

■ Inside

Card catalog sailors float their boats.
Page 3

Find out where the women below
and other faculty, staff, and students
vacationed this summer. **Page 8**



Times

A publication for faculty, staff, and friends of the University of South Carolina



August 27, 2009

• Columbia

• Aiken

• Beaufort

• Lancaster

• Salkehatchie

• Sumter

• Union

• Upstate

■ Aiken receives sixth No. 1 ranking

College guide cites Carolina's innovations

U.S. News & World Report cited the University for innovation in academics, facilities, and programs in its 2010 *America's Best Colleges* guide.

Carolina appeared in a section along with 18 other national universities, including the University of Southern California, identified as having made "the most promising and innovative changes in academics, faculty, students, campus, or facilities." The University ranked No. 11, tied with Clemson, Rice University, and Emory University, and ahead of Ohio State University and North Carolina State University.

The citation was one of several accolades for the University included in the annual college guide.

The Darla Moore School of Business' undergraduate

program in international business earned the No. 1 ranking for the 13th consecutive year. The school itself, which ranked 42nd for overall business education nationally, was 24th among business schools at public institutions.

U.S. News also ranked the University's First-Year Experience and Learning Communities among the best in the nation in its "Programs to Look For" section. The designation is for schools with outstanding examples of academic programs linked to student success.

President Pastides said the accolades recognize the successful efforts of faculty and staff to offer students an excep-

Continued on page 6

■ Top 'green' rating colors emphasis on sustainability

The University earned a top "green" rating by the *Princeton Review*, scoring 95 out of a possible 99. The University was rated higher than all public colleges in South Carolina and earned the second highest rating among all universities in the Southeastern Conference. The University of Florida earned a rating of 97. Under the leadership of President Pastides, the University has strengthened its commitment to sustainability and taken steps at every level of campus to create a community that is healthier and more engaged in environmental matters.

University donors set private giving record

University donors, including alumni, staff, students, faculty, friends, corporations, and foundations, rallied strongly to support Carolina's fund-raising effort in 2008–09. The result: a new private giving record of \$107.5 million.



Dodenhoff

The number of donors also rose to an all-time high of 46,469. Funds were raised between July 1, 2008, and June 30, 2009.

"This level of support from South Carolina's alumni and friends is a true measure of the esteem and loyalty they hold for our institution," President Pastides said. "I am especially gratified that in the midst of the most difficult economic downturn in decades, the University's friends have stepped up and

supported the core mission of teaching, research, and outreach on every campus. This support speaks volumes about the bedrock foundation we have to build upon for Carolina's future."

The \$107.5 million benchmark included significant increases in program enhancements that fund research and outreach and continuing trends showing yearly increases in first-time donors and online gifts. Donor support is used to endow scholarships, fellowships, endowed chairs, and professorships; to enhance programs by providing gifts such as technological improvements; to fund new academic facilities and programs; and for many other purposes. Private giving allows universities to continue development and growth during a period of decreased federal and state funding.

The new fund-raising total follows closely in the footsteps of the University's previous private giving record of \$106.2 million for 2007–08. Unprecedented private support in consecutive years demonstrates that, despite a major recession, donors value the University's ability to provide world-class education for students on its eight campuses.

Continued on page 6

State of the University address is set for Sept. 16



Pastides

Faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend President Pastides' first State of the University address at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 16 in the law school Auditorium.

The presentation will touch on highlights from the past year, including academic programs, research and private support gains, outreach, and progress with Focus Carolina. A light reception will be held in the law school lobby.

A question-and-answer session with the president will follow the address, which will be streamed live at

www.sc.edu. Questions can be e-mailed ahead of the event to SOTU@sc.edu.



Kim Truett

Football practice heats up Matt Grooms, a junior deep safety from McColl, takes a cool drink during a warm football practice at Williams-Brice Stadium. The Gamecocks open the season at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, against N.C. State in Raleigh. The game will be broadcast on ESPN. The Gamecocks play Georgia in Athens at 7 p.m. Sept. 12; the game will be televised on ESPN2. The home opener will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 19 versus Florida Atlantic.



Kim Truett

Showing their colors

Nick Riley, a junior chemistry/psychology major from Louisville, Ky., and Tori Espensen-Sturges, a junior psychology major from McAllen, Texas, model the new 2009 spirit T-shirt in anticipation of the fifth-annual College Colors Day Sept. 4. The University encourages faculty, staff, and students to wear Gamecock colors throughout the day. Every Friday after College Colors Day has been designated University of South Carolina Spirit Friday at all campuses. For more information about Spirit Friday, see the Sept. 10 issue of *Times*. This year's T-shirt, which commemorates the 75th anniversary of Williams-Brice Stadium, is available at the University Bookstore at the Russell House. College Colors Day advocates higher education through increased public awareness and celebrates the achievements of colleges and universities, acknowledging their fundamental importance.

University announces record \$210 million in research funds

Research at the University reached a record \$210.3 million in fiscal year 2009, up 2 percent from last year. President Pastides said the news is gratifying during a year of economic turbulence.

"This record is a testament to the dedicated faculty and staff who worked tirelessly during a time of financial uncertainty to further the research mission of the University," he said. "Their remarkable success underscores their ability to compete successfully with top scientists at the nation's most prestigious schools."

"I am proud of these research awards, which will fund studies to improve the health and well-being of South Carolinians and advance scientific knowledge in areas critical to our nation's needs, including alternative energy, the social sciences, biomedicine, and science and technology. This is a tremendous accomplishment for the University."

The research record will lay the foundation for the future work of Stephen Kresovich, the newly appointed vice president for research and graduate education. Kresovich, who will join the University Oct. 1, succeeds Rose Booze, interim vice president for research since last August.

"We are indebted to Dr. Booze for her leadership during this critical time and look forward to her success as director of our new university-wide Brain and Behavior Institute," Pastides said.

Among the grants are:

Continued on page 6

Briefly

BEAUFORT EARNS 10-YEAR ACCREDITATION:

The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) has granted USC Beaufort reaffirmation of accreditation for the next 10 years. Chancellor Jane T. Upshaw received the notification that the campus successfully made its case for compliance with the Principles of Accreditation. Every department within USC Beaufort played an important role in the success of this critical process. The Commission on Colleges of SACS is the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states. The commission's mission is the enhancement of educational quality throughout the region, and it strives to improve the effectiveness of institutions by ensuring that institutions meet standards established by the higher education community that address the needs of society and students.

CHOOSE TO LOSE OFFERS WEIGHT

MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: Campus Wellness again will offer its free Choose to Lose program for faculty and staff in September. The eight-week weight management support program will begin at 7 a.m. or 5:15 p.m. Sept. 15 in the Blatt PE Center. In support of Healthy Carolina, the program includes registered dietitian consultation, tailored workout plans, weekly weigh-ins, body fat percentage analysis, and a support group. Bi-weekly workouts for faculty and staff will be held at 7 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. To sign up, go to www.sa.sc.edu/shs/ and select Faculty/Staff; then select Choose to Lose and follow instructions. The deadline is Sept. 2. For more information, call 576-9393.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT IS ONLINE:

The 2008–09 USC Community Service Annual Report is available online at: www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/docs/Community_Service_Annual_Report.pdf. The inaugural report, sponsored by Community Service Programs in the Department of Student Life, represents a systematic effort for collecting data on service. More than 18,800 Carolina students, faculty, and staff spent over 302,900 hours volunteering in the community during the 2008–09 academic year. Volunteers were involved in hands-on community service, philanthropic fund raising, community-based research, service learning, and advocacy initiatives. For more information or to be included in the report, contact Michelle Peer at mpeer@sc.edu or 7-7130.

STRING PROJECT REGISTRATION IS SEPT. 1:

A beginning class organizational meeting for the USC String Project will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 1 at 851 Park St. "Space Available" registration will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Sept. 2–3. The String Project offers large group beginning classes, small group second-year classes, three orchestras, and private lessons in violin, viola, cello, and bass. All private lessons are taught by undergraduate string-education majors. The program is designed to improve the teaching of string instruments in both classroom and private studio settings. For more information, send an e-mail to uscsp@mozart.sc.edu, call the String Project office at 7-9568, or go to www.music.sc.edu/Special_Programs/StringProject/index.html.

NEED EXTRA DIRECTORIES? Departments that have not received the 2009–10 telephone directory, which features the Horseshoe on the front cover, or need additional books, can contact Sherry Holmes at saphonbk@mailbox.sc.edu or 7-3888. Provide name, campus mailing address, phone number, and the number of directories needed. Carolina Recycling's phonebook recycling program will begin in late February or early March and will collect old directories, including University, Bellsouth, Talking Phone Book, and others.

FIVE FARMERS MARKETS SET FOR FALL:

Healthy Carolina has scheduled five Farmers Markets for the fall semester. The dates and locations are:

- Sept. 1, 15, and 29, Greene Street, in front of Russell House
- Oct. 13, Davis Field, between Russell House and Thomas Cooper Library
- Nov. 10, Greene Street, in front of Russell House.

For more information, contact Holly Harring, Healthy Carolina, at harrinha@mailbox.sc.edu.

STUDENT FOOTBALL TICKET ALLOTMENT

INCREASED: The student ticket allotment at Williams-Brice Stadium has increased by 1,000 tickets for the 2009 Gamecock football season. The new seats will be in Sections 504, 505, and 506 on the upper east side of the stadium. The request period for student tickets will be Sept. 13–14 for the first home game on Sept. 19 against Florida Atlantic University. For more information about student ticketing, visit www.ticketreturn.com/sc.

