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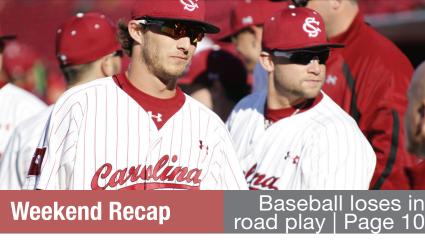
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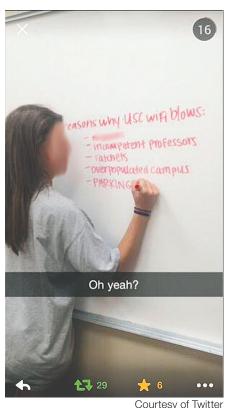
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Courtesy of Twitter The image, which was circulated on Twitter, has garnered attention from students, schools and national media.

# Student suspended, investigation pending

USC has suspended a student and begun a code of conduct investigation after a screenshot of a Snapchat depicting a list of complaints about USC including a racial slur began circulating on Twitter Friday morning.

A statement from USC President Harris Pastides Friday evening said USC's Board of Trustees endorsed the "prompt course of action" to suspend the student and conduct the investigation.

"Today, the unfortunate and disappointing act of a student in a study room has challenged the Carolina community to reflect on our values and tell the world what we believe," Pastides said in the statement.

In the wake of the public reaction to the racist Oklahoma fraternity video which came to light in March, the picture of the USC student was quick to be put into the national spotlight. After receiving coverage from several national media outlets, in an April 3rd press release, NAACP President Dr. Lonnie Randolph Jr. said that "It is disappointing but no longer shocking to see a college student following what appears to be a growing trend in our state and nation."

"We once again face a stark reality: even at our highest points as a society there are those among us — including the young — who wish they were still in Dixie," Randolph Jr. said.

The image showed a white female student writing on a whiteboard. The heading was "Reasons why USC wifi blows" and listed several reasons underneath, the first of which was a racial slur.

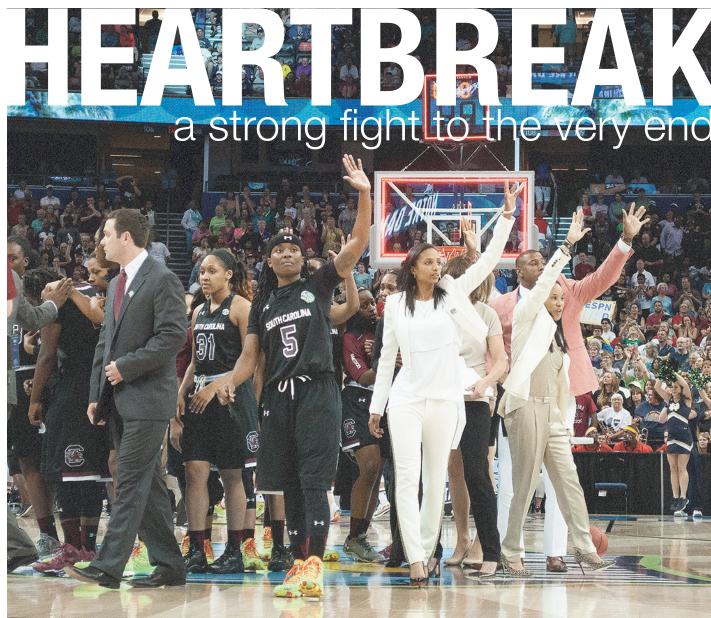
The reasons that followed were "incompetent professors, ratchets, overpopulated campus, parking."

A Twitter user identified the student in the photo and tagged her username. The woman responded saying that it was a misunderstanding and has since changed her Twitter handle several times and protected the account.

The Office of Student Conduct could not release any information about the individual but said that the office was aware of the case and that it was being investigated.

The Daily Gamecock has reached out to both the university and the woman identified in the photo for comments.

-Compiled by Staff Reporters



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Gamecock head coach Dawn Staley and her team address the crowd in Tampa Bay, Florida after the 66-65 loss to Notre Dame.

**Brennan Doherty** 

Sixteen seconds.

@BRENNAN\_DOHERTY

That's how close South Carolina was to defeating Notre Dame Sunday night to clinch a spot in Tuesday's national championship

Reaching the national championship was a goal head coach Dawn Staley's team set as soon as last season came to an end and with less than one minute remaining in

its showdown against the Fighting Irish in the national semifinals, it looked like South Carolina would have a chance to play for a title.

But Notre Dame had other plans and defeated the Gamecocks 66-65 in a game that featured several twists and turns.

Despite outscoring the Fighting Irish 11-2 in the final 7:28, South Carolina's historic season came to an end as Notre Dame senior guard Madison Cable scored a bucket with 16 seconds remaining to put her

team ahead 66-65. Moments later, South Carolina junior guard Tiffany Mitchell's last-second shot at the buzzer wouldn't fall.

"I feel that our team did what they had to do, put themselves in the position to win the game," South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley said. "Unfortunately for us, it came down to them making a play when they needed to make a play and we didn't."

SEE**HEARTBREAK**PAGE3



Jeffrey Davis / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Steve and Jerri Spurrier plan to host every former Spurrierera football player at a reunion at Seawell's on Friday.

# Spurriers to host former players

The gang is getting back

Steve and Jerri Spurrier have invited the 453 people that have played football for Steve Spurrier at South Carolina to a reunion on Friday to coincide with the spring scrimmage game, according to GoGamecocks.

The idea for the event came from Jerri — Spurrier's wife — who has taken the lead on trying to track down as many players that Spurrier has coached during his 10 years at USC as she can, through various outlets. Jerri said that most of their responses have come from trying to reach the players on social media.

