

ONLINE

This week's question

Do you agree with the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals decision to strike the words "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance? Vote at www.dailygamecock.com.

Last week's question

Is the 17 percent tuition increase a burden to you? See other poll results at www.dailygamecock.com.

YES 85%
NO 15%

TOP 10

Quick ways to get new president Andrew Sorensen acclimated to life as a Gamecock

The Gamecock staff creates the weekly "Top 10." Submit topics to gamecockviewpoints@hotmail.com

10. Make him find a place to park.
9. Squirrel attack!
8. Dodge dump trucks and other heavy machinery when crossing Sumter Street.
7. Late-night fire alarms.
6. Ankit Patel tries to get Board of Trustees to prohibit Sorensen from endorsing anything.
5. Stand in line for Georgia and Tennessee football tickets and the Clemson lottery.
4. Make late bid for U.S. Senate seat.
3. Get lost in the catacombs of Thomas Cooper.
2. Put "Clemson sucks!" sticker on back of car.
1. Throw him off the Horseshoe for not being in the Honors College.

FIND A PROBLEM?

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A regretful letter to my younger brother



JAY COOPER

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Cooper sends words home bemoaning his summer.

Dear Little Brother,

So I almost drowned when I got your last letter. I fell into the baby pool. Well, it's not really a baby pool because my roommate and I just use it to try and stay cool. It's like 1000 degrees here. We had to move it around back because the Powerpuff Girls are on it. My roommate didn't want to buy it at first, but it was the

only kind they had at Wal-Mart. I told him it was okay because "The Powerpuff Girls" isn't really a kid show. It's got this deeper meaning that you can only get if you're a really smart Gen-Xer who knows about politics and the environment and stuff.

So, now he's really mad at me, but it's not my fault that the girls in the apartment above ours don't know about the show. Last weekend they saw us out in front of the building in the pool. They started laughing and throwing empty beer cans and stuff at us, and then everyone in the building was there. It's a good thing I was wearing my goggles because I got hit with half a taco that could have taken out my eye.

I'm starting to rethink my decision to stay in Columbia and work on a job this summer. I work in a small office with five women who are all older than 40 and each must

weigh over 400 pounds. They do nothing but play Solitaire on their computers and talk about what they would each say if Randy Travis walked through the door. The things they say make me want to call Randy Travis and tell him to stay away from Columbia forever just on the chance that he might need to come into the Riverside Travel Agency. I know he probably wouldn't need to, but somebody should warn him anyway. Also, for some reason, they don't have Mine Sweeper on the computers, and I refuse to play Solitaire. I hope your job is much better than mine.

I thought meeting a girl would be easy in the summer. You know how they like the idea of summer romance. I figured if I met one I could take her on a picnic and then out in a rowboat if I could figure out where to get a rowboat. So far the only women I ever talk to on a regular ba-

sis are from work, and one of them would definitely sink any rowboat you could get. Some of the girls in my building seemed okay at first, but then there was that whole baby pool thing. I go out on the weekends sometimes, but that's when you really have to be careful. It's like all the creepy people in Columbia wait until school is out to go downtown.

I have to stop writing now because the girls are back from lunch and they want to use the break room to watch their soap opera. It's the one where the midget turns into a doll whenever anybody comes around. That show makes me want to puke. I'd even watch "The Powerpuff Girls" over that.

Your Big Brother

Cooper is a 4th-year english student.

Got something to say? E-mail
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IN YOUR OPINION

Student upset with Board's increase

I am really pissed off with the Board of Trustees at USC. The "gestapo," as I like to refer to them, seems to not give a rat's ass about USC students and is only interested in the business side of our university. Those ass clowns go and raise tuition by 17 percent because they state that they are starving for cash to fund the university.

Oh ok, that makes sense, except for the fact that they just decided to go blow a few million bucks on a new arena and health center, neither of which were truly needed. But the tuition issue isn't the only example of how the board screws us. On top of building multi-million dollar buildings at a time where we are deprived of funds, they decided to let our parking complaints fall on deaf ears, and decided, "Hey, lets spend thousands on planting trees and stuff. Screw parking!"

They don't quite understand that this is an urban campus. If I rode my horse to class then I would love some green grass but, in the meantime, I'll be using my

car so quit the whole bs of green space and let's get some parking. My whole beef with the Board of Trustees is that they don't think before they act.

I mean they actually have the nerve to sit there and say they doubt it will really be a burden for us because it's only a thousand dollars more per year.

I pray one of them would come watch a student work two or even three jobs for a summer hauling trash, serving food, etc so they can put themselves through school. Then turn around and say "Oh, it can't be that much of a burden." To do so is flat out wrong.

If they want to lend me a thousand bucks so I won't have to go get a third job this summer then go ahead and raise the tuition all you want.

I mean come on guys ... it's only a grand it can't be that much of a burden, right?

WILLIAM CRAWFORD

SECOND-YEAR BUSINESS STUDENT

Sanford showed "class?"

"I took time out of my day specifically not to vote for Peeler," said Erica Russell, a 22-year-old college student from Irmo. "I don't think he showed any class."

This quote appeared in an article in The State entitled Peeler's tactics a key to Sanford's victory.

I am shocked and saddened when I read about a voter making such a purely emotional and irresponsible decision.

The Peeler ads might have been off-color and tasteless, but they were true. Sanford is not the conservative leader this state needs.

Sanford might have showed "class."

If he becomes governor, that "class" won't mean a thing. Leadership, principles, values, and integrity are what are important. Sanford hasn't shown us these qualities. Peeler has.

VICTOR T. WRIGHT

GRANITEVILLE, SC

Single mother upset by tuition increase

I am a single mom and a full-time student, and I also work part-time in the College of Education so, yes, the tuition increase is a big burden on me. I have heard and seen the effects of the budget cuts within the college, but I want to know: Where does our tuition go?

I also see all of the construction around campus and the talk of even more. Where does all of that money come from? The students pay for parking that at many times is not available, we pay activities fees but we are not guaranteed a ticket to all events, and we pay technology fees but still have to pay for printing. So, I just want to know where that high dollar tuition is going?

KIMBERLY MORGAN

SENIOR PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

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