FACILITIES HONORS EMPLOYEES OF THE

QUARTER: Facilities announced its employees of the quarter at its recent Call meeting. The winners are Scott Keisler, trades specialist; Cynthia Weston, building and grounds specialist; Kevin Curtis, non-administrative supervisory; Craig Spires, administrative supervisory; and Lind Jackson, administrative. President Pastides, Cocky, and Ted Moore, vice president for finance and planning, congratulated the recipients.

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES MOVES:

The Women's and Gender Studies Program offices have moved from Flinn Hall to the Jones Physical Science Center, Room 109. Phone numbers have remained the same. For more information, contact Paulette Jimenez, program coordinator, at 7-4200.

Dinner Dialogues increase student-faculty interaction

Dinner Dialogues, sponsored by the Office of Parents Programs, offers faculty members an opportunity to increase their interaction with students outside the classroom. The program provides funding for faculty members and University 101 instructors who host their undergraduate classes for dinner in their homes.

Funding is provided by a grant from the Parents Annual Fund, which is coordinated by the Office of Parents Programs and the Office of Annual Giving to solicit annual contributions from parents of Carolina students.

Since the program began in 2006, faculty members and University 101 instructors have hosted nearly 125 dinners, representing classes in music, psychology, journalism, English, Chinese, Spanish, exercise science, University 101, French, math, chemistry, engineering, physics, geology, media arts, and education. The dinners give faculty members a chance to

make Carolina's large campus a little smaller while increasing interaction with their students and helping build community among the members of the class.

"I really enjoyed getting together at my professor's house for dinner with my class," said Lauren Dew, a junior visual communications major. "I think the Dinner Dialogues program is very important because it allows students and instructors to interact outside of the classroom and get to know each other on a more personal level. I encourage more classes to take advantage of this great opportunity."

The Office of Parents Programs provides faculty members with funding for the dinners up to \$10 per student enrolled in their undergraduate classes. To download an application, go to www.sa.sc.edu/parents. For more information, contact Melissa Gentry, director of parents programs, at 7-5937 or mfngentry@sc.edu.



Michael Brown

Move-in experience Almost 200 faculty, staff, and students helped freshmen and their families move into their new residence halls, including the new Honors Residence, on Move-in Day Aug. 15. Based on numbers from 2008, more than 12.2 tons of cardboard is expected to be collected and recycled from the weekend. The University also distributed 10,000 flu preparedness packages in residence halls, at the Thomson Student Health Center, and at the health and safety tent on Greene Street.

Poetry Initiative sponsors book launch for prize winner

The University's S.C. Poetry Initiative will sponsor a book launch for Columbia native and poet DeLana R.A. Dameron's *How God Ends Us* Aug. 28 at Gallery 80808/Vista Studios.

The event will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and is free and open to the public. The gallery is located at 808 Lady St. in downtown Columbia.

How God Ends Us is the fourth winner of the S.C. Poetry Initiative's annual S.C. Poetry Book Prize and was published this spring by the University of South Carolina Press (96 pages, \$14.95).

The book launch will be a homecoming for the 24-year-old poet, who lives in New York City and is spending most of August in residency at the Constance Saltonstall Foundation for the Arts in rural New York.

The poetry in *How God Ends Us* explores the spiritual questions that have no answers. Pulitzer Prize–finalist Elizabeth Alexander writes in the book's foreword that the speakers in Dameron's poetry "are ruthless with the poem-making self but filled with compassion for the world they encounter."

For more information about the book launch and other S.C. Poetry Initiative events, including the upcoming 2009 Poet's Summit on Sept. 19, contact Charlene Spearen at 7-5492, send an e-mail to cmspeare@mailbox.sc.edu, or go to www.sc.edu/poetry/.

Breakfast connects Carolina and community

The second-annual Community Partner Breakfast will bring together the University and local community organizations from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Sept. 29 in the Russell House Ballroom.

At last year's inaugural breakfast, more than 90 faculty members, students, and community partners attended and had the opportunity to connect with one another.

The breakfast encourages attendees to think creatively about the integration of community service with academic coursework. Participants will explore campus-community partnerships and the common goals of community growth, improvement, and education. Participants also will hear special guest speakers and learn more about service learning and the resources available to assist with creating and teaching a service-learning course. A networking session will allow community partners to connect with faculty and students.

The breakfast is open to all faculty, students, administration, staff, and community partners.

The event is free, and breakfast is included, but registration is required. To register, go to www.sc.edu/servicelearning/breakfast.html and scroll to the bottom of page to find the Community Partner RSVP or Faculty RSVP links. The deadline to register is Sept 18.

The Office of Student Engagement, the Honors College, and Community Service Programs sponsor the event.

Upstate cuts the ribbon on Magnolia House

USC Upstate held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its newest residential facility, Magnolia House, Aug. 14. "This is an exciting day in the history of USC Upstate," said Chancellor John C. Stockwell.

"Just as our enrollment continues to grow, so, too, does our student population living on campus," Stockwell said. "The addition of Magnolia House, and with it 352 more students residing on campus, coupled with the recent opening of the Wellness Center, has created a dynamic and an energy on this campus never before felt. It is truly exciting."

Laura Puckett Boler, interim vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of students, said the high number of incoming freshmen who put down deposits for rooms in the Magnolia

House before construction was even complete was reassuring. "It points to a positive enrollment growth for the University this fall and to the fact that our student body has a strong desire to live on campus," she said.

Magnolia House, a 105,000-square-foot traditional-style complex, can house up to 352 students in its 87 suites.

"Magnolia House offers the latest housing safety features available, such as controlled access, full sprinkler system, four levels of electronic locks to access bedrooms, and 32 monitored digital cameras inside and outside," said Ron Dalton, director of housing and residential life. "We've noticed that the parents of our incoming students are especially pleased with these safety aspects of the facility."

Staff spotlight

- **Name:** Courtney Mirenzi
- **Program:** AmeriCorps VISTA for Service Learning
- **Area:** Honors College
- **Hometown:** Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
- **Time at Carolina:** Since July 20



■ **What is VISTA?** AmeriCorps Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA) through Campus Compact gives U.S. citizens a chance to give one year in the service of a nonprofit organization. The government funds AmeriCorps positions, giving nonprofits an extra staff member at no charge.

■ **What are your duties?** I work to advance service learning.

My primary goal at Carolina is to centralize the culture of service learning on campus. Service learning allows students to use course content they learn in class to meet an identified community need. For example, students may be learning biology in a class, and then they could go out to a nearby lake to test the water quality for nearby residents. Service learning is ongoing—it takes place over an entire semester or a year—which makes it different from one-time community service projects. I'll be working with faculty to tell them about service learning and to show them how they can integrate service learning into their courses. I'll work mostly with the Honors College and the Office of Student Engagement.

■ **Is it 100 percent volunteer? What do you live on?** We're given a stipend, not a salary, and depending on the school you serve, other benefits might be provided, such as housing.

■ **What did you do before coming to Carolina?** I spent a year with City Year in Columbia, another volunteer program. I ran their leadership development program: every Friday 24 corps members would come in to learn about a topic or to go out to an elementary school and help them start a garden or some similar activity.

■ **So you're devoting two years to volunteering?** I think City Year and AmeriCorps offer great opportunities for people just out of school. You have a lot of opportunity you wouldn't have other places, like being 21 years old and being asked to put together a leadership program. Not many of my friends have done that. City Year is in 18 different cities. I chose Columbia because I wanted to go somewhere smaller and different than New York City, where I got a BA degree in liberal arts from the New School. I have grown to really care about the community, and being here last year helped me learn about the issues that affect this community. I think that made it important for me to stay here and continue that work.

■ **Will there be events to help promote service learning on campus?** Yes, we have a Community Partner Breakfast coming up Sept. 29. Faculty and students can come together with nonprofits in the hope that would start a relationship. For example, someone who serves on the local HIV/AIDS council might meet a student who is in a public health class studying HIV/AIDS community education.

■ **What do you do in your spare time?** I like going to different state parks, going to dinner and movies. Historic towns are really close to Columbia, like two hours to Charleston, a few hours to Savannah. I like to visit these towns and learn about them.

AT&T to provide campus Wi-Fi access

AT&T recently announced an agreement with the University to provide Wi-Fi access at the Columbia campus.

AT&T and the University will equip more than 160 buildings, as well as outdoor spaces, with high-speed wireless broadband from AT&T Wi-Fi Services. The move will connect more than 30,000 students, faculty, staff, and guests.

The campus-wide service will provide hotspot zones and allow Wi-Fi enabled devices to access its network.

"We have a rich history of providing the best educational tools for our students and support for our faculty and staff, so AT&T was a clear choice for us because of their experience and expertise in offering premium Wi-Fi service," President Pastides said.

The Wi-Fi network will provide public Internet access for students, faculty, staff, and guests and carry University Intranet traffic. AT&T Wi-Fi Services will provide round-the-clock network monitoring and a complete turn-key managed Wi-Fi network service, including site survey, design, installation, monitoring, repair, maintenance, and warranty of equipment. AT&T will be Carolina's primary source for Wi-Fi network needs.

Implementation of the new infrastructure is scheduled for the 2009–10 academic year.



Kim Truett

Students, faculty, and staff launched their catalog card-crafted boats on the north end of the library reflecting pool with a slight breeze to their backs. The breeze soon died, and many of the boats floundered along the cement shoreline. But six winners were chosen for seaworthiness and creativity.