The reunion will be held at Seawell's on Friday at 6 p.m., and any former players are invited to join the Spurriers for an evening of Editor

free food and drinks. Clyde Wrenn, a special assistant for development at USC, said that he hopes it will be a good time for the players. He said the event will be simple but "a lot of fun."

Todd Ellis is set to emcee the event, but Jerri Spurrier said there was little formal programming that was scheduled.

Each player can bring one guest, and Jerri hopes to see at least 500 people in attendance. She said they are expecting a fairly good response from the former USC football players.

The returning players will receive a gift from Spurrier and will be introduced during the halftime of the April 11 spring game at William's Brice.

— Lauren Shirley, News

# CHICKS2015 to give advice, empowerment

Lauren Shirley @SURELYLAUREN

With graduation around the corner for seniors, many have set their sights on beginning their post-college careers. A new USC event, known as the CHICKS Conference, seeks to give students the perfect way to hatch into the professional world by prepping them with invaluable knowledge for the future.

Started by Tatiana Chin, Liana Miller and Venisha Pendergrass, as they approached their last semester of college, the CHICKS Conference hopes to counteract the thought "I wish I knew that years

ago." "The most important thing that people should know about CHICKS is that it was designed by students, for students, to fill the gap between what you learn in college and what you learn in the real world," Miller, a fourth-year public relations student, wrote in an email. "There are so many 'tricks of the trade' that are not directly taught in school but are vital to launching

a career." Saturday, April 25 will host the oneday conference from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., where students will gather inside the Darla Moore School of Business to enrich their understanding of the professional world through a series of breakout sessions and networking. CHICKS2015 will be the first of the conferences held at the

university. "The biggest takeaway is that being a female young professional is extremely accessible; you just need the right toolbox," Miller wrote. "We want attendees to walk away with an action plan and feel empowered to build their own success, no matter where they've come from."

The session topics offered for the conference include resume and LinkedIn workshops, how to build your personal brand, securing internship opportunities, turning passions into real projects and Greek Life

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# State schools, legislators to reassess current state of Greek life

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Following the deaths of two fraternity pledges this school year, officials from both USC and Clemson as well as state officials will begin to exercise more oversight, according to The State.

This year alone, three USC fraternities have been removed from campus, compared to only two fraternities in the previous three years combined. At Clemson this year, the school shut down its first fraternity in over four years.

A focus group at USC has been established to determine other student conduct issues, such as alcohol use, sexual assault, cyberbullying and racism.

Additionally, last week, more than half the legislators in the South Carolina Statehouse voted for a proposal which introduces a statewide task force to examine all student conduct on college campuses.

— James Stewart, Assistant News Editor

# West Columbia police officer released from hospital after gunshot wound to head

The West Columbia police officer who sustained a gunshot wound to the head last week has been released from the hospital, The State reported.

Officer James "Trip" Holland and two other officers were serving a bench warrant to 51-year-old William Kernan around 1:45 p.m. on March 31.

The warrant that was to be served was for not appearing in court for a city noise violation. Kernan had been known to be aggressive with officers in the past, according to Dennis Tyndall, the West Columbia Police Chief.

Kernan apparently leaned his head out of the window of a house and shot through the wall of the home, striking Holland. S.W.A.T. was called to the scene and after a brief standoff, Kernan surrendered to the officers around 4 p.m.

Kernan has since been charged with the attempted murder of Holland.

— Lauren Shirley, News Editor

# Lady Gamecock named winner of Dawn Staley Award

USC junior All-American Tiffany Mitchell was presented the award named in honor of her coach at the NCAA Women's Final Four on Sunday, according to WLTX.

Mitchell, a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, is ranked as the fifth-best player in the SEC in scoring at 14.4 points per game and is the sixth woman able to win back to back Player of the Year awards in two seasons.

"What greater honor for a coach than to have one of their players win an award named after them," USC women's basketball coach Dawn Staley said. "Tiffany has set the standard for the hard work it takes to be an All-American, Player of the Year and now the recipient of the Dawn Staley award for best guard in the county."

— James Stewart, Assistant News Editor

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A number of prominent speakers will also be in attendance, including Cayce Mayor Elise Partin, Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine, founder of Crowing Lupus Jade Nealious, USC Residence Life Coordinator Megan Denny, former USC student body president Lindsay Richardson, executive chair for Relay for Life Abby Davis, IT-oLogy Promote IT Director Jamesetta James and style blogger Raven Ellis of RavensStyleHaven.com.

The sessions will give students a chance to learn about the topics and teach them how to implement this advice into their every day lives.

"Our speakers are a mix of professionals and students," Miller wrote. "We want students to be encouraged by their peers and see that being successful is accessible and

realistic."

Although the conference is more directed toward women, CHICKS is willing to accept students of all genders, majors, ages and schools to join in their symposiums. It is also open to people from surrounding communities. According to Miller, of the 250 available spots, 105 have already been filled.

Through the tools of professional development and empowerment that students will learn at the conference, CHICKS hopes to give students the opportunity to learn unique and tactical strategies to help them transition from classroom to workplace. And according to Miller, next year, CHICKS will become a USC organization.

"We want game-changing career advice to be accessible to all students, not just those who are hyperambitious go-getters," Miller wrote.





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#### **HEARTBREAK**PAGE1

The Gamecocks trailed for almost the entirety of the night, but a putback by senior Aleighsa Welch gave South Carolina its first lead of the evening with just over one minute remaining.

Just a few minutes beforehand, Notre Dame led by 10 points and appeared to be in full control of the game. But the Fighting Irish missed nine of its last 10 shots and South Carolina freshman forward A'ja Wilson led a ferocious comeback, leading the Gamecocks with 20 points while grabbing nine rebounds.

Unfortunately for the Gamecocks, the one shot that Notre Dame hit late in the game is the one that mattered the most.

