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Hoverboards banned in residence halls

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To ensure the safety of USC students, a university-wide email was sent out last week stating that “hoverboards are prohibited in all University of South Carolina Residence Halls.” This mandatory new rule became effective Jan. 1. According to WSFA News, USC spokesman Jeff Stensland says that the ban restates a current ban on all motorized vehicles in residence halls. After seeing many of the videos showing various hoverboard accidents, the decision was reportedly made strictly for the safety of all students.

Kyle Carpenter charged in hit-and-run

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According to WLTX, USC student and Medal of Honor recipient Kyle Carpenter has been charged in connection with a hit-and-run that took place on Dec. 8, 2015. The incident occurred at the intersection of Assembly and Blossom Streets. Police said Carpenter pulled over and turned on his hazard lights after hitting the victim, but did not get out of his car. After the victim got up and walked to the side of the road, Carpenter drove away.

The police were called from Strutt Thurmond Fitness Center. Although the victim received medical treatment from emergency respondents for abrasions and a minor leg injury, he refused transportation to the hospital. Police said that Carpenter has been fully cooperative with the investigation. Evidence including security footage and witness statements led the police to identify Carpenter for arrest. He has been released on bail.

Carpenter was awarded the Medal of Honor for events that occurred on Nov. 21, 2010, while he was deployed to Afghanistan.

Candidates hit SC with primary approaching

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With the South Carolina Republican primary fast-approaching, the remaining candidates are making one last push to make their case with potential voters.

On Saturday, six candidates, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, Ohio Gov. John Kasich and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio participated in a forum on expanding opportunity hosted by the Jack Kemp Foundation at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. With South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott and House Speaker Paul Ryan serving as moderators, the six candidates were able to discuss poverty and economic policy, particularly how those issues are affecting Americans and how they plan to approach some of those issues.

Several of the candidates, including Dr. Carson speaking from his own experience, highlighted an increased focus on education to combat poverty.

“...and I have put these reading materials in my house because I knew I had the ability to change it myself. Now that I’ve understood that, poverty didn’t bother me anymore because I knew I had the ability to change it myself. Now that doesn’t mean that we don’t need to help each other escape from it, no question about that, and that’s one reason why my wife and I have put those reading rooms all over the country.”

Even former candidate and South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham made an appearance at the forum, making light of the recent suspension of his campaign and how he was one of the few candidates that never got to participate in the large primetime debates.

“I finally made it on the big stage!” Graham said. “The bad news for you is...”

The Golden Globes

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OFF TO A RECORD START

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Usually the off-season is a time for college campuses across the nation to welcome away the last of those freshmen and sophomore classes that got out of hand during those fall months. But this was different for the South Carolina Gamecocks, as the team welcomed in a new, early-season, early-season schedule.

Despite the lack of significant opponents in the first few weeks of the season, the Gamecocks showed a glimpse of what they're capable of with a 50-0 shutout. South Carolina dominated the in-state rival Gamecocks, who were the only team to score against the Gamecocks all season. It was a performance that the Gamecocks were able to build on, as they opened the season with a 3-0 record.

The Gamecocks were able to show off their offensive prowess, scoring 50 points against the Gamecocks. They were led by quarterback Gavin Swoboda, who accounted for 303 yards and four touchdowns.

The defense was also strong, forcing three turnovers and holding the Gamecocks to just 30 yards on the ground. South Carolina was led by the linebacking corps of Micah Parsons, K'Von Wallace and Alvin Jones, who combined for 15 tackles.

Despite the strong performance, there were some concerns for the Gamecocks.

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With the win, the Gamecocks were able to improve to 3-0 on the season. They will face their second in-state rival, South Carolina State, on the road in two weeks.
Sean Penn met with ‘El Chapo’ months before the drug lord’s arrest

According to CNN and Rolling Stone, months after Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman escaped from Mexican prison he met with actor and activist Sean Penn in an undisclosed location. In a Rolling Stone article published Saturday, Penn wrote of his meeting and interview with Guzman, who was taken into custody Friday following a shootout with authorities. Mexican authorities intend to question both Penn and actress Kate del Castillo, a Mexican actress who brokered the meeting between the Hollywood actor and the drug lord.

Dabo Swinney’s brother arrested in Florida

The State reported that Tripp Swinney, the 47-year-old brother of Clemson head football coach Dabo Swinney, was arrested Tuesday in Bay County, Florida, following claims from his estranged wife that he continually harassed and cyberstalked her. Panama City News-Herald describes Swinney’s charges as “aggravated stalking.”