Catalog Card Boat Race puts paper afloat at library pool

By Chris Horn

Thomas Cooper Library's card catalog has been in mothballs for years, but the cards—at least a few hundred of them—came to life this past week as boats, ships, and even a whale in the first-ever Catalog Card Boat Race held Aug. 21.

Students, faculty, and staff created boats that ranged from simple (a few cards wrapped around a plastic bottle) to the exquisite: a model of a cruise ship, complete with on-deck swimming pool, and a replica of Captain Ahab's Nantucket whaling ship, the *Pequod*. The latter was the work of John Quirk, a library and information science student, who also made a papier-mâché model of the great white whale himself, Moby Dick.

"It was fun to do, but I'll be amazed if it floats," said Quirk, who spent two evenings and at least 75 old catalog cards making his ship. His wife, marketing professor Audrey Korsgaard, put together her boat—a "Huck Finn raft"—as the family drove to campus.

Michael Mims, a finance sophomore from Leesville, spent a couple of hours fashioning 40 cards into a pyramid-shaped raft.

"I remembered the Curious George book where they had a boat race," Mims said, explaining his inspiration for the entry. His friends, Heather Corder, a sophomore accounting major from Leesville, and Christi Lollis, a criminal justice sophomore from Laurens, came along to cheer him on.

Those boats and more than a dozen others were judged by four faculty members: Nancy Freeman, early childhood education; Greg Carbone, geography; Andy Mills, theatre; and Wally Peters, a mechanical engineering professor who dressed as a pirate—complete with eye patch—for the regatta.

The vessels were judged for creativity while on display and for seaworthiness when they were launched at the far end of the library's reflecting pool.

The *Pequod* unceremoniously keeled over, took on water, and sank, while Moby Dick floated along on his side. A sailing ship model, crafted by students Jerry Wu and Max Smith, skimmed the surface like a racing boat, leaving all of the others in its wake. Most of the entries merely bobbed around when the breeze died down.

Quirk, fellow library and information science student Chess Schmidt, and Thomas Cooper librarian Gerri Corson took top honors for creativity. Mims, Wu and Smith, and library staff member James Weeks won in the seaworthiness category.

Winners received Chips Ahoy cookies, a library mug, and a coupon good for a free cup of coffee at Immaculate Consumption.

Librarian Marilee Birchfield, who organized the event, said there likely will be a spring art contest with the cards in addition to other events. For more about the library cards, visit sc.edu/library/inthecards.html.

New Brain and Behavior Institute launched



Booze

Following three years of service in the Office of Research and Economic Development, psychology professor Rose Booze has accepted an appointment as founding director of a new University-wide Brain and Behavior Institute. The institute will be housed in the Discovery I building at Park and Greene streets.

Booze, the Bicentennial Chair Professor in Behavioral Neuroscience, was associate vice president, then interim vice president for research and economic development. Cornell University research administrator Stephen Kresovich was named vice president for research and graduate education and will assume responsibilities Oct. 1.

"Scientific research is becoming more transdisciplinary, and the brain is one of the most challenging and complex areas of study," Booze said. "The University has 174 principal investigators working in the areas of brain and behavior, including a strong behavioral science research portfolio, the McCausland Brain Imaging Center, and a lot of related brain research in different areas."

"We have the potential to coalesce people from psychology, the medical school, pharmacy, and other departments around this theme. But we need to work even more closely together to get the bigger grants because federal research agencies are looking for larger, more sweeping proposals that involve several disciplines."

Beyond the potential for generating larger-scale research grants, the Brain and Behavior Institute could also be a catalyst for helping researchers to translate their research from the lab into the community, Booze said. "There could also be increased possibilities to land training grants that will help build a cadre of scientists with a multidisciplinary understanding of the brain."

Upcoming *History Detectives* taps archaeologist, alumni

The Sept. 7 installment of PBS's *History Detectives* that will probe a chapter of Columbia's Civil War history drew on the expertise of Jonathan Leader, state archaeologist with the S.C. Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology at the University, and several Carolina alumni.



Leader

The segment features correspondent Elyse Luray, who visited Columbia last April in an attempt to clarify the location of a Broad River bridge that was burned by Confederate forces to delay Union General William Tecumseh Sherman's occupation of the city in February 1865.

The episode was inspired by the discovery of a bridge abutment upstream from the current Broad River Bridge. David Brinkman found the abutment while clearing newly purchased land. Brinkman is secretary of the Greater Piedmont Chapter of the Explorers Club.

A historical marker near today's bridge indicates Sherman crossed the river on a pontoon bridge downstream from the current bridge.

In addition to Leader, others involved with the production included Allen Roberson, '88, '92 Cert., director of the S.C. Confederate Relic Room and Museum in Columbia; Rodger Stroup, '72 master's, '80 Ph.D., director of the S.C. Department of Archives and History; and Sarah Gregory, a 2006 broadcast journalism graduate who was an associate producer with Lion Television during production of the *History Detectives* segment. Gregory is currently an associate producer with Bloomberg News in New York.

History Detectives explores the complexities of historical mysteries, searching out the facts, myths, and conundrums that connect local folklore, family legends, and interesting objects.

Traditional investigative techniques, modern technologies, and legwork are the tools the *History Detectives* team of experts uses to give new insights into the national history.

The hosts of the program are experts in the world of historical investigations. Their expertise ranges from architecture, popular culture, and sociology to archeology, collectibles, and genealogy.

Lion Television and Oregon Public Broadcasting produce *History Detectives*. It airs in Columbia at 9 p.m. Mondays on WRLK-TV (Channel 35).

August & September

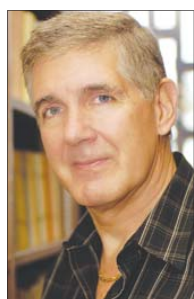
Calendar

■ Lectures



Tedeschi

Aug. 27 Physics and astronomy, "Physics with MeV and GeV Photon Beams," David Tedeschi, a faculty member in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Carolina, 3:30 p.m., Jones Physical Science Center, Room 409. Refreshments at 3:15 p.m. For more information, contact Mary Papp at 7-8105 or papp@physics.sc.edu.



Hanclosky

Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 Center for Teaching Excellence, Teaching Excellence Workshop, "Learning Outcomes Assessment," will highlight the breadth and scope of assessment practices that can be used to objectively measure learning. For greater relevance, faculty members are encouraged to bring copies of their syllabi or learning outcomes for immediate analysis. Facilitator is Walter Hanclosky, a professor of media arts at Carolina and an associate director of the Center for Teaching Excellence.

12:20–1:10 p.m. Sept. 10 or Sept. 11, participants choose one session to attend. Free. For more information, e-mail cte@sc.edu or call 7-8322.



Darity

Sept. 2 Institute for African American Research, "The Economics of Color," William "Sandy" Darity, a professor of public policy and African and African-American studies and economics at Duke University. 7 p.m., Thomas Cooper Library, Graniteville Room, Mezzanine Level. For more information, contact Francesca Fair at fairf@mailbox.sc.edu.

Sept. 2 Physics and astronomy, public lecture, "Search for New Physics at the Large Hadron Collider (CERN)," Milind V. Purohit, a faculty member in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Carolina, 7 p.m., School of Law Auditorium. For more information, contact Mary Papp at 7-8105 or papp@physics.sc.edu.

Sept. 3 Physics and astronomy, "Precision Measurements and Discoveries in High Energy Physics," Roberto Petti, a faculty member in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Carolina, 3:30 p.m., Jones Physical Science Center, Room 409. Refreshments at 3:15 p.m.

Sept. 4 Center for Teaching Excellence, Teaching Excellence Workshop, "SoTL Speed Dating Session," the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) involves systematic study of teaching and/or learning and the public sharing and review of such work through presentations or publications. To kick off a fall SoTL workshop series, the Center for Teaching Excellence invites all faculty interested in this topic to attend a SoTL Speed Dating Session. At this session, faculty will assemble at a long rectangular table, pitching classroom research ideas to other faculty they might have never met before. Participants will leave the session with greater awareness of what others are doing at Carolina, pick up new ideas to incorporate into their own scholarship, and possibly identify opportunities for collaborative scholarship activities. 10:10–11 a.m., Thomas Cooper Library, Room 511. Free. For more information, e-mail cte@sc.edu or call 7-8322.

Sept. 10 and 11 Center for Teaching Excellence, Teaching Excellence Workshop, "Getting Good Student Teaching Evaluations," workshop will include responses from veteran faculty about how to maintain rigor in course content in such a way that the students are educated as well as engaged. Facilitator will be Jed Lyons, a professor of mechanical engineering at Carolina and faculty director of the Center for Teaching Excellence. 12:20–1:10 p.m. Sept. 10 or Sept. 11, participants choose one session to attend. Free. For more information, e-mail cte@sc.edu or call 7-8322.



Lyons

■ Lectures

Sept. 10 Physics and astronomy, Varsha Kulkarni, a faculty member in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Carolina, 3:30 p.m., Jones Physical Science Center, Room 409. Refreshments at 3:15 p.m.

Sept. 11 Chemistry and biochemistry, "Supramolecular Analytical Chemistry," Eric Anslyn, University of Texas at Austin, 4 p.m., Jones Physical Science Center, Room 006. Refreshments at 3:45 p.m.