For Welch, it hurts for the season to come to an end in such heartbreaking fashion.

"Anytime you end your season, it's a tough pill to swallow," Welch said. "I credit us, I credit my teammates for still fighting and never dropping their heads."

Led by junior guard Jewell Loyd, Notre Dame enjoyed success on offense for much of the night as South Carolina struggled to stop the Fighting Irish from scoring.

Meanwhile, the Gamecocks had a tough time manufacturing points, shooting only 33 percent from the field in the first half.

In the blink of an eye, Notre Dame held a 12-point lead just five minutes into the game as South Carolina made just one of its first 12 shots as the Gamecocks got off to another slow start for the third consecutive game.

Meanwhile, Notre Dame was able to get easy looks at the basket frequently in the opening minutes and the Fighting Irish led 15-3 thanks to key contributions from Loyd, sophomore forward Taya Reimer and freshman forward Brianna Turner.

The trio would combine to score 55 of Notre Dame's 66 points with Loyd leading the Fighting Irish with 22 points.

Still, South Carolina weathered the storm following a rough opening like it did in last weekend's wins over fourth-seeded North Carolina and second-seeded Florida State and trailed by just four points come

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Kamila Melko/ THE DAILY GAMECOCK
Teammates console senior Aleighsa Welch
after her final college basketball game.

halftime.

Like she did in the Gamecocks' victory over the Seminoles in the Elite Eight, freshman Bianca Cuevas played a big factor in South Carolina's turnaround after a lessthan-ideal beginning.

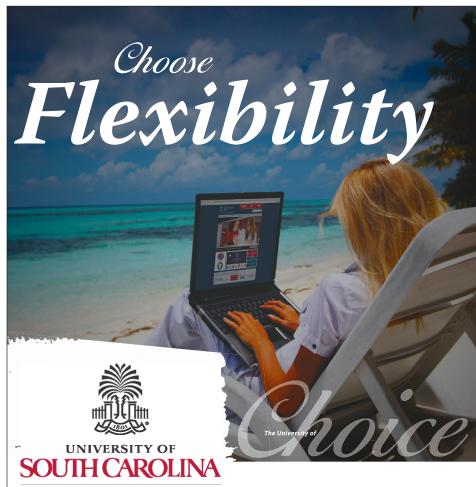
When Cuevas entered the game for the first time, South Carolina trailed 13-3, but the Gamecocks went on a 10-4 run during the next seven minutes with the Bronx, New York native running the point.

After a bucket by sophomore center Alaina Coates, South Carolina tied the game at 36-36 just a few minutes into the second half.

But each time South Carolina would make a run, Notre Dame would answer the call. A 10-0 run by the Fighting Irish in the next three minutes after the scores evened put head coach Muffet McGraw's team back up by double-digits.

Ultimately, South Carolina proved to have one last run in them as it led in the final minute before Notre Dame was able to get the victory.

The loss closes the door on a season that saw South Carolina set a program record in wins, while also winning the SEC tournament for the first time ever.



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loves his women BBW, he says he was "running through the six with his woes." "The 6" is referring to Toronto, where the area code he grew up in was 416. "Woe" is a term from New Orleans, Louisiana used for friends from the same neighborhood. So in other words, Drake was running through Toronto with friends from his neighborhood.

#### "No type" - Rae Sremmurd

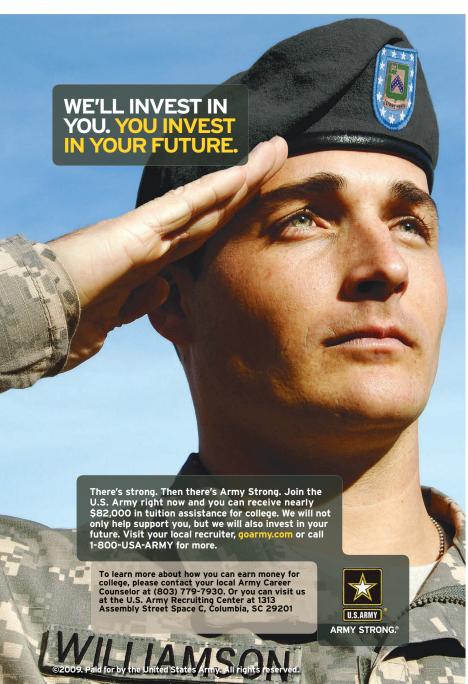
This term is used to refer to people who have no preferences. For example, "I like waffle fries, steak fries or skinny fries. It doesn't matter to me. I ain't got no type."

## "7/11" - Beyoncé

Honestly, no one knows. Beyoncé may just like the 7/11 gas station. She waves her hands side to side and puts them in the air and everybody cares. Beyoncé could sing about anything and everyone would listen.

# "Sorry 4 the wait 2" - Lil' Wayne

Lil' Wayne's latest song "Coco" came out to let us know that he is actually not done yet and we have to keep waiting. Apparently, Lil' Wayne just ain't got time, but his record deal contract requires him to put something out there.





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# Dance contest entertains, enlightens

Sam Breazeale @TDG ARTS

This past Saturday, USC's Indian Cultural Exchange (ICE) hosted the ninth annual Aag Ki Raat, a fusion dance competition in which collegiate dance teams from schools around the country competed for a \$1,000 prize.

The competition took place at the Koger Center, and portions of the proceeds were donated to Ekal Vidyalaya and GlobeMed at USC, two organizations that work to improve the lives of impoverished people in rural parts of India.

The innovative choreography combined with the sheer skill of the dancers made for a stunning and entertaining show. Rather than just moving to music, each team's dance also followed a narrative. Context for each story was given by a short video that would play while the dancers entered the

Stories ranged from a comedy about an Indian father taking his American children back in time to the 1970s, to a Bollywood-esque romance between two students. Perhaps the most creative dance was the Sherlock Holmes-themed piece from Nashaa at Ohio State University.