Powerball jackpot is largest in history of the world

According to ABC News, the Powerball Lottery jackpot has grown to an estimated $1.3 billion. This amount is the largest jackpot in the history of the planet, according to Texas Lottery Executive Director Gary Grief. After the prize swelled to over $900 million on Saturday, no ticketholders were able to match all six numbers. The odds to win the mega-prize are one in 292.2 million. The prize has grown from starting at $40 million Nov. 4.

Correction

If you find an error in today’s edition of The Daily Gamecock, let us know about it. Email editor@dailygamecock.com and we will print the correction in our next issue.

Letter from the Editor

I’m sitting at the Editor’s desk. It’s the start of a new semester. Looking out the editor’s window, you can see the routine: people walking to and from class, and maybe not so routine, a couple of birds sitting on a wire. The scene is just like most weeks at USC, but this week is different. It’s the start of a new semester. It’s the start of a new year. It’s the start of a new me.

A couple of weeks ago, I wrote an article in which I talked about the challenges of the past year. I talked about the challenges of life, and how they have changed me. I talked about the challenges of writing, and how they have changed me. I talked about the challenges of the past year, and how they have changed me.

But this goes to show that one can never fully plan out everything and expect it to go as planned to the dot. Life happens. We must be flexible. So welcome back. To Columbia, to USC, to The Daily Gamecock. We’ve all made our New Year’s resolutions. We’ve all made those promises to ourselves about how this year’s going to be different and hopefully for the better. For some, this semester is going to be rough. Hang in there. For some, this semester is seemingly easy. Challenge yourself. And if you don’t, life will.

As The Daily Gamecock, changes are underway to keep up with the world around us. We can’t promise a smooth semester. We can’t promise it will be easy. We will keep doing it daily. We will keep you informed of the best of our knowledge. We will continue to challenge ourselves to bring our best to the table.

“We wanted to get information out specifically on hoverboards since they’ve been a popular holiday gift item this year,” Stensland said to The State. “The best advice for returning students living on campus is to leave them at home.”

During the 2015 Christmas season, hoverboards made headlines across the country as both a popular gift item and a dangerous device. During the past few months, viral videos of hoverboard-related injuries have spread around social media like wildfire.

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The forum’s vibes were not all feel-good however, as CNN captured footage of protestors heckling Rubio about his immigration views. The protestors insinuated that Rubio, whose platform incorporates his heritage as the son of Cuban immigrants that made the American dream possible for him, does not represent the Hispanic community. The CNN footage shows small groups of protestors standing and chanting: “Undocumented and unafraid!” Other protestors held signs saying, “Rubio wants to deport me!” Security removed the protestors and after, Rubio reaffirmed his views on immigration.

“We’re going to enforce our immigration laws, guys,” Rubio said.

The elephant in the room for many was the absence of front-runner Donald Trump, who held a rally at the Winthrop University Coliseum in Rock Hill, South Carolina, Friday night. According to RealClearPolitics, Trump is polling at 14 percent nationally, 13.3 percentage points ahead of second-place Texas Sen. Ted Cruz. In the state of South Carolina, RealClear records Trump polling at 15 percent, with Cruz at 22 percent and Rubio in third place at 12 percent.

After visits to the Upstate and the Midlands, many of the candidates will head toward the coast in the coming days, in preparation for the Fox Business Network Debate in North Charleston, South Carolina, on Thursday.

According to P2016, Republican candidates (excluding Graham) have visited the state a total of 204 times since 2011, encompassing a combined total of 271 days.

The South Carolina Republican primary will take place on Saturday, Feb. 20, following the Iowa Caucuses on Feb. 1 and the New Hampshire primary on Feb. 9.
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Clinton. Democrats very weak

Griffin Hobson

In 1992, the rationale for Bill Clinton was that the party needed a centrist. The Democrats hadn’t won consecutive presidential elections since the early 1960s, and had only won one race in the 24 years before that election. The Reagan Revolution had polled moderate whites into the Republican fold, and the Civil Rights Act started to change the policy landscape of the party of Lincoln.

Bill Clinton wanted to remake the fairly radical Democrats into a center-right party. He ran with two Southerners on the ticket and prioritized the economy over social issues. He wanted a short term to be rare, signed a law that forbade same-sex couples from receiving federal marriage benefits and instituted Don’t Ask Don’t Tell. Beyond that he ramped up the War on Crime that helped to reduce massive incarceration problem, shrunk the safety net and balanced the budget while expanding free trade with Canada and Mexico.

The gambit worked. The Democratic Party won two terms and only lost narrowly on a third. It was that it would be nearly impossible to defeat a Democratic candidate taking today.