Sept. 15 and 16 Center for Teaching Excellence, Teaching Excellence Workshop, "Student Feedback," workshop will explore ideas and methods for gathering and interpreting student opinions on teaching effectiveness. Facilitator is Walt Hanclosky, a professor of media arts at Carolina and an associate director of the Center for Teaching Excellence. Free. 12:20–1:10 p.m. Sept. 15 or Sept. 16, participants choose one session to attend. Free. For more information, e-mail cte@sc.edu or call 7-8322.

Sept. 17 Physics and astronomy, Thomas M. Crawford, a faculty member in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Carolina, 3:30 p.m., Jones Physical Science Center, Room 409. Refreshments at 3:15 p.m.

Sept. 18 Chemistry and biochemistry, "How Nature uses Oxygen—Lessons from Enzymes and Model Compounds," John Groves, Princeton University, 4 p.m., Jones Physical Science Center, Room 006. Refreshments at 3:45 p.m.

Sept. 30 Religious studies, Solomon-Tenenbaum Afternoon Symposium, "Global Hunger: Its Causes and Solutions," 1:30–2:45 p.m., Moore School of Business, Lumpkin Auditorium. Sponsored by the Solomon-Tenenbaum Visiting Lectureship in Jewish Studies and the College of Arts and Sciences.

Sept. 30 Religious studies, Solomon-Tenenbaum Lectureship in Jewish Studies, "Global Vision: Opening our Eyes to Injustice," Ruth W. Messenger, president of American Jewish World Service. 8 p.m., School of Law Auditorium. Sponsored by the Solomon-Tenenbaum Visiting Lectureship in Jewish Studies and the College of Arts and Sciences.



Anslyn



Crawford



Groves



Messenger

■ Exhibits

Through Sept. 14 Thomas Cooper Library: *Memoir and Biography: Interpreting Political Lives*, a new exhibit by S.C. Political Collections (SCPC) showcases books by and about individuals whose papers are held by SCPC, including Speaker of the S.C. House Sol Blatt, U.S. Congressman Bryan Dorn, S.C. House member Harriet Keyserling, Justice Bruce Littlejohn's four books, S.C. Governor Bob McNair, and editorial cartoonist Kate Salley Palmer. Main Level, outside the East Gallery.

Through September Thomas Cooper Library: *Persepolis: An Exhibition for the First-Year Reading Experience 2009*, East Gallery, Main Level.

Through Oct. 31 Thomas Cooper Library: *Information to the People: Celebrating 125 Years as a Federal Depository Library*, Mezzanine Gallery.

Through Jan. 9, 2010 McKissick Museum: *The Biennial Department of Art Faculty Exhibition*, presents a sampling of work created by art faculty over the past two years. Works will include painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, digital arts, computer graphics presentations, textiles, drawing, and film presentations. Second floor, South Gallery.

Through Jan. 16, 2010 McKissick Museum: *Urban Archaeology in Columbia*, presents the fundamentals of urban archaeology in South Carolina and how it has been applied at Columbia's historically significant properties under the stewardship of the Historic Columbia Foundation. Third floor, Lobby Gallery.

Through Jan. 23, 2010 McKissick Museum: *Southern Satire: The Illustrated World of Jak Smyrl*, features the work of Camden native Smyrl, who was the illustrator and artist for *The State* newspaper from 1949 to 1986. Second floor, North Gallery.

Through Feb. 14, 2010 S.C. State Museum: *Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race*, exhibit organized by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, traces the journey of eugenics, or racial hygiene, from its start as a scientific concept in the late 19th century to its deadly use by Nazi Germany. For more information, go to the State Museum Web site at www.museum.state.sc.us or the Holocaust Memorial Museum Web site at www.ushmm.org/museum/exhibit/online/deadlymedicine.

■ Sports

Aug. 28 Women's soccer: College of Charleston, 7 p.m., Stone Stadium.

Aug. 30 Women's soccer: Western Carolina, 2 p.m., Stone Stadium.

Sept. 3 Football: Season opener at N.C. State, 7 p.m. Televised on ESPN.

Sept. 12 Football: SEC opener at Georgia, 7 p.m. Televised on ESPN2.

Sept. 19 Football: Home opener, Florida Atlantic, game time TBA, Williams Brice Stadium.

■ Around the campuses

Aug. 28 USC Salkehatchie: Opening Convocation, speaker will be Bill Young, mayor of Walterboro. 11 a.m., East Campus Gymnasium. For more information, call Roberto Refinetti, associate dean for academic affairs, at 51-6314.

Aug. 28 USC Salkehatchie: Opening Faculty Meeting, 1 p.m., East Campus, Room 120. For more information, call Roberto Refinetti, associate dean for academic affairs, at 51-6314.

Sept. 9 USC Aiken: Small Business Tax Workshop, presented by the Aiken Small Business Development Center, the IRS, and S.C. Enrolled Agents. 8 a.m.–1 p.m., Penland Administration Building, Room 110. Free, but registration is required by telephone at 56-3646 or e-mail at SBDC@usca.edu. For more information, go to www.usca.edu/sbdc.

Sept. 10 USC Salkehatchie: Walterboro/Colleton Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, Industry Appreciation Night, 5:30 p.m., East Campus, Room 111. For more information, call Jane Brewer at 51-6314.

Sept. 11 USC Salkehatchie: Faculty meeting, 1 p.m., West Campus, Room 112. For more information, call Eran Kilpatrick at 51-6314.

■ List your events

The *Times* calendar welcomes submissions of listings for campus events. Listings should include a name and phone number so we can follow up if necessary. Items should be sent to *Times* calendar at University Publications, 920 Sumter St.; e-mailed to kdowell@mailbox.sc.edu; or faxed to 7-8212. If you have questions, call Kathy Dowell at 7-3686. The deadline for receipt of information is 11 business days prior to the publication date of issue. The next publication date is Sept. 10.

■ Online calendar

USC Calendar of Events is at <http://events.sc.edu>. To add events here, contact Janie Kerzan at mcdowj@mailbox.sc.edu or 7-0169.

If you require special accommodations, please contact the program sponsor.

■ Miscellany

Aug. 27 Speaker @ The Center: Author Jack Bass reads from and discusses *The Palmetto State: The Making of Modern South Carolina*. This fall's events will feature new releases from the University of South Carolina Press. Books will be available for purchase and autographing. Noon–1 p.m., S.C. State Library, Administration Building, 1430 Senate St., Free and open to the public. Participants can bring a bag lunch. Presented by the S.C. Center for the Book, a cooperative project of the S.C. State Library, the School of Library and Information Science at Carolina, and the Humanities Council of South Carolina. For more information, go to www.sccenterforthebook.org/6/12.html.

Aug. 27 Exhibit opening: Reception for *Recall Patterns: New Drawings* by Sara Schneckloth, an assistant professor in the art department at Carolina, 6–8 p.m., City Art Gallery, 1224 Lincoln St. The works will be on display through Sept. 5. For more information, go to www.cityartonline.com/current-exhibition.

Aug. 27–30 Carolina Productions: Movie, *The Soloist*, starring Jamie Foxx and Robert Downey Jr., is the story of a Los Angeles journalist who befriends a homeless Julliard-trained musician. Rated PG-13. 6 p.m., Russell House Theater. Free for faculty, staff, and students with valid University ID.

Aug. 27–30 Carolina Productions: Movie, *Fast and Furious*, starring Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, and Jordana Brewster, is the story of Brian O'Conner, who, working for the FBI in Los Angeles, tries to bring down a heroin importer by infiltrating his operation. Rated PG-13. 9 p.m., Russell House Theater. Free for faculty, staff, and students with valid University ID.

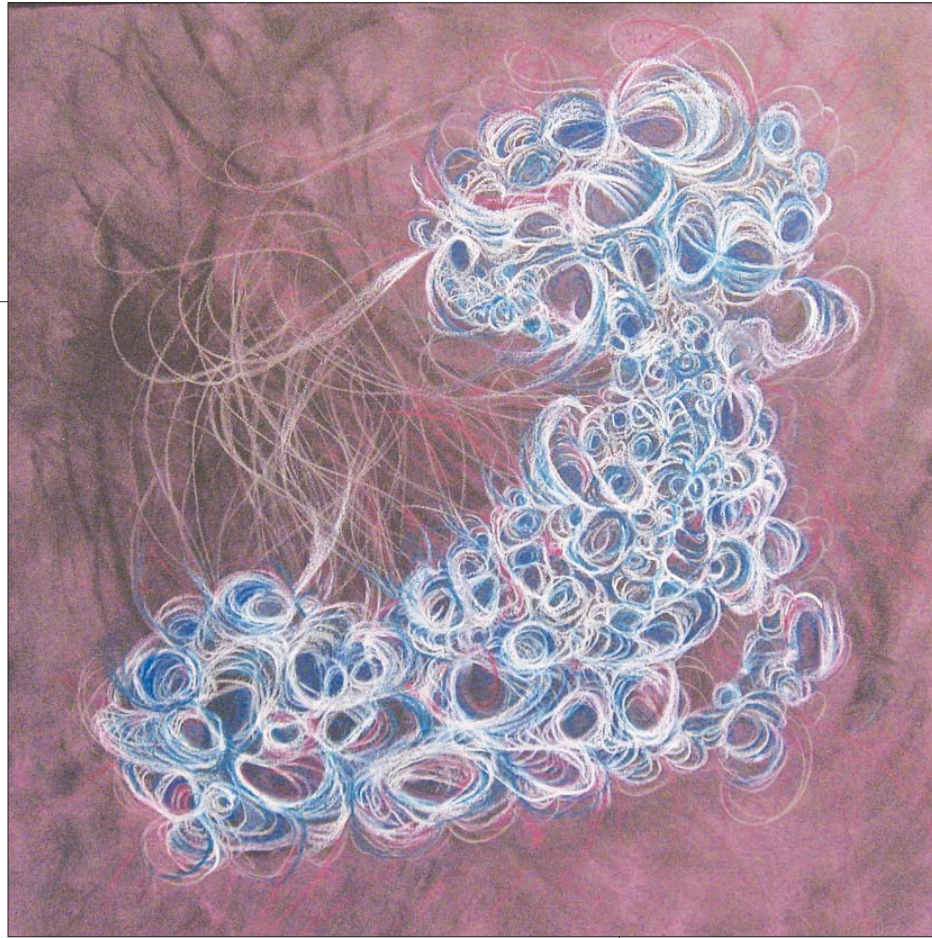
Aug. 27–Dec. 4 McCutchen House: The McCutchen House buffet opens for the fall semester, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Tuesday–Friday only. To make a reservation, call 7-4450. For more information, including weekly menus, go to www.hrsm.sc.edu/McCutchen-house/lunch.html.

