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Randy Scott resigns as police chief

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Search for permanent successor to begin within next 60 days

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Through tears and unexplained leaves, Randy Scott said Monday he’s leaving the post as Columbia’s police chief.

Scott’s tenure at the police department, capped by a weeks-long, unexplained leave, will end May 1, according to City Manager Teresa Wilson. Ruben Santiago, who has taken over as acting chief, will stay on as interim chief.

Wilson said the city would begin looking for a permanent successor within the next 60 days, and Monday afternoon, Santiago expressed interest in the job.

Scott had been wrangling with personal issues leading up to his April 1 request for indefinite leave, Wilson said. Over the past few weeks, Scott had received counseling and was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Wilson said he hadn’t received any other diagnoses.

“I am a law enforcement officer, but I forget that I also have a family. I can tell you that over a month ago, I began to realize that things were eating at me,” Scott said at a news conference before he paused nearly 20 seconds, looked down and began to tremble.

During his two-and-a-half years as police chief, Scott was divorced, documents released by the city indicate. A veteran of six years in the Marine Corps and 15 in the Richland County Sheriff’s Office, Scott had received counseling and was diagnosed with PTSD stemming from the death eight years ago of a man he knew in the county.

Scott had been with Byron “Knif” Cannon at a police officer’s memorial service in May 2005. Two hours later, Cannon was killed in a car wreck while he was on duty. In the years since, Scott has kept up with his mother, who he now calls “Mama.”

“Only by going through counseling, I realized that what it was,” Scott said as he began to cry.

“Because you should not hire someone

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Gamecock quarterbacks speak to scholars

Shaw, Thompson answer questions about team, Spurrier

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Gamecock quarterbacks Connor Shaw and Dylan Thompson gave a glimpse of their personalities and encouragement to be leaders when they spoke at the semester’s final Capstone Conversation Monday afternoon.

“Whenever you’re in a leadership position, you decide how you want people to remember you,” Thompson said. “I think that you have to control every one of them and put it all in the right place. People can see things about you, put you down, whatever they want to do to you. But at the end of the day, you can control where you go.”

The two fielded questions from the audience, including whether they were afraid of head coach Steve Spurrier too, as long as he’s not making fun of them, both said and how they reacted to sophomore defensive and Jadeveon Clowney’s famous Outback Bowl fist on Michigan running back Vincent Smith.

“I thank God he’s on my team,” Shaw said. One student asked how the quarterbacks felt about the Williams-Brice Stadium student section. Both Thompson and Shaw praised the atmosphere the students create at home games.

“Whenever (the other team’s) offense is on the field, you just kind of sit back and relax and do your job,” Thompson said. “When they speak at the semester’s final Capstone Conversation.

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— Compiled by Conor Hughes

EcoReps kick off Earth Week

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— Compiled by Amanda Coyne, Assistant News Editor

USC’s EcoReps Leadership Team started celebrating Earth Week with a tie-dyeing event on the Russell House Patio Monday. In exchange for donating plastic bottles, students were provided all of the necessary artistic supplies.

The event included a taste through the week in honor of Earth Week.

— Compiled by Amanda Coyne, Assistant News Editor

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Scott fired two high-ranking officers in the department during a meeting when officers searched for Tom Sponseller, a prominent lobbyist who went missing last year. It took them 10 days to recover the man's clothing in the Broad Street parking lot.

The department was also dead-end with regard to a 17 percent drop in incidents overall. But he was a common target of complaints about his conduct and that disciplinary action was possible, Wilson said she had gotten no report from a member, the privacy exemption of which The Daily Gamecock is aligned with the problems Scott had based on race and gender, allegations Scott and others were also sued for taking LSD and stripped off his clothes due to an unsavory reaction from the drug, The State reported.

Naked wanderer on LSD

Four flights coming into Columbia Metropolitan Airport were delayed Monday morning, but not due to inclement weather.

