratings weren't great, but there were only four more to go ... We now return you to Spin City ... Because, man, that show is really funny."

Obviously frustrated with the cancellation, Smith set out to bring these lost episodes to the people in the form of a new two-DVD set released last month.

The set contains all of the episodes in their original order along with commentary by Smith and the voice-actors, plus inside looks at how the animated characters were designed.

The show follows Dante and Randal, two clerks at the Quick Stop convenience store, and the two miscreants, Jay and Silent Bob, who hang out in front of it.

All these characters are voiced by



the same actors from the *Clerks* movie: Brian Halloran, Jeff Anderson, Jason Mewes and Kevin Smith, respectively.

There are some new characters to discover, such as Leonardo Leonardo, a millionaire who sees the Quick Stop as "a thorn in his side" and is voiced maliciously by Alec Baldwin. Lots of other guests show up along the way, including Charles Barkley, who finds his way into every episode.

It's a true shame that *Clerks* was canceled because it's a total laugh riot. Fans of Smith's movies won't be disappointed with the series.

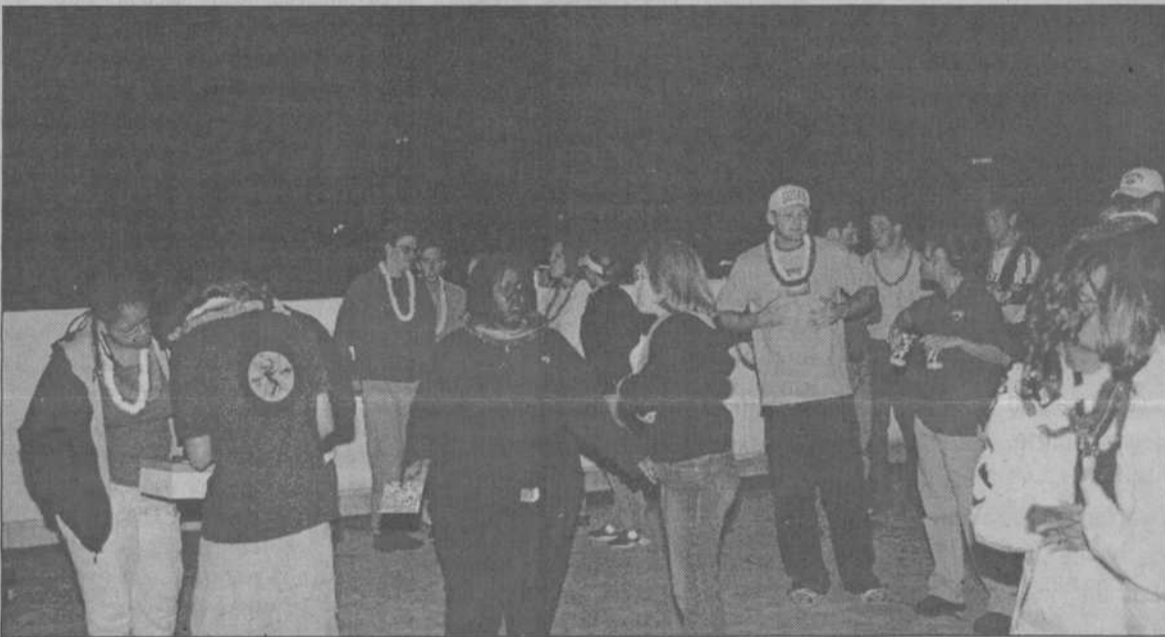
While some say its often-offensive nature copies *South Park*, the completely unpredictable antics of the characters and the plethora of pop culture references is more reminiscent of the heyday of *The Simpsons*. Spoofing everything from *Beverly Hills Cop* to 1932's *Freaks*, Smith remains the master of pop.

The animation is great and catches the feel of the movie while adding more flexibility to the characters and their surroundings.

People unfamiliar with Smith's movies might find the DVD set a bit unapproachable, but do yourself a favor and rent *Clerks* — then, once you have fallen in love with it, get the *Clerks* animated series DVD.

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## Columbia Hall takes to roof



Photos by Aaron Hark/The Gamecock

TOP: Students party on the roof of Columbia Hall, overlooking downtown Columbia, during Wednesday night's party. BELOW: Michelle Craig puts a lei around Henry Thompson's neck.

BY AARON HARK AND  
AMANDA SILVA  
THE GAMECOCK

Just as the semester started to wind down, Columbia Hall residents took the opportunity to celebrate Wednesday night with a roof party.

From 7-11 p.m., partygoers enjoyed popcorn, drinks and live music 12 stories above downtown Columbia.

Wednesday night's event was sponsored by the Columbia Hall Government and was open to all residents of campus housing.

"Hall government sponsored the rooftop party. There was a band, refreshments and party favors, like leis," said first-year College of Science and Mathematics student Ashley Jones.