Sept. 1 Farmers Market: Healthy Carolina Farmers Market, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Greene Street, in front of Russell House. For more information, contact Holly Harring at harrinah@mailbox.sc.edu.

Sept. 1, 8, 15, and 22 Culinary and Wine Institute: Wine 101, participants will become more wine savvy and will learn about the big six wines, how to select wine, how to store wine, and how to pair it with food. 6:30–8:30 p.m., McCutchen House. Cost is \$179 per person. For more information or to register, go to www.mccutchenhouse.sc.edu.

Sept. 2 Student organizations: Student Organization Fair, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., Russell House, free. For more information, go to www.sa.sc.edu/studentorgs.

Sept. 2 Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs: Workshop, Javits Fellowship, available to students of superior academic ability with demonstrated achievements and promise who will pursue doctoral or master of fine arts degrees. These awards cover graduate study in selected fields of the arts, humanities, and social sciences. 4 p.m., Legare College, Room 322.



Little Lies, left, is part of a series of new drawings by Sara Schneckloth, an assistant professor in the art department. The series, *Recall Patterns*, can be seen at City Art Gallery in the Vista through Sept. 5. A reception for the artist will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 27. To see more of Schneckloth's drawings, go to www.cityartonline.com/current-exhibition.

■ Miscellany

Sept. 3–6 Carolina Productions: Movie, *Ghosts of Girlfriends Past*, starring Matthew McConaughey, Jennifer Garner, and Emma Stone, is the story of a bachelor haunted by the ghosts of his past girlfriends at his younger brother's wedding. Rated PG-13. 6 p.m., Russell House Theater. Free for faculty, staff, and students with valid University ID.

Sept. 3–6 Carolina Productions: Movie, *X-Men Origins: Wolverine*, starring Hugh Jackman, Ryan Reynolds, and Liev Shreiber, is the story of Wolverine, who lives a mutant life and seeks revenge against Victor Creed (who will later become Sabertooth) for the death of his girlfriend, and ultimately ends up going through the mutant Weapon X program. Rated PG-13. 9 p.m., Russell House Theater. Free for faculty, staff, and students with valid University ID.

Sept. 9 Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs: Workshop, Truman Scholarship, available to juniors in any major preparing for a career in public service with demonstrated leadership abilities, academic achievement and potential, community service accomplishments, and a commitment to public service. Highly competitive scholarship, provides up to \$30,000 for graduate school. Must be nominated by the University. 4 p.m., Legare College, Room 322.

Sept. 4 Carolina Cuisine Dinner: Mediterranean Evening, chefs will create such dishes as Greek Lamb and Orzo Athena, Haifa Been Filet and Potato Lathes, and Barcelona Shrimp and Fish Paella. Desserts and wines will be included. 6:30 p.m., McCutchen House. Cost is \$60 per person. For more information or to register, go to www.mccutchenhouse.sc.edu.

Sept. 4 Historical tour: Moonlight Cemetery Tour, a tour of Elmwood Cemetery, located at 501 Elmwood Ave. Sponsored by the Historic Columbia Foundation. 8 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. There is a charge to attend, and reservations are required. For more information, call 252-1770 or e-mail sblackwell@historiccolumbia.org.

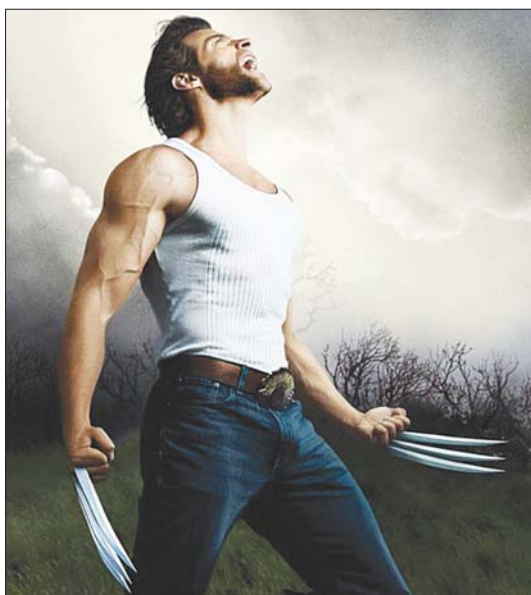
■ Miscellany

Beginning Sept. 14 Wellness: Free tobacco cessation classes for faculty, staff, and students. Class consists of six, one-hour sessions on campus. Freshstart, a tobacco cessation program developed by the American Cancer Society, will be used. The Freshstart approach includes motivational activities, problem-solving skills, social support, and education about medication and approaches to quitting. During one session, the campus registered dietitian will address participants' concerns about weight gain. Another session will be devoted to physical activity, which is a great way to deal with withdrawal symptoms, reduce stress, and avoid weight gain. Class meets noon–1 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays through Sept. 30 in the Wellness and Fitness Center, Room 201F. To register, call Campus Wellness at 6-9393.

Beginning Sept. 15 Wellness: Choose to Lose, a free eight-week weight management support program for faculty and staff. Program includes registered dietitian consultation, tailored workout plans, weekly weigh-ins, body fat percentage analysis, bi-weekly workouts, and a support group. Sponsored by Campus Wellness. For more information, call 6-9393. To sign up, go to www.sa.sc.edu/shs, click on Campus Wellness on the left of the page, select Student or Faculty/Staff, then select Choose to Lose and follow instructions. Deadline to register is Sept. 2.

Sept. 23 Concert series: Wednesdays at Trinity, free concert featuring Janet Hopkins, mezzo-soprano, with Jennifer Parker-Harley, an assistant professor of flute at Carolina, and Charles Fugo, a professor of piano at Carolina. 12:30 p.m., Satterlee Hall, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 1100 Sumter St. Lunch is available for \$6 per person and includes soup and a sandwich.

Dec. 2 Wellness: The Breast Center at Palmetto Health Baptist Digital Mobile Mammography van will be on Greene Street. Women who want to schedule a mammogram must have an order from their doctor and must bring their insurance card. To register, go to www.palmettohealth.org, or call 296-8888 or 800-221-9724.



Carolina Productions' fall film schedule includes *The Soloist*, right, starring Jamie Foxx and Robert Downey Jr., and *X-Men Origins: Wolverine*, left, starring Hugh Jackman. For a full listing of fall screenings, go to www.cp.sc.edu/cinematicarts.htm.



Briefly

GET IN TUNE WITH THE CONGAREE NEW HORIZONS BAND:

The Congaree New Horizons Band will sponsor a new member enrollment night at 7 p.m. Aug. 31 in the new USC Marching Band Building at 324 Sumter St. Formed in January 2007, the Congaree New Horizons Band (CNHB) provides opportunities for adults ages 50 and older to learn or relearn a musical instrument. The band started with about 20 members the first year and now boasts an enrollment of more than 70 people. The band offers a jazz band and three level-based groups, beginner, intermediate, and advanced. The CNHB bands meet on Monday nights. There is a membership fee to join. The money pays for music, including the method books used by members; band shirts; and stipends for the undergraduate students who work with the bands. For more information, contact Jeremy S. Lane, CNHB director, 7-150 or at jlane@mozart.sc.edu or go to www.congareeband.com.

MEET THE ARTIST AT GALLERY TALK: A reception and gallery talk with artist Bill Hosterman will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Aug. 27 in McMaster Gallery. The event is open to the public. The exhibit will run through Oct. 2. Hosterman's works explore ideas about individual and human contexts. Through collage, he constructs and deconstructs each image, keeping what feels essential and eliminating excess. Pairing and juxtaposing the elements allows him to redefine the image into something new. Hosterman has been teaching at Grand Valley State University in Michigan since 1999. Now an associate professor, he has shown his work both nationally and internationally, including exhibits in Hawaii, Italy, Germany, China, and the United Arab Emirates. McMaster Gallery, in the Department of Art, is located at 1615 Senate St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Monday–Friday. The gallery is closed weekends and all University holidays. For more information, contact Mana Hewitt, gallery director, at 7-7480 or mana@sc.edu.