But that was the “90s. Things have changed. The Tea Party with its roots where have for Republicans and the oneself successful Blue Dog, course has disappeared. In exchange, the Democrats won two presidential races with the help of high turnout from people of color and college students, the so-called Obama coalition. Now the party’s winning strategy is less about being acceptable to moderates and conservatives and more about mobilizing and inspiring left-of-center.

Hillary Clinton seems to be her own boss. She’s changed her stance or announced a position on things like Ask Don’t Tell, the Defense of Marriage Act, the Keystone pipeline, same sex marriage, transgender rights, same sex marriage in the War, Wall Street regulation, munipals and the Trans-Pacific Partnership while preparing to run for the presidency.

Even then, she hasn’t exactly excited the coalition the party needs. Most Democrats might prefer her in the polls, but few are terribly enthusiastic about her candidacy. Skeptics remain about how serious she is about her stances. Bill Clinton instituted many of the programs Hillary now opposes, and at the time she seemed to like them.

There are also a few areas where she isn’t liberal at all. Despite being reluctant at best to hand over her own communications, she is one of the NSA’s biggest cheerleaders. She still opposes reinstituting some of the regulations the last Clinton administration tore down.

Then there are the scandals. Even if the email saga and Benghazi amount to nothing in the end, there are still rumors that liberals should be wary of her. The Clinton Foundation took millions from corporations and foreign governments dealing with the State Department while Hillary Clinton was secretary of state. She had a stake in the investment firms and corporate lobbyists that lobbied in Congress too. Last week an independent inspector general of the Clinton State Department handled Freedom of Information Act requests improperly.

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**Undated basketball teams**

The South Carolina basketball teams are off to a combined 30-0 start, setting an SEC record. The Gamecocks are the only program in the country with both teams remaining undefeated, and the men’s team has one of college basketball’s two unblemished records. Coaches Frank Martin and Dawn Staley are thrilled by the buzz around the programs, as the undefeated start has created a phenomenal atmosphere in Colonial Life Arena.

**Clean water**

We take clean water for granted so when parts of South Carolina were under a boil advisor, it was nerve-racking. Even after boiling, the paranoia is still there. We don’t want any weird diseases, do you?

**Flood relief**

After historic flooding struck the state in October, government agencies and private organizations and individuals were quick to lend a helping hand. While much of the city has recovered, some work remains to be done. We hope the path back to normalcy continues in 2016.

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Aries

Examines personal opportunities. Cash in on new opportunities to keep in reserve. Your suspicions get confirmed. Some of your personal resources are now found. Teamwork pays off. Be ready for family. Taurus

Balance work with social demands. Consider the consequences of your actions.

Can you work from home? Collaborate with your team to share the work. Take their ideas into consideration. Gemini

Important people are watching. Make sure you know what your new position is. You learn quickly. Follow an older person's advice. Don't throw your head first before you think. Libra

Little voices breed self-doubts. Money will be important. You could experience financial difficulties. Virgo

Plan ahead and add structure. Make something you've been saving. Do your work and stick to a schedule. Make a commitment. Keep a good impression.

Capricorn

Travel will introduce you to a group event. Ask your network for ideas and advice on how to make the most of the trip. Spontaneous experiences will surprise you. Scorpio

Think about luxury and love. Set long-range goals and ensure a schedule. Add artistic touches at home. Exercise with friends. Keep some control over the conversation. Pietro

Make the most of opportunities. Review your plans. Hire some additional staff. Keep control of expenses.

Sagittarius

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**Winning the world: Winslet, Damon, DiCaprio awarded Globes**

Various stars such as Rachel Bloom, left, and Matt Damon, right, attended the awards ceremony, going home with Golden Globe awards.

Ricky Gervais, funnyman and star of the British TV Series "The Office," hosted the 73rd Golden Globe awards ceremony.

Sarah Morse

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episode ends with a sound bite of Koenig’s interviewee in the second episode: a member of the Taliban. This demonstrates what might be the source of Koenig’s ability to create compelling stories like few others: she takes her investigation to a near-ridiculous level, doing everything possible to satisfy her curiosity, after infecting her listeners with the same level of curiosity. This persistence and dedication was what made the first season great, and the second season does not let up.

After the initial explanation of Bergdahl’s case, the second, third and fourth episodes of “Serial” Season 2 have focused largely on Bergdahl’s experience while being held captive. These episodes are fascinating, and Koenig gives a great explanation of all the necessary political context, but they are difficult to listen to. After listening to the four episode that have been released, it’s hard to feel like Bergdahl should be punished for deserting, even if he is guilty. He has been through enough punishment.

