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Students get ready for final-exam stress

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For first-year business student Micheal Munafo, exam week is more than just a spring headache — the weight of his scholarship is in the balance.

"If I don't do well, I know I'll lose my LIFE scholarship, so that definitely pushes me," he said.

With exams starting Friday, students are gearing up to exhibit a semester's worth of work on a few final exams. Surviving the tests doesn't have to be a punishing experience, though;

there are many steps students can take to minimize stress and maximize their chances of a good grade.

"The best advice is don't wait until the day before the exam to start studying," said Mary Stuart Hunter, director of the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition. "Definitely avoid procrastination."

Not only should students begin studying in advance, but they should plan their study sessions beforehand, taking into consideration the amount of time each

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subject will require, the environment with the least distractions and the benefit of consulting classmates.

"I study for each class a certain amount each day. I like to plan

what I want to study," Munafo said.

Taking frequent breaks during study periods also helps maintain a high level of alertness. "I would recommend walking around and stretching your legs at least every hour," Hunter said.

She thinks cooperative learning can be very beneficial, as long as groups remain small enough to keep focus. "Group studying can be especially helpful when one person explains the

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Throwing for par



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Lindsey Dupree, a second-year accounting student, learns how to play disc golf on the Horseshoe yesterday. The sport is surprisingly popular; its governing body, the Professional Disc Golf Association, has more than 16,000 members.

USC student to vie for pageant crown

Freshman to represent South Carolina in Miss Teen USA competition in August

BY JULIA KNETZER
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USC cheerleader Stephanie Horton calls herself "kind of a tomboy," but being crowned Miss South Carolina Teen USA in November might just be the best thing that has ever happened to her, she said.

"Winning this was really cool," she said.

Now, the first-year biology student will represent the state in the Miss Teen USA pageant. The exact date and location of the pageant have not been released yet, but the contest will be sometime in August.

During her reign as Miss Teen South Carolina, Horton, 18, has visited schools to speak against drugs, alcohol and violence. "I just want to talk about making good decisions," she said.

Horton said she has not been able to do as much with her title as she wants because she has been busy with school. She said she hopes that, with school ending soon, she will be able to do more.

"I just really want to get more involved in the community," she said.

Horton, who was crowned Miss Sumter Teen USA last year and Miss Lexington Teen USA this year, said she became interested in pageants by watching them on television.

"I just saw a pageant on TV and asked my mom if I could do it," she said. Her mother told her she could start competing when she got her braces off, said Horton, who has been competing for two and a half years.

Horton isn't the only one in her family with ties to beauty pageants. Her twin sister, Stacey, a student at Wofford College, entered and won the Miss South Carolina National Teenager pageant, her first competition. She will compete in the national competition this summer. Horton said that when her sister won, it was the "happiest day of my life."

Because Horton and her sister will both be competing nationally this summer, Horton said, she hopes the pageants do not conflict so they can support each other.

Horton doesn't totally conform to either the tomboy or the beauty-queen image. Pink is "such a girl color," she said, but the color has become her favorite after she's worn it in so many pageants. "I just try to be me all the time," she said. "I'm just pretty stuck to my morals and my values," she said.

She said she identifies with a particular passage from "The Scarlet Letter," by Nathaniel Hawthorne: "Be true. Be

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This summer at Carolina

MCKISSICK MUSEUM



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USC's McKissick Museum will play host to a variety of collections, exhibitions and events this summer, varying in topic from folk art to Gullah dolls to family silver.

This summer, the museum will have a permanent collection of the Baruch family silver, a collection of more than 450 pieces of British silver from the 18th and early 19th centuries. The collection was donated to USC in 1965 by the Bernard Mannes Baruch estate and was assembled in the early 20th century by Baruch's wife, Annie Griffen Baruch.

The museum will also have on permanent display the Lawrence L. Smith Mineral Collection, including hundreds of minerals from throughout the world. Gold from South Carolina, amethyst from Brazil, malachite from Namibia, fluorite from England and skutterudite from Morocco will be among the minerals on display.

The faculty art exhibition will run through July 13 and will feature recent works in two- and three-dimensional media by members of USC's Art Department studio.

An exhibition of hand-drawn lithographs by Jonathan Green called "Sharing the Chores: Works on Paper" will also be shown

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SCHOOL OF MUSIC



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As the school year comes to an end, the School of Music looks to showcase its students, faculty and alumni in various free or inexpensive recitals and concerts to entertain students around exam time.

"I want to remind students that there are a variety of art events throughout every month and a part of their education should include watching live art, whether it be theater, music, visual, or dance. All of which are offered throughout campus for free or nominal charges," said Andrew Gowan, associate dean and associate professor of saxophone in the School of Music.

Events for next month will begin Thursday with a violin and viola studio recital. Students of music faculty member William Terwilliger will perform works of Bach, DeBoriot, Beethoven, Falla, Viotti, Haydn and Kreisler at 7 p.m.

Friends of the School of Music will hold the fund-raiser "Swing into Spring" on Sunday. The event, which will feature swing music, will begin at 6 p.m. and has a \$25 admission charge. All proceeds will benefit the Friend's Scholarship fund. For more information, call 576-5763.

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Stephanie Horton, a self-proclaimed tomboy, was crowned Miss South Carolina Teen USA.

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