CONCERT SERIES FEATURES FACULTY: The annual Cornelia Freeman University September Concert Series will open Sept. 6 with works by Bach, Dvorak, and Schumann. The performance will begin at 3 p.m. in the School of Music Recital Hall. Performers will include Tina Millhorn Stallard (soprano), James Ackley (trumpet), Michael Harley (bassoon), Jerry Curry (harpichord), Craig Butterfield (double bass), Bert Ligon (guitar), Joseph Rackers (piano), Clifford Leaman (saxophone), Lynn Kompass (piano), and Marina Lomazov (piano). For more than two decades, the series has raised scholarship funds for music students. All earnings from the concerts are placed in a fund to award scholarships to music majors in honor of the faculty members who perform in the concerts. Single concert tickets are: adults, \$12; senior citizens and University faculty and staff, \$10; and students, \$5. Series tickets are: adults, \$50, and senior adults, \$40. Other dates in the series are Sept. 13, 20, and 27, and Oct. 4. For more information, contact Laveta Gibson at 7-4280 or lgibson@mozart.sc.edu.

BE A PLAYER; SIGN UP FOR MUSIC LESSONS: The Community Music Program provides private lessons by experienced teachers in the following instruments: flute, oboe, clarinet, bass clarinet, bassoon, saxophone, trumpet, horn, trombone, baritone, euphonium, tuba, percussion, classical guitar, violin, viola, cello, double bass, piano, and voice. The deadline for fall registration is Sept. 4. Twelve private lessons are scheduled weekly either after school or on weekends. Tuition is semester based: 12 half-hour lessons are \$230, and 12 one-hour lessons are \$400. A family discount for two or more students is \$200 per student. To apply, call 7-4281 or go to www.music.sc.edu/AlumCommVis/prep.html.

Research

continued from page 1

- \$12.5 million from the U.S. Department of Energy to the College of Engineering and Computing to establish an Energy Frontier Research Center
- \$4 million from the National Institute of Standards and Technology to the College of Engineering and Computing for a study on bridge safety
- \$3.3 million to the Arnold School of Public Health from the National Institutes of Health to fund a study on physical activity, called Transitions and Activity Changes in Kids (TRACK), as children move from elementary school to middle school
- \$2.6 million from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration for the S.C. Rural Health Research Center in the Arnold School of Public Health to support research on rural healthcare needs
- \$2.24 million from the Duke Endowment for four projects, including colorectal cancer screening and awareness, a community-focused public-health program, a rural health program involving the use of ultrasound, and a program to support communities and families
- \$1 million from National Institutes of Health for the Department of Psychology for the PATH to Health program, designed to enhance physical activity in under-served communities,

Women's health forum abstracts due Sept. 30

Faculty, students, and other interested individuals are invited to submit abstracts in any area of women's health for the third-annual Carolina Women's Health Research Forum set for Friday, Oct. 30. Deadline for submissions is Sept. 30.

The forum, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Daniel-Mickel Center, eighth floor, BA Building, attracted more than 100 attendees in each of the previous two years. The conference requires no registration fee and no admission fee and is organized by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the School of Medicine as an informal gathering and poster session to promote networking and interdisciplinary collaboration.

"We're pleased that Patricia Moore-Pastides, the University's first lady, will attend the forum and make opening remarks," said Judy Burgis, director of the Division of Gynecology. "We'll also have a panel discussion on the importance of women's health research."

In addition to poster sessions by researchers from throughout the University and other institutions and agencies, the

forum also will include selected oral research presentations.

Last year's forum attracted presenters and attendees from the Arnold School of Public Health, the College of Nursing, various departments in the School of Medicine, and the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, Greenwood Genetics, USC Aiken, and Benedict College.

Attendees at last year's forum left overwhelmingly positive feedback about the event's value, especially those seeking interdisciplinary research opportunities; some suggested expanding the forum to include institutions outside of South Carolina.

Four awards of \$250 each will be made at the forum, recognizing outstanding faculty research in basic sciences, clinical research, social sciences, as well as student research.

For more information about the Carolina Women's Health Research Forum, to submit abstracts for presentation, or to register to attend, go to <http://whrf.med.sc.edu/>.

Rankings

continued from page 1

tional educational experience.

"The *U.S. News* guide comes as colleges and universities throughout the United States are striving to offer the best possible education in a time of declining resources," he said. "These rankings are proof that Carolina students will have a solid foundation for their futures."

U.S. News recognized the best Learning Communities, where students typically take two or more linked courses as a group and get to know one another and their professors. The Honors Residence Hall, which opened this semester, is an example of the 18 living-and-learning communities throughout campus, including Green (West) Quad, the world's largest "green" residence hall; Preston Residential College; the French House; and the Capstone Scholars Community.

Dennis Pruitt, vice president for student affairs and vice provost for academic support, said being featured in the *U.S. News*' ranking of Learning Communities is recognition of the University's vision more than a decade ago to establish vibrant academic experiences beyond the classroom.

"Today, our living-and-learning communities are an integral part of the Carolina experience," Pruitt said. "Students have the opportunity to learn from other students and faculty

in an integrated learning environment where experiences in and beyond the classroom enhance their personal and academic success."

The First-Year Experience, singled out by *U.S. News*, is supported by the pioneering University 101 program, which has been emulated by universities and colleges around the world. The University also is home to the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition.

USC Aiken ranked first among the top public baccalaureate colleges in the South. This year is the 12th consecutive that USC Aiken has been ranked in the top three public baccalaureate colleges in the South category. USC Aiken has been ranked first six times: 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2009, and 2010.

The Best Baccalaureate Colleges Category includes institutions that focus on undergraduate education and offer a range of degree programs in the liberal arts, which account for fewer than half of their bachelor's degrees, and in professional fields such as business, nursing, and education.

USC Upstate ranked third after Elizabeth City State University in North Carolina.

View rankings online at www.usnews.com.

Giving

continued from page 1

"We entered the recently completed fiscal year at the economy's worst point in recent history," said Michelle Dodenhoff, interim vice president for advancement. "While we needed to overcome a slow start and were a bit concerned about how we would raise private funds in this very challenging economic climate, at the end of the day, our donors rallied behind this great University. Our generous donors are realizing, now more than ever, how critical their support is to our students and faculty."

The \$107.5 million fund-raising total for 2008–09 includes \$23.2 million in athletic-related gifts, a 9 percent increase, and \$13.7 million from gifts in kind, a major increase of 51 percent. Thirteen gifts totaled \$1 million or more. The number of donors making gifts of \$100,000 or more was 103, representing 66 percent of the total. Gifts by type were: pledges, \$37.7 million; cash, \$33.4 million; research grants, \$14.7 million; gifts in kind, \$13.7 million; and planned gifts, \$8 million.

By donor type, companies contributed \$51 million, or 47 percent of the total. Other major donors by type were:

- alumni, \$23.8 million
- foundations, \$15.2 million
- non-alumni, \$12 million
- organizations, \$2.5 million
- faculty and staff, \$1.6 million
- parents, \$1.3 million
- students, \$47,300.

Faculty and staff giving, when combined with retirees from the University, set an all-time high in Annual Fund gifts for the Family Fund: \$3.6 million, the highest total in the campaign's 33 years. Online giving jumped 71 percent to \$1.1 million, while the number of first-time donors increased 11 percent to 8,319.

Program enhancements, or gifts related to research and outreach, led private giving by designation with a 66 percent increase to \$74.4 million. Other gifts by designation were: \$22.9 million toward student support (scholarships, assistantships, fellowships, etc.); \$5.8 million toward capital projects; \$4.1 million in unrestricted gifts; and \$300,000 toward faculty support (endowed professorships, chairs, etc.).

and \$1 million from Triple P, Positive Parenting Program, to develop a parenting research center

■ two grants totaling nearly \$655,000 from the National Science Foundation for a study on ecosystem science and another on chemical oceanography in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Smaller grants were awarded in areas that are key to the University's efforts to develop its research programs in nanoscience and alternative energy. A \$320,000 grant from BASF Fuel Cell GmbH/Inc. will support research on high-temperature fuel cells, and an award of \$497,000 from the U.S. Department of Energy will support a study to accelerate nuclear-energy research and development.

The University also was awarded \$3 million to develop a Center of Economic Excellence in Nuclear Science Strategies. The funding comes from the S.C. General Assembly's state lottery program.

NIH research awards totaled nearly \$32.5 million, with more than \$40 million received from other agencies of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The health-sciences colleges, medicine, pharmacy, nursing, social work, and public health, received \$90.8 million in grants, and the College of Engineering and Computing had nearly \$25 million in research funding.



Times • Vol. 20, No. 12 • August 27, 2009

Times is published 20 times a year for the faculty and staff of the University of South Carolina by the Department of University Publications, Laurence W. Pearce, director. lpearce@mailbox.sc.edu

Director of periodicals: Chris Horn chorn@mailbox.sc.edu

Managing editor: Larry Wood larryw@mailbox.sc.edu

Design editor: Betty Lynn Compton blc@mailbox.sc.edu

Senior writers: Marshall Swanson mwsanson@mailbox.sc.edu and Kathy Henry Dowell kdowell@mailbox.sc.edu

Photographers: Michael Brown mbrown@mailbox.sc.edu and Kim Truett ktruett@mailbox.sc.edu

To reach us: 7-8161 or larryw@mailbox.sc.edu

Campus correspondents: Office of Media Relations, Columbia; Jennifer Conner, Aiken; Shana Funderburk, Lancaster; Jane Brewer, Salkehatchie; Misty Hatfield, Sumter; Tammy Whaley, Upstate; Terry Young, Union.