"We were just brainstorming stuff over summer," said Akshay Krishnamani, captain of Nashaa. "And we kind of wanted to go with a mystery theme, so we played around with a few ideas, and we thought we could have the most fun with that [Sherlock Holmes] idea."

Teams from University of North Carolina, George Mason University, North Carolina State University, Rutgers University, University of the Sciences in Philadelphia and a team made up of dancers from both Georgia Tech and Emory University



Avadh Rana / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Saturday's Aag Ki Raat competition proved Indian dance could be both modern and traditional, surprising and enlightening audiences.

also competed. USC's teams, Moksha and Gamecock Bhangra, performed but did not compete.

"In my case, because we're just an exhibition act, it's just a whole bunch of fun," said Janki Dalal, Vice President of Moksha. "The two USC teams ... are just exhibition acts because it's home turf, and we don't want to [compete] on home turf."

The combination of traditional Indian dance styles, like Bharata Natyam and Bhangra, and Western styles, like hip-hop and contemporary, made the performances even more fresh and interesting. But ability to fuse styles was just one piece of what the judges were looking for.

"For me, musicality and creativity are big," said Pavan Gedala, one of the judges. "I do some DJ services for some teams as well, and I think it's really easy to just get caught up in the simple bass, but if you can really harness the complexity of some of the songs, it can really sell it to the audience."

All of the judges are dancers themselves and have witnessed a trend in recent years: dance performances becoming more Westernized.

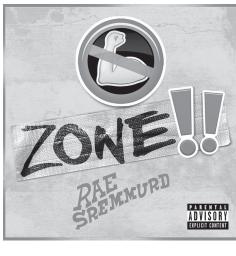
"In general, across the years, teams used to be a lot more traditional," said Srihari Sritharan, another one of the judges, "and since people have been remixing songs a lot more often, and also just as the generation shifts toward a more modern, integrated society, things are becoming more contemporary. Not as in the dance style, but just a lot more American. But in the end, the point is that you're performing for your audience."

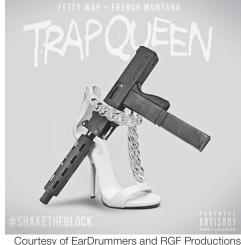
First place was awarded to North Carolina State's Nazaare, whose performance

centered around a true story of a student's experience with cancer. However, all of the teams, including USC's noncompeting ones, should be proud of the work that went into their performances.



The performance showcased several collegiate dance teams.





Countless rappers and hip-hop artists use lyrics that are misunderstood by listeners.

# lyrics: defined

**Morgan Smith** @MORETHANMORGAN

A huge part of music is using metaphors and references to make lyrics relevant to the genre. These lyrics are inspired by both culture and lifestyle. Although many songs have very similar themes, the language they use to get them across can be very different.

Rap music is one of the most commonly misunderstood genres, even though listeners of all cultural backgrounds use its lyrics.

Here is a list of a few phrases that have been both overused and misinterpreted through social media and hashtags, accompanied by their apparent definitions.

#### "Look at the flicka da wrist" -Chedda Da Connect

Chedda Da Connect would like to bring attention to his wrists, which are coated in bling and expensive watches. In the song, he also referenced a football quarterback and NBA basketball star Lebron James, both of which have extensive wrist flexibility that one might want to show off. "Flicka Da Wrist" is just a phrase used to point out someone's luxury, riches or talent.

## "Trap Queen" - Fetty Wap

A trap queen is described as a beautiful woman who is down for her man. She helps him for a low price at his home-based business office, and is very loyal. He buys her cars and clothing and they even make pies together. Eventually Fetty Wap, is going to spend a couple grand on a ring to marry her.

## "No Flex Zone" - Rae Sremmurd

Flexing refers to showing off or flaunting something that you may or may not have. Typically, people who are flexing are pretending to be something they aren't or to have something that they do not actually have. A "No Flex Zone" is a designated place where flexing is not allowed.

# "Running through the six with

my woes" - Drake Drake is known for telling us things we just can't understand. After his recent revelation that he

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# Hollywood Undead pitifully disappoints

# "Day of the Dead"

**Release Date:** March 31 **Artist:** Hollywood Undead **Label:** Interscope **Duration:** 46 minutes

**Summer Neal** 

"Day of the Dead," released March 31, is Hollywood Undead's fourth studio album to date. Categorized as industrial metal/ hip-hop, the band is notorious for topping charts with sometimes laughable rap-rock tunes. Not expecting anything different from the group this time, listeners will be caught off guard by "Day of the Dead" — and not necessarily in a

good way. "Usual Suspects" starts the album with a techno twist despite Hollywood Undead's regular aversion to synthesizers, heavy bass and electronic beats. Unlike their superior last album "Notes from the Underground," this one seems to be forced and chock full of surface-

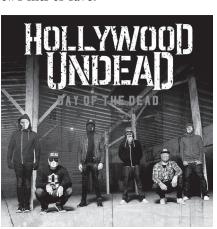
level lyrics. "How We Roll" continues pushing the album in more of a pop direction. Da Kurlzz, the band's drummer, is put on blast as the song makes countless references to his sexuality. Not only is the song distasteful, it's often hard to even listen to.

"Day of the Dead," the album's title song, might be the only beacon of light from this poor collection of tracks. It seems to tap back into

the rock talents of each member. Receiving over one million views on YouTube after the release, the song has already become an Undead classic. Featuring a creepy vibe, it's a really well done track both vocally and instrumentally.