Ultimately, Koenig’s attempt of a different sort of story from Serial’s first season was a brave and smart decision. The change works for her, and her somehow both sympathetic but journalistically responsible rendering of the facts is just as fascinating to hear. The first season of “Serial” would be difficult for anyone to follow, but the second season is definitely worth your time.

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The beloved sidekick Dory from the Disney film “Nemo” stars in her own film this summer.

Several exciting flicks are hitting theaters this year, including the long-awaited Deadpool and the live-action Jungle Book movie.

Kung Fu Panda 3 — Jan. 29
Deadpool — Feb. 12
The Divergent Series: Allegiant — March 18
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South Carolina remained undefeated Sunday after facing the ranked Missouri Tigers. The Tigers and Gamecocks traded blows in a physical battle, but South Carolina dominated the scoreboard in an 83-58 victory.

With conference play in full swing, this game offered a resume-building opportunity for two teams with postseason aspirations. The value of this game was exemplified by the hard-nosed effort on display from both sides. It would be an understatement to say that uncontested baskets were hard to come by.

The Gamecocks celebrated a special moment early in the first quarter when junior center Alaina Coates eclipsed the 1,000 career points mark. Head coach Dawn Staley said, “The evolution of her has been a beautiful thing to see. To see her getting a milestone like getting 1,000 points early in her junior year is a tribute to the work she has put in.” Neither team clicked offensively in the first quarter, but South Carolina capitalized on their numerous free throw chances to take a 17-9 lead.

Senior guard Tiffany Mitchell battled with Missouri’s freshman sensation Bobby Balboni. Despite not leading for the first 29 minutes of the game, the South Carolina men’s basketball team pulled out a come-from-behind victory, topping Vanderbilt 69-65 to remain undefeated. Coach Frank Martin’s squad moved to 15-0, improving upon their best start since 1933-34, where the team rattled off 17 straight to start the season.

The Gamecocks got off to a poor start, allowing the Commodores to jump out to an 8-0 lead. That deficit would be the largest that the team faced, but South Carolina did not lead until PJ Dozier put the team ahead with 10:55 to go in the game. The Gamecocks would not relinquish the lead, building as large as a seven-point advantage late in the second half.

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Former men's basketball head coach Bill Foster died of natural causes Thursday at the age of 86.

Foster, who coached the Gamecocks from 1980-86, was most famous for his six years leading the Duke Blue Devils where he made three NCAA Tournament appearances.

After compiling a .500 record through three years, Foster's Blue Devils made a tremendous leap during the 1977-78 season. Duke earned a spot in the NCAA Championship, but lost to the Kentucky Wildcats. That same year, Foster was named NABC Coach of the Year, sharing the honors with Texas' Abe Lemons.

In 1980, Foster left Duke and was hired as South Carolina's head basketball coach. He coached the Gamecocks for six years, making two NIT Tournament appearances.

Foster succeeded legendary Gamecocks basketball coach Frank McGuire and preceded coach Mike Krzyzewski at Duke.

In addition to South Carolina and Duke, Foster coached three other Division I basketball programs including: Utah, Rutgers and Northwestern. Foster had 20-win seasons with four of the five teams and eclipsed nearly 450 wins for his career.

Foster was also involved off the court. He served as president of the National Association of College Basketball Coaches, associate commissioner of the Southwest Conference and vice president of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Foster's coaching career spanned from 1960 to 1993 without hiatus.

In remembrance of
Bill Foster
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The second College Football Playoff Championship game features the nation's top two teams: the undefeated Clemson Tigers and the Alabama Crimson Tide. History is on the line for both teams, as the Tigers are seeking to become the first 15-0 team in college football history, while Alabama seeks to win their fourth title in seven years, a feat only accomplished by Notre Dame (1943-49).

The matchup features two Heisman finalists in Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson and Alabama running back Derrick Henry, who won the award. Watson accounted for 332 total yards of offense and two touchdowns in the Orange Bowl win over Oklahoma. In Alabama's dominant Cotton Bowl win over Michigan State, Henry turned in a pedestrian performance by his standards, averaging fewer than four yards per carry but he did punch in two touchdown runs.

Clemson has a talented running back of their own, sophomore Wayne Gallman, who has run for just 92 yards, highlighted by a triple-digit yardage performance over his last six games. Alabama will be a tough test for Gallman, as the Tide boast the nation's top running defense, allowing just 131 yards per game.

The Tigers defense is impressive as well, ranking in the top 15 in the nation in total yards allowed. Clemson shut out a high-powered Oklahoma offense in the second half and allowed just 11 points to Florida State. The defense is led by All-American defensive end Shaquem Griffin, who has amassed 12.5 sacks this season. Watson suffered a knee injury in the Tigers' Orange Bowl win two weeks ago, but he is expected to play against the Tide.