The University of South Carolina does not discriminate in educational or employment opportunities or decisions for qualified persons on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, or veteran status. The University of South Carolina has designated as the ADA Title II, section 504, and Title IX coordinator the Executive Assistant to the President for Equal Opportunity Programs. The Office of the Executive Assistant to the President for Equal Opportunity Programs is located at 1600 Hampton St., Suite 805, Columbia, S.C.; telephone 803-777-3854.

Faculty/staff news

Faculty/staff items include presentations of papers and projects for national and international organizations, appointments to professional organizations and boards, special honors, and publication of papers, articles, and books. Submissions should be typed, contain full information (see listings for style), and be sent only once to Editor, Times, 920 Sumter St., Columbia campus. Send by e-mail to: chorn@mailbox.sc.edu.

BOOKS AND CHAPTERS

Shahrough Akhavi, political science, *The Politics of the Sacred and Secular*, Zed Books, London.

Lara Ducate and **Lara Lomicka**, languages, literatures, and cultures, "Podcasting in the language classroom: Inherently mobile or not?" *Second Language Teaching and Learning in the Net Generation*, J. Oxford and R. Oxford, editors, National Foreign Language Resource Center, Manoa, Hawaii.

Hal W. French, religious studies, *Zen and the Art of Anything*, third edition, Praxis International Inc., West Chester, Pa.

William F. Edmiston and **Annie Duménil**, languages, literatures, and cultures, *La France Contemporaine*, 4th ed., Cengage Heinle, Boston.

Robert L. Johnson, education, and Susan K. Green (Winthrop University), *Assessment Is Essential*, CTB McGraw-Hill, New York.

ARTICLES

Jason M. Carpenter, retailing, "Extreme Value Shoppers in the U.S.," *International Journal of Retail & Distribution Management*.

Allan Brett, internal medicine (School of Medicine) and Center for Bioethics, "American values: A smoke screen in the debate on health care reform," *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Steven N. Blair, exercise science, R. Ballard-Barbash, S. Hunsberger, M.H. Alciati, P.J. Goodwin, A. McTiernan, R. Wing, and A. Schatzkin, "Physical activity, weight control, and breast cancer risk and survival: Clinical trial rationale and design considerations," *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, and with **Timothy S. Church**, exercise science, A.S. Anaya, J.N. Myers, and C.P. Earnest, "Exercise Dose-Response of the VE/VCO₂ Slope in Postmenopausal Women in the DREW Study," *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise*.

Lara Ducate, languages, literatures, and cultures, "Service learning in Germany: A Four-week Summer Teaching Program in Saxony-Anhalt," *Die Unterrichtspraxis*, and with Lara Lomicka, languages, literatures, and cultures, N. Arnold, and G. Lord, "Assessing online collaboration among language teachers: A cross-institutional case study," *Journal of Interactive Online Learning*.

Douglas L. Pittman and **Preeti Rajesh**, pharmacy, Aditi Nadkarni, and Randall J. Ruch, "Cisplatin resistance conferred by the RAD51D (E233G) genetic variant is dependent upon p53 status in human breast carcinoma cell lines," *Molecular Carcinogenesis*, and with **Changanamkandath Rajesh**, pharmacy, Aaron M. Gruver, and Venkatesha Basrur, "The interaction profile of homologous recombination repair proteins RAD51C, RAD51D and XRCC2 as determined by proteomic analysis," *Proteomics*, and with **Changanamkandath Rajesh**, **Campbell McInnes** and **Brian D. Yard**, pharmacy, and Aaron M. Gruver, "Functional characterization and identification of mouse Rad51d splice variants," *BioMed Central Molecular Biology*.

Sandra Altschuler, Center for Child and Family Studies, social work, A. Cleverly-Thomas, and M.A. Murphy, "Whatever It Takes ... Illuminating a New Promising Practice for Responding to Child Neglect," *Protecting Children*, and, same journal, "Shining Light on Chronic Neglect: Core Issues Facing Our Most Vulnerable Families," and with **Jennifer Webb**, Center for Child and Family Studies, social work, "School social work: Increasing the legitimacy of the profession," *Children & Schools*, and with Maryah Fram, social work, "Social capital theory: Another lens for school social workers to use to support students living in foster care," *School Social Work Journal*, and with **Dana DeHart**, Center for Child and Family Studies, social work, "Violence exposure among children of incarcerated mothers," *Child and Youth Social Work Journal*.

Edward A. Frongillo, health promotion, education, and behavior, R. Rasheed, C.M. Devine, D.S. Alam, and K.M. Rasmussen, "Maternal, infant, and household factors are associated with breast-feeding trajectories during infants' first 6 months of life in Matlab, Bangladesh," *Journal of Nutrition*.

Lisa Lindley, **Heather Brandt**, and **Lucy Annang**, health promotion, education, and behavior, **James Hardin**, epidemiology and biostatistics, **Michelle Burcin**, health services, and C. Barnett, "Receipt of Routine Gynecological Examinations among Sexually Active Female College Students in the United States," *Journal of Women's Health*.

Mary Ellen Bellanca, English, Sumter, "The Voice of the Tortoise: Animal Subjectivity in Gilbert White and Verlyn Klinkenborg," Association for the Study of Literature and Environment, University of Victoria, British Columbia.

James Hébert, Cancer Prevention and Control Program, **Xuemei Sui** and **Steven Blair**, exercise science, **Swann A. Adams** and **James Hardin**, epidemiology and biostatistics, and J.B. Peel, "A prospective study of cardiorespiratory fitness and breast cancer mortality," *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise*, and, same co-authors, with Timothy Church, exercise science, and C.E. Matthews, "Cardiorespiratory fitness and digestive cancer mortality: findings from the Aerobics Center Longitudinal Study (ACLS)," *Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers and Prevention*, and, same journal, with **Heather Brandt**, health promotion, behavior, and education, **Swann Adams** and **Susan Steck**, epidemiology and biostatistics, and C.A. Armstead, "Interdisciplinary, translational, and community-based participatory research: finding a common language to improve cancer research."

Charles K. Cook, mathematics, Sumter, "Original Problem B-1047," *The Fibonacci Quarterly*.

Joshua M. Gold, counselor education, "Stepparents and the law: Knowledge for counselors, guidelines for family members," *The Family Journal: Counseling and Therapy for Couples and Families*.

R. David Mitchell, mathematics, Sumter, "Original Problem B-1050," *The Fibonacci Quarterly*.

Hendrikus van Bulck, business, George Durant, James D. Ewart, Don M. Hollerbach, Larry A. Ramsey, and Bryan C. Dubis, "Valuing an Accounting Practice—2," *South Carolina CPA Report*.

Marco Valtorta, computer science and engineering, and Yimin Huang (former Ph.D. student), "On the Completeness of an Identifiability Algorithm for Semi-Markovian Models," *Annals of Mathematics and Artificial Intelligence*.

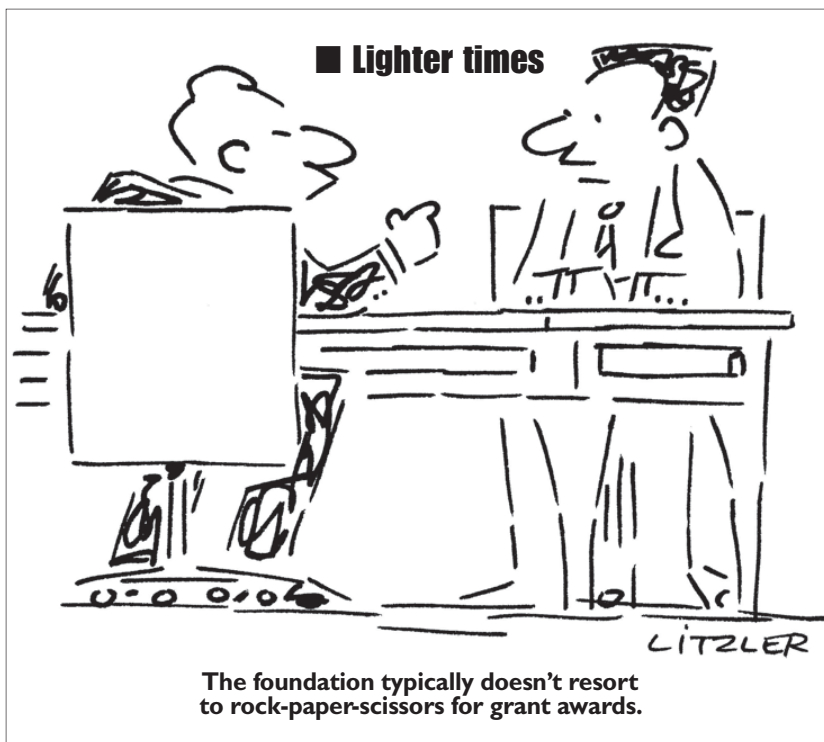
PRESENTATIONS

Ed Madden, English and Women's and Gender Studies, "'Gently, Not Gay': Masculinity and Sexuality in Contemporary Irish Culture," American Conference of Irish Studies with Second Galway Conference on Irish Studies, Galway, Ireland.

Ronald Pitner, social work, and I. Sakamoto, "Teaching students how to become critically conscious: The theory and its application," American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.

Richard Clodfelter, retailing, "Consumer Acceptance of Fingerprint Authentication at Retail Stores," International Conference on Recent Advances in Retailing and Services Science, Niagara Falls, Canada.

Jason M. Carpenter, retailing, "Gaining Insight into Patronage Choice in the Bifurcated U.S. Retail Market," European Institute of Retailing and Services Science, Niagara Falls, Canada, and, same conference, "International Retailer Country of Origin and Consumer Receptiveness."