Charlie Scene, one of the six current members, spoke about how the group wanted the album to cover everything. According to Reybee Productions, Scene said he wants people to feel anything from the urge to party to aggressive

Though the group's attempt to explore other sounds should be applauded, "Day of the Dead" just doesn't make the cut. It will come as a disappointment to many hardcore fans of the aggressive "rock" group. The music is overly repetitive, lacks originality, and is just too far gone from the Hollywood Undead we've grown to love. Though it features innovative tracks like "Day of the Dead" and "War Child," this album is too much of a flop for even those two hits to save.



"Day of the Dead" is Hollywood Undead's painful attempt at a revival. Monday, April 6, 2015 The Daily Gamecock



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Notre Dame junior guard and Naismith Player of the Year Finalist Jewell Loyd led all scorers with 22 points, a third of the Fighting Irish's total points.

#### **DEFICIT**PAGE10

Carolina was playing the No. 2 team in the country. In those games, a quick run was enough to lead the Gamecocks to a win. The Fighting Irish, however, responded.

Senior forward Aleighsa Welch gave the Gamecocks their first lead at the 1:09 mark, 65-64.

Once again, Notre Dame answered the call. Senior guard Madison Cable hit the game-winner with 16 seconds left on the clock.

Finally, the Gamecocks met their match. All season long, the Gamecocks played close games before taking charge midway through the second half. This game however, last year's national runner-ups had the talent and experience to answer every run the Gamecocks had. North Carolina did not. Florida State did not. Notre Dame did.

"I feel like we could've controlled the game earlier in the game," junior guard Asia Dozier said. "It would've put into a better position toward the end of the game. We didn't do that. Notre Dame played a great game."

South Carolina led for just 56 seconds in the entire game. Even though freshman A'ja Wilson led all second half scorers with 14, the combination of Turner, Reimer and Loyd was too much for the Gamecocks.

"In my mind it did feel (like we would come back again)," sophomore forward Alaina Coates said, "Being down the entire game and then just making a comeback; we did have a couple runs and then they did pull away. Realizing we were probably there and we did take the lead. There's no doubt we had it in us, we just weren't able to finish."

The three combined for 55 points on 22-47 shooting. Their 10 free throws were three more than South Carolina's entire team.

Loyd has led the Fighting Irish all year, and Sunday was no different.

"I mean, we went to Jewell (down the stretch)," Notre Dame head coach Muffett McGraw said. "She had to do everything."

The Gamecocks made a habit of falling behind early and then coming back, but this time, against one of the nation's top teams, their comeback fell just short.





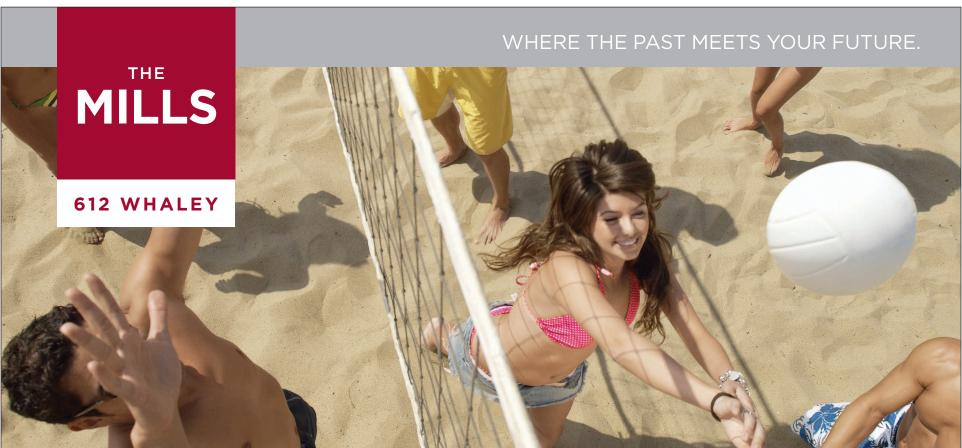


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# Suspension of student in viral image justified

#### **ISSUE**

USC supsended a student in the image in question.

### **OUR STANCE**

The Carolinian Creed is clear: we do not tolerate racism.

On Friday, Twitter did what it does best: shooting small bits of incendiary information across the Internet at speeds that would stun your average roadrunner. This time, it was a picture of a USC student adding to a list on a studyroom whiteboard which included a racial slur.

We agree with the university's decision to suspend the student, and commend just how quickly they addressed the situation. Just hours after the post circulated online, Harris Pastides sent out an email confirming the student's suspension and saying that "racist and uncivil rhetoric have no place at the University of South Carolina."

We believe that the student's suspension was justified for two reasons: one being that the student involved, like every other student, agrees to abide by the Carolinian Creed. The Creed itself says that those who agree to abide by it will "discourage bigotry, while striving to learn from differences in people, ideas and opinions."

Also, the student wrote the slur on school property, putting the prerogative directly at USC's doorstep.

To those who say that it isn't worth ruining someone's life over a dumb joke we say this: the racial slur she wrote is not a joke to everyone.

The word itself isn't necessarily the problem; no one who goes to college doesn't know and understand, to some extent, the history and meaning of that particular

The problem is the mental makeup of someone who would use that slur in a public space and their continued presence at our university.

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Racism is increasingly visible. Now that everyone has their very own personal electronic eye lurking in various pockets and purses (connected invisibly to millions of people), the racism that used to escape from sight is

no longer so obscure. It's not that racism is more prevalent, but there is certainly more of it seen. Despite speculation that racism is on the decline, the appearance of this image shows that perhaps it hasn't lessened as much as one would hope it had.

And because so many people can see it, the public reactions to racism are going to range widely. The student in question has received the kind of threats, implied or otherwise, that disturbs us

and shames whoever resorts to them, no matter how justified in anger they may feel.

If we are going to hold her to the Carolinian Creed, we must follow its tenants fully or risk hypocrisy.