Nearly 150 people attended the event.

"We had a great turnout, and everybody seemed to have a great time," Jones said.

Manifest Discs & Tapes donated CDs for giveaway, but according to hall government representative Mitesh Patel, the larger prizes were the biggest draw.

"People were most excited about the DVD player, TV and digital camera that we gave away," Patel said.

The event kicked off with music from a DJ, followed by the band Blackbeard's Truck, a rock quartet of students from colleges around South Carolina.

"Hall government had this to help build spirit with the residents," Jones said.

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### COLUMBIA MOVIE DIRECTORY

**DUTCH SQUARE GENERAL CINEMAS**  
300 BUSH RIVER ROAD  
750-3576

- Joe Dirt (PG-13) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:10
- Spy Kids (PG) 1:00, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10
- Along Came a Spider (R) 1:40, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
- Pokemon 3: The Movie (G) 1:00, 3:15, 5:20, 7:20
- Exit Wounds (R) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
- Blow (R) 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
- Heartbreakers (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
- Someone Like You (PG-13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
- Josie and the Pussycats (PG-13) 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:50, 10:00

**The Brothers (R)** 1:20, 4:00, 7:00, 9:20  
**Just Visiting (PG-13)** 1:50, 4:10, 7:40, 9:35  
**Bridget Jones's Diary (R)** 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:40, 9:50  
**Kingdom Come (PG)** 1:40, 4:10, 7:30, 9:40  
**Down to Earth (PG-13)** 1:20, 4:50, 7:30, 9:30

**St. Andrews Road CINEMA**  
527 St. Andrews Road  
772-7469

- Finding Forrester (PG-13) 7:00
- The Wedding Planner (PG-13) 8:20
- The Emperor's New Groove (G) 2:20, 3:50, 5:20, 6:50
- 102 Dalmatians (G) 2:40, 5:00
- The Family Man (PG-13) 2:30, 5:10, 7:30
- What Women Want (PG-13) 2:10, 4:30, 7:00

**Miss Congeniality (PG-13)** 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00

**REGAL CINEMAS 7**  
3400 FOREST DRIVE  
748-9044

- Joe Dirt (PG-13) 12:45, 2:50, 4:55, 7:25, 9:45
  - Spy Kids (PG) 12:40, 2:55, 5:05, 7:20, 9:50
  - Along Came a Spider (R) 12:25, 1:25, 2:40, 4:00, 5:00, 7:10, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10
  - Exit Wounds (R) 3:00, 5:10, 7:30, 10:15
  - Heartbreakers (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:00
  - Tomcats (R) 12:50
  - Enemy at the Gates (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:05, 9:55
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254-3433
- The Sorrow and the Pity (NA) 7:00

**CARMIKE CINEMAS 14**  
122 AFTON COURT  
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- Joe Dirt (PG-13) 1:45, 4:15, 7:30, 9:30
- Spy Kids (PG) 1:15, 4:00, 7:15, 9:30
- Along Came a Spider (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
- Exit Wounds (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:30, 9:45
- Heartbreakers (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
- Just Visiting (PG-13) 1:45, 4:15, 7:30, 9:30
- Tomcats (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:30, 9:30
- Finding Forrester (PG-13) 1:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
- The Wedding Planner (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30
- Malena (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30
- Traffic (R) 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
- Shadow of the Vampire (R) 1:30, 4:00, 7:15, 9:30
- Say It Isn't So (R) 1:45, 4:00, 7:15, 9:30

**The Mexican (R)** 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

**MOVIES AT POLO ROAD**  
9700 TWO NOTCH ROAD  
788-7818

**Pokemon 3: The Movie (G)** 1:15, 3:15, 5:15

**CARMIKE WYNNSONG 10**  
5320 FOREST DRIVE  
782-8100

- Pokemon 3: The Movie (G) 1:20, 4:20, 7:00, 9:10
- Blow (R) 1:10, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45
- Someone Like You (PG-13) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40
- Josie and the Pussycats (PG-13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
- The Brothers (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15
- Just Visiting (PG-13) 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:20
- Bridget Jones's Diary (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 9:45
- Kingdom Come (PG) 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:15, 9:45

**Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (PG-13)** 1:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

**PASTIME PAVILION CINEMA 8**  
929 NORTH LAKE DRIVE  
951-3603

- Joe Dirt (PG-13) 5:00, 7:10, 9:45
- Spy Kids (PG) 5:15, 7:15, 9:20
- Along Came a Spider (R) 4:40, 7:35, 9:55
- Pokemon 3: The Movie (G) 5:30, 7:40, 9:45
- Blow (R) 4:50, 7:25, 10:05
- Heartbreakers (PG-13) 5:30, 7:40, 9:45
- Someone Like You (PG-13) 4:10, 6:45, 9:00
- Josie and the Pussycats (PG-13) 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

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