Instead, mandatory federal budget cuts were the culprit behind arrivals arriving more than two hours late to Columbia from New York and Washington, D.C., The State reported.

Based on across-the-board federal spending cuts, agencies such as the Federal Aviation Administration are being forced to limit spending. And because of limited spending, many airline passengers can expect delays at the upshot of their complaint, an announcement of FAA employees' work schedules will be cut down.

All 47,000 FAA employees, including 15,000 air traffic controllers, will lose one day of work every other week. The State reported.

In a letter to the FAA, the Global Business Travel Association said the nation's economy "will pay a very steep price that significantly outstrips savings produced by furloughs.

If these disruptions unfold as predicted, business travelers will stay home, severely impacting not only the travel industry but the economy overall," the letter read, according to The State.

Colbert Busch leads Sanford in poll

In the highly publicized race to fill the state's 1st Congressional District seat, Democratic nominee Elizabeth Colbert Busch leads her Republican opponent, former Gov. Mark Sanford, by nine points in a recent poll, WIS reported.

Colbert Busch is favored by 50 percent of respondents in the poll by North Carolina-based Public Policy Polling, trailed by Sanford's 41 percent.

"Elizabeth Colbert Busch is now looking like a dear favorite in the special election," Public Policy Polling President Dean Debnam told WIS. "The only question is whether an extremely unpopular Sanford can find some way to make voters like her even less than he is in the next two weeks."

Independent voters favor Colbert Busch by 16 percent in the poll and 39 percent of Republicans also favor her over her party's candidate, according to WIS.

Of those polled 56 said they view Sanford unfavorably, according to WIS. Sanford's ex-wife recently accused him of trespassing at her home.

Voting for the 1st District seat will take place May 7.

— Sarah Ellis, Assistant News Editor

Earth Week Calendar April 23–27

Tuesday

Travel Lightly Day
Campuswide, all day

Healthy Carolina's Farmers Market
Greene Street, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sounds of Sustainability Mini Music Festival
Green Quad Terminus, 4 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Make Your Own Solar Cooker
Russell House Patio, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Green Office Showcase
Office of the Provost, noon

Sustainability Tour
An in-depth walking tour of several LEED-certified buildings on campus.
Green Quad Learning Center at 5:30 p.m.
Green Quad Yoga with Marcus
Green Quad Learning Center, 7 p.m.

Thursday

Caught Green Headed
Campuswide, all day

Energy Showcase
Green Quad Learning Center, 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday

Real Gamecocks Use Real Plates
Rusell House, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Recycling Team Shredding Event
Greene Street and Colonial Life Arena parking lot, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Do It in the Dark outdoor carnival
Hosted by Green Head Hall
Green Quad, 5 to 9 p.m.

Wear a costume, win prizes.

Saturday

Earth Week Yoga with Marcus
Green Quad, 10 a.m.

So What's the Difference? How to Buy the Right Product for Your Skin
801 Broadway, Greenville, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

— Compiled by Sarah Ellis, Assistant News Editor

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Student-athletes honored at Gamecock Gala

2013 Gamecock Gala Award Winners

SEC H. Boyd McWhorter Award
Whitney Avers (swimming & diving)
LB Dantzler (baseball)

SEC Brad Davis Community Service Award
Breanna Radford (track & field)
Patrick Sullivan (baseball)

New Student-Athlete of the Year
Kayla Lampo (cross country)
Michael Carrera (men's basketball)

Community Outreach Team of the Year
Softball

Scholar-Athlete of the Year
Kimberly McCormack (acquisitor)
Robert Razzuk (track & field)

Athletes of the Year
Isaiah Walker (men's basketball)
Jeannelle Scheper (track & field)
Jadonni Crowley (football)

The Gamecock Inspiration Award
Marcus Lattimore (football)

The Garnet Award
Doyle McBride

The President's Award
Breanna Radford

— Compiled by Sarah Ellis, Assistant News Editor

Student-athletes traded their playing fields for a red carpet Monday evening at the annual Gamecock Gala awards ceremony at Colonial Life Arena.