Lighter times

The foundation typically doesn't resort to rock-paper-scissors for grant awards.

Ran Wei, journalism and mass communications, and Xiaoming Hao (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore), "Predictors of Consumer Behavior of Avoiding Mobile Phone Ads," Conference of Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Boston, and, same conference, with Ven-hwei Lo (National Chengchi University) and Hungyi Lu (National Chongchong University, Taiwan), "Examining the Role of Credibility, Attention and Elaboration in Moderating the Third-person Effects of News about Tainted Food Product Recalls," and with Ven-hwei Lo and H. Wu (both National Chengchi University, Taiwan), "Examining the effects of interactivity with Internet pornography on adolescent sexual attitudes and behavior."

John E. Stewart, **Ana Lopez-De Fede**, **Kathy Mayfield-Smith**, and **Dawn Sudduth**, Institute for Families in Society, "Ring Maps: Multivariate Geographic Data Presentation for Behavioral Health Planners," Academy-Health 2009 Annual Research Meeting, Chicago, Ill., and, same conference, with **Qiduan Liu**, Institute for Families in Society, "Geographic Access to OB/GYN Care: Does Medicaid Plan Type Make a Difference?"

Karen P. Patten, technology support and training management, Jerry Fjermestad (New Jersey Institute of Technology), and Briand Whitworth (Massey University), "How CIOs Use Flexibility to Manage Uncertainty in Dynamic Business Environments," Americas Conference on Information Systems, San Francisco, Calif., and, same conference, with **Lynn B. Keane**, technology support and training management, "Experiential Service Learning Using Real Client Projects in a Capstone IT Course," and with **Lynn B. Keane**, **Robert G. Brookshire**, **Peter W. Cardon**, and **John H. Gerdes Jr.**, technology support and training management, and Daniel T. Norris (McNeese State University), "Toward Developing an Experiential Learning Curriculum Model in Information Technology."

OTHER

Bill Bearden, marketing, will serve on the Program Committee of the 2010 Association of Consumer Research Conference.

William R. "Bill" Thomas, business, elected honorary life member by Pi Sigma Epsilon National Professional Fraternity in marketing, sales management, and selling.

Karen Patten, technology support and training management, received the Best Practitioner-oriented Paper Award at the Americas Conference on Information Systems in San Francisco, Calif.

Stacy Fritz, exercise science, "Are We Underdosing our Patients?" keynote speaker, Colorado State University, Occupational Therapy Department, Spring Research Seminar, Boulder, Colo., and, "Utilization of Video Gaming and Brain Function: A Researcher's Perspective," National Athletic Trainers Association, San Antonio, Texas, and "Intensity of Physiotherapy practice for Neurological Rehabilitation," invited lecture, Physiotherapy Department, Nanawati Hospital, Mumbai, India, and "Importance of Intensity in Stroke Rehabilitation," invited lecture, Physiotherapy College, Raipur, India, and "Importance of Intensity and Evaluation in Stroke Rehabilitation," invited lecture, Srinivas College of Physiotherapy, Mangalore, India.

Timothy S. Douplik, accounting, elected to the board of the European Accounting Association. He also received the Outstanding International Accounting Educator Award last year from the American Accounting Association.

Terrye Conroy, law library, received the Mersky Spirit of Law Librarianship Award for Public Service, established 20 years ago by two law professors in Texas and Nebraska and the publisher of their book, *The Spirit of Law Librarianship*.

Job vacancies

For up-to-date information on USC Columbia vacancies and vacancies at other campuses, go to uscjobs.sc.edu. The employment office is located at 1600 Hampton St.

Baxter, Pate awarded R21 grant from NIH

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) recently awarded Suzi Baxter and Russ Pate in the Research Consortium on Children and Families (RCCF) an R21 grant for their research project titled "Integrated Recall of Diet and Physical Activity in Children."

The project will test an integrated recall for interviewing children about both dietary intake and physical activity at school. An integrated recall could enhance children's ability to report information by facilitating correct episodic memories rather than semantic (general) memory. Results of the study could enhance future school-based obesity prevention and health promotion studies.

Baxter is a research professor with the Institute for Families in Society at the University. Pate is vice provost for health sciences and a professor in the Department of Exercise Science. Two co-investigators on this grant, James Hardin and Dawn Wilson, also are RCCF members. Hardin is an affiliate associate research professor with the Institute for Families in Society, director of the Biostatistical Collaborative Unit for Health Sciences, and an associate research professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. Wilson is a professor in the Department of Psychology.

The R21 grant mechanism encourages exploratory/developmental research by providing support for the early and conceptual stages of project development. The RCCF is a multidisciplinary University endeavor drawing together faculty from behavioral/social sciences and closely related disciplines who conduct grant-funded research related to children/youth and their families.

GRANT classes reorganized

USC's GRANT (Gamecock Research Administrators Network Training) classes have been grouped into three skill level tiers—beginner, intermediate, and advanced—to more closely align them with training offered by professional associations such as the National Council of University Research Administrators.



McElwain

"The goals of the GRANT program remain the same: provide the University's research community with a deeper understanding of regulations, policies, and procedures; a more unified and streamlined sponsored projects system; and access to vital resources and contacts for further assistance," said Danielle McElwain, research development manager. "We're grouping

our classes in project development and administration, legal requirements, sponsor interface, financial management, and general management by skill levels and adding advanced classes as a continuing education piece for our GRANT graduates.

"That provides greater continuity with the training opportunities available from professional associations and better support and encouragement for our administrators seeking national certification from the Research Administrators Certification Council."

The University currently has 162 GRANT graduates and 21 CRAs (Certified Research Administrators). National professional certification is "a great way to leverage the GRANT training our graduates have received," McElwain said.

President Pastides has called the GRANT program key to the University's continued development as a top-tier research university.

"As a researcher," Pastides said, "I can attest to the importance of having knowledgeable research administration support that allows faculty to focus on their research and spend more time in the lab, confident that regulatory details are being addressed."

For more information on the GRANT program, visit <http://grant.sc.edu/>.

Globe hopping

Faculty, staff, and students once again trekked across the world, getting acquainted with a kangaroo and The Golden Bear along the way



USC Salkehatchie alumnus and current Columbia campus economics major Jordan Gray had his picture taken with Jack Nicklaus, The Golden Bear. Gray worked an internship this summer with the Jack Nicklaus Design Company in West Palm Beach, Fla., before returning to USC Columbia for his senior year. Gray earned an associate's degree from Salkehatchie in May 2008 and was a member of the baseball team for two years.



Richard Conant, solo vocalist and a distinguished professor emeritus in the School of Music, made friends with a kangaroo during a trip down under to Australia.

Nancy Washington, University Libraries, poses in front of a traditional red British phone booth on a summer trip to London.



Ed Madden, left, an associate professor in the Department of English, and Bert Easter, assistant to the coordinator of instructional systems development and marketing in the National Resource Center, visited the Cliffs of Moher on the west coast of Ireland. The cliffs are a favorite tourist attraction but also are a haven for sea birds.

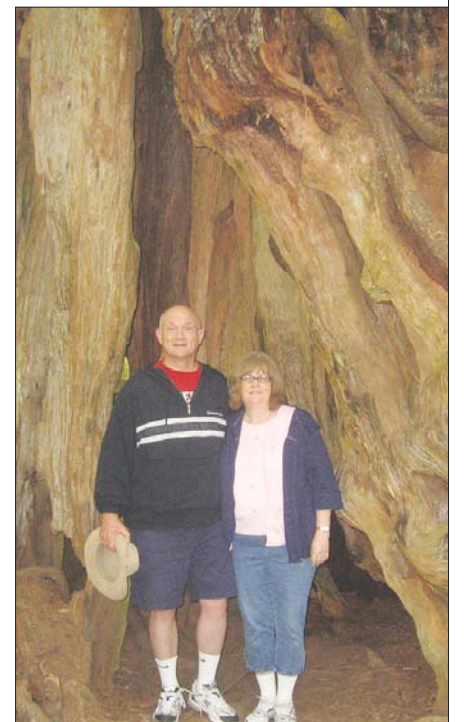


Frenché Brewer, right, broadcast coordinator in Media Relations, and her best friend, Sammyette Jones, had this poolside photo taken in Daytona Beach, Fla., where they celebrated Sammyette's youngest daughter's high school graduation. Frenché traveled to Florida two other times over the summer: to Amelia Island to celebrate her youngest sister's birthday and to Vilano Beach at St. Augustine for a family vacation with grandparents and grandchildren.



Sarah Miller, a history professor at USC Salkehatchie, visited with Abraham Lincoln and his family at the annual conference of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR) in Springfield, Ill.

USC Salkehatchie English professor Duncan McDowell and his wife, Patricia, explored the rain forest in Washington state.



USC Upstate's Center for International Studies sent 14 students to Santiago, Chile. Students lived with host families during their stay. In the mornings, students went to lectures at the Universidad Finis Terrae in Santiago. In the afternoons, they toured the city, visited museums, attended cultural events, and visited schools. On weekends, they toured the Chilean countryside; Valle Nevado, a ski resort; and Valparaiso, a seaside resort.



Stephanie Foote, director of Academic Success Center and First-Year Experience at USC Aiken, traveled to California for vacation and to celebrate completing her doctoral program in higher education administration from Carolina. Here, she and her husband, Jason Plafcan, enjoy a trip to Muir Woods.