The suspension was the right move, but such a quick response from USC is almost expected for such a highprofile case of racism. With the Oklahoma/SAE incident and the Clemson "Cripmas" party still rattling around the public consciousness, no U.S. university can afford to be

> seen as anything less than "zero tolerance" on racial incidents.

This leaves open an unsettling possibility: what if, next time something like this happens, it doesn't get nearly as much traction online? Will the university still act in the same

way? Like it or not, the kind of stuff some USC students put out on Twitter every time Hip-Hop Wednesday rolls around comes close to the rhetoric that the student in question used.

Whether you believe the suspension was justified or not, USC's actions set a precedent which means that any USC student who uses that slur, online or otherwise, must face the same consequences.

# First Amendment principles trump Carolinian Creed's demand for respect

#### Ross **Abbott**

Third-year



landmark U.S. Supreme Court case Brown v. Board of Education made it clear that segregation in education was a violation of the constitutional

rights of those students who were excluded.

For another decade, the University of South Carolina broke federal law by continuing its policy of rejecting the admissions applications of all African-American students.

Thankfully for the sake of human dignity and equality, we live under a constitutionally limited government which protects individuals against the tyranny of the majority.

In our system, individual states and their various agencies cannot deny the rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, no matter how large the number of people that vote for them to do so.

Any policy that those agencies enact or attempt to enforce that would violate the Constitution is therefore unconstitutional and will be defeated by the courts, as was USC's segregation policy when Judge Robert Martin ordered that Henrie Monteith, an African American, be allowed

Monteith was ultimately joined by James Solomon and Robert Anderson as the first African-American students at modern University of South Carolina, defeating university policy under the protection of constitutional rights.

University codes of conduct or honor codes are no exception to the subservience of public university policy to constitutional rights.

In 2006, the College Republicans at San Francisco State University (SFSU) held an "anti-terrorism" rally that included the debasement and destruction of flags for the terrorist organizations Hamas and Hezbollah, which contain Arabic writing on them including the term "Allah."

Many students at the university found this

demonstration to be highly offensive and in violation of their Code of Conduct, which required that all SFSU students to treat others with "civility." Charges to that effect were filed with a university judiciary committee for assessment and punishment.

The College Republicans took SFSU to real court, arguing that the student code of conduct was too broad in its restrictions and directly violated their first amendment rights.

In College Republicans v. Reed, the Court agreed with the College Republicans: a public university cannot require its students to be "civil" because such a requirement necessarily violates student's first amendment rights, and that university could not punish the College Republicans in any way for violating those unconstitutional sections of the SFSU student code of conduct.

The "respect" required in our Carolinian Creed is synonymous with the "civility" required in SFSU's code of conduct and is just as unconstitutional. This weekend, many of us saw on Twitter and on various news sites a picture of a USC student writing things on a whiteboard that were disrespectful to say

Many of us also saw dozens of tweets and comments suggesting violence towards said Carolinian that were less than polite. This speech is all deplorable, disgraceful, despicable, in violation of the Carolinian Creed and protected by the first

The legal precedent is clear: the governing rules of our university cannot trump the governing rules of our country. USC cannot quash protected opinions that it (or the student body) finds offensive by enforcing the unconstitutionally restrictive speech rules in the Carolinian Creed any more than USC could deny education access to protected races they found offensive by enforcing unconstitutionally restrictive segregation rules in 1963.

# Carolinian Creed

"I will discourage bigotry, while striving to learn from differences in people, ideas and opinions"

# Church, state divide protects equality

Nick Vogt

public relations



Mr. Howard, I've been writing for The Daily Gamecock for a short time now, and I wanted to let you know I appreciate you reading my column and your critical thought

in responding. In my time as a columnist, yours was the first letter to the editor that I have received, and I am very grateful. Thank you for reading and contributing to the conversation on the Opinion section, which is why the other columnists and I do this on a weekly

I wanted to keep the dialogue on the Indiana Religious Freedom Restoration Act going for one more column; although much of the subject matter we were originally discussing has been negated due to the recent reforms to the law.

To begin, I stand by my statement that religion and religious leaders have absolutely no space to be included in law making. But when I say that religion has no space in

lawmaking, I do not mean to say that political leaders are not allowed to have their own faith. I prefer that my lawmakers keep their religion out of legislative action as much as possible. But this is not to protect some personal political agenda, but rather to protect the citizenry that is subject to the decisions of lawmakers whether they are religious or not.

The separation between Church and State is not to keep people with a religious faith outside of an upper-tier of society; rather it is a mechanism to keep the country tolerant of all different faiths. The upper-tiers of society are already made up of largely religious people, and yet some of the people that find themselves on the outside of our modern society are members of the LGBT community. I have a hard time believing any argument that the religious segment of the population is subject to intolerance, and yet I don't think the same can be said for the LGBT population.

I would like to be clear, logical, and careful in saying that I am happy that Indiana lawmakers have reworked the RFRA to not allow for the same original legislation would have.

Opponents to social progress will always complain that in allowing others to gain more rights, those who are already advantaged are being oppressed. That is truly a fallacy, as those with all the rights will never want to give up any advantage to those who are disadvantaged.

I have no political campaign to further, but I am a major proponent of equality. And, Mr. Howard, you may have pegged me as a non-religious person, but I am actually Catholic. rather than the overprotected.

amount of discrimination that the In my life as a young Catholic white man, I can't really say that I've ever felt any prejudice against me. I've always been very satisfied with my protection under the law, and if there comes a time when a business denies me service due to my faith, I will let you know. But there are segments of the population where unequal and unfair treatment on the basis of discrimination is a reality, and that is why I thought the Indiana RFRA was a mistake. Defend the rights of the legally unprotected population

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## Taurus

Talk with your partner over the next two days. Optimism runs high. Tempers could flare, though. Domestic responsibilities take precedence. Stay in communication. An amazing development changes your options. Glimpse the future. Publish your view.