The President’s Award was given to track and field senior captain Breanna Radford, who earned a shot put bronze medal at the 2013 SEC Indoor Championships.

Sophomore football defensive end Jadevon Clowney was named the male Athlete of the Year, and women’s basketball senior guard Iezzra Walker and track and field junior Jeannelle Scheper were named female Athletes of the Year.

Former football tailback Marcus Lattimore was honored with the Gamecock Inspiration Award and was named the team’s Most Valuable Player.

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It's critical moving forward that our government officials are open about immigration and remain accountable to the public. Though Scott's time sheets his application for retirement and several of the emails sent to the Daily Gamecock's request for emails sent to government officials to verify the correctness of conduct on the job were inappropriate.

We understand some private information is excluded from the Freedom of Information Act. As a community, we should demand transparency and we shouldn't have them excluded. Scott's public records should be released so we can understand the context of his resignation in this case and going forward — government officials should be held accountable. Scott needs to demonstrate it.

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Misportrayal of Chechens, Muslims disturbing

Boston Marathon suspected bombers' ethnicity, religion not primary concern

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The trend is frustrating, costly and dangerous.
The halls of the Darla Moore School of Business came alive with music for one last evening this semester, and the instrumentals came courtesy of the university’s very own a cappella groups.

The Cocktails and Cockapella held their spring concert Monday night, a final showcase for several of the group’s graduating seniors. After a brief room mix-up, the excited crowd pooled outside the doors of the Belk Auditorium, babbling and buzzing with anticipation for what was in store. When the doors finally opened several minutes later, the audience flooded forth, filling the seats closest to the front as they gave cheers of encouragement to their favorite singers behind the microphone.

The all-female Cocktails group were first to enter the spotlight, creating a perfect mural of Gamecock spirit as they lined up in garnet and black attire. The ladies got the crowd into the summertime swing with Tuesday, April 23, 2013

4 tips to keep you in the water and out of trouble this summer

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The bikini is the most important thing since the atom bomb.
— Diana Vreeland

First-year student Nick Evangelista led Cockapella in a rendition of rapper Labrinth’s hit single “Earthquake,” complete with rap beats.
Curveball with its next song choice. Belting out had paid off. nights of practice, sore throats and gulps of honey became immediately obvious that all of those long harmonies blended together seamlessly with group opened up with Delta Rae's sultry “Bottom collared shirts, members of the coed a cappella stage. Donning their best pastel frocks and crisp thunderous applause from the rapt audience. sparkling clarity and a lush quality that drew member's talent was able to shine through with “Listen to the Music” before flowing into the Doobie Brothers' classic feel-good anthem, “Some Nights” by Grammy-award winners Fun. Cockapella can transition from folk rock to a hip-rapping abilities, it also showed how flawlessly did it uncover several of the members' rhythmic of pace for most a cappella concerts. Not only Cockapella closed out the spring showcase Monday with the university's alma mater, “We Hail Thee Carolina.”

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Baseball travels to Gardner-Webb

Holbrook returns home to Shelby, NC, tonight

For coach Chad Holbrook, tonight's home game against Gardner-Webb is prize of his hometown. Holbrook was born and raised in Shelby, N.C., and his father Eddie coached the Bulldogs in basketball for nine seasons.

After winning four consecutive games, including a weekend sweep of Kentucky at Carolina Stadium, the Gamecocks (10-11, 11-7 SEC) will look to continue the winning ways against their nonconference opponent before turning their attention to LSU.

“The proud to take my team to my hometown,” Holbrook said. “I’ve been concerned with Gardner-Webb is chomping at the bit to have our rear end, and we’ll be glad for college baseball, and I think our team will once playing in that environment.”