The game may feature two Heisman finalists, but it will likely be decided on the defensive side of the ball. Both teams have incredible players and coaches, and this is sure to be a championship game for the ages.
Sophie Cunningham in a critical matchup. Cunningham, who came into the game averaging 14.6 points, ran into foul trouble and eventually fouled out with 6:51 left in the fourth period. She finished with 9 points. Mitchell led South Carolina in scoring with 19 points.

Despite trailing 35-17 after the first half, Missouri came out with an excess of energy early in the third period. Finally finding their rhythm, the Tigers cut the deficit to 10 points, but eventually South Carolina’s physical advantages propelled them later in the period. Coates dominated on the glass and scored a double-double to the tune of 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Sophomore A’ja Wilson recorded 15 points, 11 boards and 6 blocks. The number of blocks is especially eye-opening because Wilson’s greatest area for improvement since arriving on campus has been her defensive abilities. "I am trying my best to grow into a better defender player. I think my teammates are doing a really good job of holding me accountable," Wilson said.

The Tigers’ emphasis on playing extremely physical defense put South Carolina on the line early and often with 34 total personal fouls. The Gamecocks capitalized, scoring 32 points from the line.

Missouri’s coach Robin Pingeton cited her team’s lack of poise as their Achilles’ heel. Specifically, she pointed out the team’s high number of fouls. "We had way too many ticky-tacky fouls that led to opportunities for them at the free throw line," Pingeton said.
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Dec. 6, athletic director Ray Tanner hired Auburn defensive coordinator Will Muschamp to take over as the head coach for the South Carolina football team. Muschamp has previous head coaching experience, leading the Florida Gators to a 28-21 record from 2011-2014. Muschamp had mixed results in Gainesville, evidenced by an 11-2 record in 2012, followed by an abysmal 4-8 season in 2013.

A former safety at Georgia, Muschamp is known for his prowess on the defensive side of the ball, as he served as a defensive coordinator for Valdosta State, LSU, Auburn and Texas. He also spent 2005 as the associate head coach of the Miami Dolphins. Muschamp comes from a great coaching tree, having served under Nick Saban, Gus Malzahn and Mack Brown.

Muschamp is bringing in multiple assistants from his tenure at Florida, perhaps none more controversial than offensive coordinator Kurt Roper. Roper was a college quarterback at Rice, and he has been a quarterbacks coach at Ole Miss, Kentucky, Tennessee, Duke and Florida, in addition to serving as the offensive coordinator for the Rebels, Blue Devils and Gators. Roper spent 2015 serving as an offensive assistant for the Cleveland Browns staff.

Roper, who was Eli Manning's quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinator at Ole Miss, spent 2014 with Muschamp in Gainesville, leading an offense that could be considered average at best. Roper's Gators scored 27.9 points per contest, which ranked a middling 72nd in the nation. His year at Florida may not have gone quite as planned, but Roper ran some lethal offenses at Duke, averaging north of 31 points per game in 2012 and 2013.

Former Gamecock quarterback Connor Shaw, now with the Cleveland Browns, referred to Roper as "one of the most brilliant offensive minds [he's] ever been around" and a "godsend." Muschamp had little success with his offensive coordinator hires at Florida, as Charlie Weis and Brent Pease also had minimal success. However, with mobile quarterbacks, including incoming freshman Brandon McIlwain, Roper has the proper personnel to run his spread formation that gave him such great success at Duke.

On the defensive end, Muschamp seems to have hit a home run with defensive coordinator Travaris Robinson. A former NFL safety, Robinson has been with Muschamp for the last five seasons, all four at Florida and 2015 at Auburn. Robinson is regarded as a great recruiter, as ESPN ranked him as the best recruiter amongst assistant coaches in 2013. Robinson recruited projected first-round picks Vernon Hargreaves III and Jalen Tabor to Florida, and the hope is that he can bring such talent to Columbia as well.

Robinson will be helped out by former South Carolina defensive coordinator Ellis Johnson. Johnson was replaced by Muschamp at Auburn, but he is most well known for his success as the defensive coordinator under Steve Spurrier from 2008-2011. Johnson was only a part of the first of South Carolina's three 11-win seasons, but he set the program up for its successful run through recruiting and developing talent, including earning the commitment of Jadeveon Clowney.

As Muschamp learned at Florida, assistant coaching hires can make or break a team's success. The new head man seems to have assembled a strong coaching staff with strong recruiters and solid position coaches.
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