## Gemini

Others vie for your attention. Talk is cheap, but action could get thwarted. Conflicting orders require clarification. Change at the top reveals new opportunities. Don't you make an important connection. Make an ideas arise in the shower. agreement.

## Cancer

as planned, especially romantically. Go back to a place you enjoyed. Play a game you used to excel at. Postpone cleaning house. Notice details as you walk. Others want your attention. Share it.

## Leo

Unexpected circumstances at home hold your attention. New information changes the picture. Put in the correction. Consider all the facts. You can talk your way out of anything today. Impress someone important with a positive presentation.

## Virgo

Work out the plan before taking action. Consult an expert. Discover problems before they cost money. Resolve discrepancies to align on priorities. Communications flow, which is especially useful to manage breakdowns. Use something you've been saving.

## Libra

Get organized and set priorities. A temporary setback interrupts work. Payments could be delayed. Conserve emotional and physical energy. Think from many perspectives and plan goof off. Friends help your next steps. Make a useful discovery. Brilliant

## Scorpio

A new understanding make long-range plans. Things may not go illuminates a personal matter today and tomorrow. Resist being impulsive, especially if friends are. Anticipate some resistance. Sparks could fly. Talk it over, but more importantly listen generously. Prioritize love

## Sagittarius

Discover a new mess and clean it. Unexpected visitors could arrive. Costs are higher than expected. Ask your social circles for ideas and support. It's more fun to collaborate, and others have crazy ideas that may work. Count your blessings.

## Capricorn

Work out plans with a group project. A shared vision leads to abundance. Insist on getting what you need. A surprise at home requires coordinated efforts. Keep travel plans practical. Call a distant friend. Assess the situation together.

## Aquarius

Complications arise. A scheduling conflict puts a kink in a professional aspiration. Communication resolves a barrier. Ask for what you want. Take an idea and run with it. Be polite. Create a dialogue. The conversation has broad appeal.

## Pisces

Heed a warning and Unexpected expenses could change your options. Listen to your intuition now. Figure out how to fatten your savings. Talk over dreams and schemes with your traveling companions. Ask your networks for suggestions.





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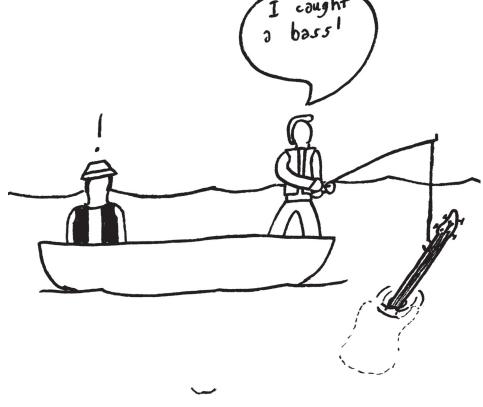
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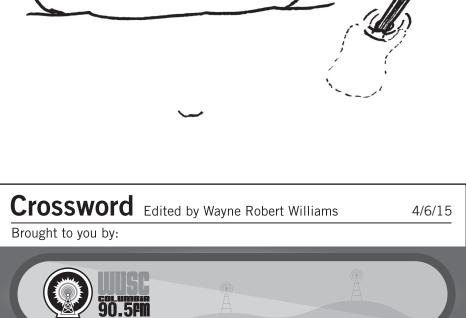
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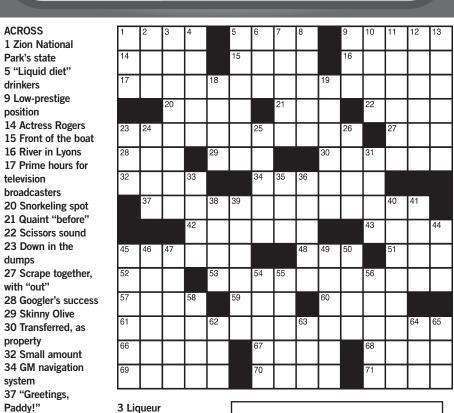
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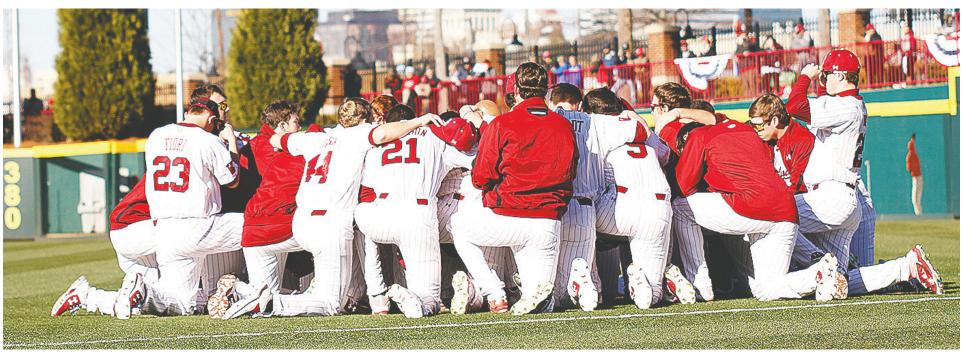
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# Gamecocks fall in Mississippi State series



Jeffrey Davis THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Historically South Carolina still leads the overall series against Mississippi State 37-31 even after mimicking last season's play in Starksville, losing 2-1.

Kelli Caldwell @KELLI\_CALDWELL5

No. 13 South Carolina (21-11) continued to struggle this past weekend, dropping two of three games on the road against a tough Mississippi State team.

The series opened early on Thursday at Dudy Noble Field in Starksville where the Gamecocks were looking to clinch a series win against a SEC team after losing their previous two conference series. However, Thursday ended in an unruly 13-2 loss against the Bulldogs.