After Sunday’s-1-3, Holbrook said he had not decided who would make the start against Gardner-Wells (20-0, 7-8 Big South) and that he would lean on pitching coach Jerry Meyers to make the decision. Sophomore Joel Sudan and junior Evan Beal were both starters and were not pitching in any of the three games against the Bulldogs.

In his post-practiceves, coach Josh Goffi made two appearances on the season, but each time he faced the SEC he faced a walk. In the second game of Saturday’s doubleheader, senior Thiago Pinheiro and sophomore Adam Westmoreland allowed a combined 13 hits and 11 runs, and both pitched a scoreless ninth inning after Holbrook had run back to the mound.

Westmoreland and Westmoreland have combined for 13 hits in South Carolina’s last five games. This is the first time that Goffi said the team would have to. “I don’t think we’ve any different than anybody else in our league,” Holbrook said. “You give me two more quality wins and we’ll get those guys going.”

Cek’s surge: After the weekend sweep, senior Brison Cek is riding a nine-game hitting streak, the longest of his career. Cek had the game-winning hit in Saturday’s second contest.

“Going through that stress and pressure ... that’s going to be a ‘swing at everything’ guy, but he has used to learn the side of the field that he is a hoarse.”

Men’s tennis falls to Florida

South Carolina ends tournament run in 2nd round

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Ranked 17th in the nation, the South Carolina men’s tennis team entered the SEC tournament as one of the favorites. But the SEC tournament was as high as the Gamecocks had ever been, according to coach Chad Goffi.

South Carolina, the No. 6 seed in the competition, played its first match of the tournament Thursday, succumbing to the 11th-seeded LSU Tigers. But the men’s team continued its decent performance after being bounced from the tournament by No. 1 seed Florida.

“It was getting a win in the tournament is an accomplishment,” Goffi said. “It’s not about the guys who scored a double or an extra base, and every time I’ve been in the field of being able to deal with the pressure.”

In Sunday’s opening-round triumph came in the form of a thrilling, come-from-behind 4-2 win over Purdue on Saturday after dropping the first to LSU’s Olivier
tournament. South Carolina’s top two singles players, junior Taylor copra and sophomore Andrew Adams, both scored victories that contributed to the final score. But they did not finish off top seed Florida.

Aside from Michigan, the 19th-ranked Gators were the only team to have defeated the Gamecocks in their opening-match win against a Florida team that had received a first-round bye. All things considered, the coach was pleased with the individual efforts the two saw in the defeat, and his hopes are not dampened looking ahead to the NCAA tournament.

“I think we competed hard, which is what we’ve been doing all season,” Goffi said. “I think I’m going to see the SEC tournament as an example of what’s going to take. Everything’s a learning process with this team.”

The Gamecocks were tied with Alabama when Sturgeon holed out for par at the 16th hole. He bounced back to take a “double-edged sword” for Sturgeon because it hurt his chances to win individually, as well as the team’s total, but he said the Gamecocks “wouldn’t have had the chance to win as a team if (Sturgeon) hadn’t played so well.”

Senior Dylan Kohler tied for seventh, claiming his fourth top-10 finish this season. He’s had four consecutive top-10 finishes and has a great job, and I know he wants to go out on a high note,” Holbrook said.

Freshman Matt Nocseki made his first appearance in the SEC Championship and finished with a tie for 26th, his top-30 finish of the season. Freshman Will Stark’s performance resulted in him tying for 31st.

Holbrook said he thought the freshman did well, especially with tough conditions, calling the weekend “great experience for them.”

McDonald said the weekend was “great preparation” for the upcoming NCAA regionals. USC will learn in May if it will be selected to compete in one of the following regionals: Baton Rouge, La.; Tallahassee, Fla.; Columbus, Ohio; Fayetteville, Ark.; Pullman, Wash.; or Tempe, Ariz.

“Going through that stress and pressure and not do so much but help us for regional play,” McDonald said.