Friday was no different as South Carolina fell behind early and failed to complete a rally, losing 7-5. A 13-7 win on Sunday was not enough to bring home

The series loss drops the Gamecocks to 6-6 in conference play.

### Game One:

It only took the Bulldogs three innings on Thursday to gain an eight-run lead against the Gamecocks, dominating on the mound and at the plate to win 13-2.

Senior Elliott Caldwell continued his hot play, going 2-for-4 in the game. Sophomore right-hander Wil Crowe failed to protect his team from the hits.

Crowe was relieved after surrendering seven earned runs in just 2.2 innings and only managing two strikeouts.

## Game Two:

Although the Gamecocks did not win this game, nany accomplishments were made by individuals in their 7-5 loss.

In the top of the second inning Caldwell managed to hit a triple to left field and later scored on an RBI groundout by freshman Alex Destino. Shortly after, the game was delayed by rain for 53 minutes.

A throwing error by sophomore shortstop Jordan Gore gave Mississippi State the 2-1 lead in the bottom of the second. The error "opened the floodgates" for the Bulldogs, who scored four more runs in the frame.

Trailing 6-1, junior Max Schrock hit a double and

scored on senior Kyle Martin's single. With the score 7-2 in the top of the seventh **GAME 1:** THURSDAY, APRIL 2 Ε W: L. LASTER (4-1) L: CROWE (3-3) **GAME 2:** FRIDAY, APRIL 3 W: P. BROWN (4-3) L: WYNKOOP (4-3)

**GAME 3:** SATURDAY, APRIL 4 3

W: MURRAY (4-0) L: V. TATUM (3-1)

Graphic by Jessica Blahut

inning, junior DC Arendas hit his first home run of at least the year, a solo shot.

Caldwell's double in the eighth inning scored Gore nd made the score 7-4. Martin scored on another Destino groundout to draw the Gamecocks within two. However, the offense stalled from there and the team dropped the contest 7-5.

Junior Jack Wynkoop took the loss, pitching 6.1 innings and giving up seven runs, though just one was earned. The loss dropped Wynkoop to 4-3 on the season.

## Game Three:

A 13-7 Saturday win should give South Carolina a bit of momentum heading into midweek home games against Appalachian State and The Citadel.

The Gamecocks' starting nine managed to all gain

one hit for this game.

Holbrook was appreciative of his offense Saturday as they looked more alive, giving their pitcher an easier game to win.

Schrock managed a career-high in hits going 5-6 including a home run, two RBIs and two runs scored.

Freshman Clarke Schmidt started the game for South Carolina but was quickly relieved by freshman Brandon Murray. Murray pitched a career-high 5.2 innings, giving up two earned runs to improve his record to 4-0 on the season.

South Carolina scored season-high 13 runs and tied a season high with 15 hits.

"One game doesn't really show who you are ... you can't just win one game here one game there."

# Softball strikes out in Florida weekend series

Claudia Chakamian @CLAUDIA\_MARIE96

South Carolina had a rough time in Florida, getting swept by the Gators in all three weekend series

Florida won Friday night 10-2 in six innings, then took both games of Saturday's doubleheader, with 19-0 and 16-3 wins over the Gamecocks, both in five innings.

In the first game on Friday, the Gamecocks took an early 2-0 lead in the third when sophomore infielder Victoria Williams managed to bring a two-run RBI single to the plate, but this would end their success for the day.

The Gators came back in the bottom of the third and scored three, then scored three more in the fifth. A three-run homer by senior pitcher Lauren Haeger extended their lead to 9-2 in the sixth, then scored one more to end the game giving the final score of 10-2. For South Carolina, sophomore pitcher Nickie Blue took the loss but threw

four strikeouts in the game.
In game one of Saturday's

doubleheader, the Gamecocks played poor defense, which helped with the Gators powerful offense.

The Gators scored six in the second inning after a Gamecock error and wild pitch. From that point on, South Carolina could not catch up. Although they had leadoff hits in four innings, they could not do anything more to bring a victory after these mistakes.

After the brutal first game of the doubleheader, the Gamecocks tried to recover by scoring three runs in

Sophomore first baseman Kaylea Snaer got their day started with a three-run homer, scoring freshman outfielder Tiara Duffy and Williams, marking her fifth of

Florida however, took the lead in the third with 12 runs, going on to win it 16-3 in five innings.

Ending this series gives South Carolina 26-15 overall record and 2-10 record for conference play.

The Gamecocks hope to recover on Tuesday against the nonconference team of USC Upstate on their home field.

# Early deficit finally downs Gamecocks

Will Helms

Sunday night's game against Notre Dame marked the third-straight game in which South Carolina fell behind

Against North Carolina, South Carolina trailed 8-0 to start the game and 10-3 at the first media timeout. Against the Florida State Seminoles, the Gamecocks fell behind again.

Sunday was the same story for the Gamecocks as the team fell behind 15-3 within five minutes. Once again, the Gamecocks clawed their way back throughout the first half and went into the locker room down just four, 32-28. Just like both regional games, South Carolina evened the score within the first two minutes of the second half.

This time however, the Gamecocks could not hold the momentum they took in the opening minutes of the second half, trailing 43-36 as head coach Dawn Staley was forced to call a timeout at the 15:30 mark.

With 14 minutes left, the Gamecocks

trailed by 10.

The key difference was Notre Dame's trio of forwards Brianna Turner, Taya



Maisie Gibb/ THE DAILY GAMECOCK South Carolina put up a fair fight but could not amount in time to win the game.

Reimer and All-American guard Jewell Loyd. Each player had 10 points in the first half to combine for 30 of the Fighting Irish's 32 first half points. Unlike the two regional games, South

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