Open House greets LGBTQ community

T. Michael Boddie

The rapid growth of Zapp Scooters, a new rideshare company that opened in Columbia this summer, has brought about some questions of safety as well as general curiosity from students about what those bright green scooters all around campus are all about.

The concept came from its CEO and founder, a USC alum, Frank Scozzafava. “It’s a fun, affordable, easy, green, clean way to get around,” Scozzafava said. “To use one of the Zapp Scooters, one must download the app, register a driver’s license and credit card information and watch a 10-minute video. The app then locates scooters and parking on a map of the area and charges $0.20 per minute or $12 per hour for time spent riding.”

The company has experienced rapid growth since it started. They had over 1000 registered riders in the first week and over 5000 users and over 800 rides in the past two weeks. The company is planning to expand to Key West and over 8800 rides in the past month as well as the University of Florida after some tweaks are made to the scooters’ design.

“We were not ready for the amount of rides that we’ve done,” Scozzafava’s start-up is looking to expand to other cities.

Clinton ties Trump in South Carolina polls

Mary Ramsey

Two recent polls have Hillary Clinton tied with Donald Trump right here in South Carolina.

The first poll, conducted Monday by Reuters/IPSOS, showed another tie between the pair tied at 39 percent.

The second poll, released Wednesday by the South Carolina Violence Intervention & Prevention (SAVIP).

While it’s important to note that one of the few times Trump had dropped below 40 percent was in a poll conducted by the South Carolina

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College of Charleston announces new alcohol ban

The College of Charleston announced a new ban on all alcohol-related activities at fraternities and sororities, The Post and Courier reports. The university’s provost said the new ban was an appropriate response to behaviors within the Greek community and the campus as a whole. The move came just one day after the school was named the 15th biggest party school in the country.

—Compiled by Mary Ramsey, News Editor

Newberry man arrested for stealing charitable donations

A Newberry man was arrested for multiple robberies, WCIT reports. The man broke into Newberry Middle School as well as several local businesses, stealing money and food. Much of the money he is accused of stealing reportedly went to donations for a cancer patient and burn victim. The man was arrested Wednesday.

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benefit Foundation South Carolina. SC Pride will also be collecting donations throughout the parade.

Those looking to march in the parade should meet on the corner of Main and Laurel at 11 a.m. From there on, the festival will take over much of downtown Columbia. Vendors and stages will line Main Street from Hampton Street all the way past Lady Street. This year’s entertainment line-up includes American Idol winner Jordan Sparks and several stars of RuPaul’s Drag Race.

And the celebration doesn’t stop when the sun goes down. This year’s festivities include an SC Pride After Party. The night will start at 10 p.m. at Moree Farm and promises to run till 2 a.m. This event is for those 21 and older. The weekend will come to a close with the SC Pride Picnic on Sunday morning at Reformation Lutheran Church.
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On the 25th of August, Russia launched a submarine-launched ballistic missile that flew about 100 miles from the submarine to land on the coast. This test of the 25th of August missile program was a success by many measures and its test flew much of the world over the possibility of North Korean first country strike capabilities. On the 25th, Israeli Revolutionary Guards spelled out “haram” and opened fire in an area between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman, further degrading relations between two long-time enemies.

We are all someone been talking about Syria? In Syria this week, Turkey launched an invasion to retake the IS’s last stronghold. This is as well as present Kaepernick, who is taking more land for a potential Kurdish homeland, he appears to be simply a man of war, the implications of his actions are enormous. We cannot afford to redelegate the status quo to the third party. East.

This new status quo, like many before it, is going to come with consequences that will not only shape Middle Eastern policy, but international policy for the United States and its allies. However, judging the asymmetric coverage of this event, even in Syria, general, one would say that the Syrian Civil War is just another war in a Middle Eastern Civil War, and it is definitely not. For the U.S., the war is the only way to reshape its influence in the Middle East. That's not to say that any of those events are unworthy of extensive media coverage. However, in Syria, which could be a part of a defining moment for the U.S., has been ignored. Even when the U.S. has not intervened, half the news consists of events like this and other topics that the administration and the American people should care about.

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Linden Atelsek
Third-year psychology student

94ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick inspired a storm of outrage this week when he refused to stand for a pre-game national anthem. Kaepernick was directed at black athletes like Jackie Robinson, who used his skill to break new ground in racial integration, to Smith and Tukey, who gave their lives — they did not sacrifice anything. We are a nation where anyone can succeed, regardless of race, gender or religion. And it hurts to hate that this pride has been drilled into us.

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Athletes’ protests keep our country moving forward

Tommie Smith and John Carlos raising the black power salute on the Olympic podium, there is always backlash. No matter how you count the Black Lives Matter, you should realize that under the First Amendment, they have the right to peacefully assemble and protest. That is what they choose to protest — which Kaepernick’s team-ups have supported in their statements — also applies to athletes, whether or not you want them to participate in your football games, or you want them to stand for the anthem. This is why athletes have a right to speak their minds, and they should be supported.

Most of us grew up having the pledge of allegiance recited over the nation's television sets. We grew up hearing how lucky we are that we are a nation anywhere anyone can succeed, regardless of race, gender or religion. And it hurts to hate that this pride has been drilled into us.

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For one month every year, people come together to recognize and celebrate Hispanic and Latin culture. Even though Hispanic Heritage Month doesn’t officially start until Sept. 15, C-Herbs started their celebration early with the annual Main Street Latin Festival that kicked off with a huge dance party at the Empire Supper Club last Friday night. Saturday morning proved just as energetic, as the day was packed with activities that ranged from live music to arts and crafts.

Many USC students are familiar with the annual Greek Festival, but the Main Street Latin Festival is not as well-known. Even though Columbia hosts many events less than a mile away from campus, it can be hard for USC students to always know what is going on. Some students went to add dimension to a Spanish class, while others went for a few hours of relief in between catching up on studying from the first week of school.

Third-year music education student Allison Whisnant is an example of the latter. When asked about what prompted her to go to the festival, Whisnant said, “Good food, a fun time with friends and a chance to do something out of the ordinary and spontaneous.”

There was an energized atmosphere fueled by the music and many festival attendees. The energy and the thumping music could be felt from a few blocks away. Whatever the reason for attending, festival attendees were able to learn more about Columbia’s Latin American community and end their first week back to school with a little excitement.

“I definitely knew that there’s a Latin community, and beyond that, I learned how expansive the community was and how lively and colorful it was,” Whisnant said. The Main Street Latin Festival was an exciting way to bring awareness to the Columbia community about Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs until Oct. 15 every year.

The Latin American Student Organization, or LASO, is one of USC’s student groups that aims to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and make Hispanic and Latin culture and issues a priority year-round. “LASO is a student organization open to all ethnicities, races, backgrounds, and identities,” Janelys Villalta, President of LASO, said. “The main focus of our organization is to preserve, express, and share Latin American culture. We’re honestly a big family. We love each other, we love the culture, and we love to share that with others.”

Hispanic Heritage Month is an important time for those within the community to both display and reflect upon Latin culture, as well as for the rest of the community to realize how much Hispanic heritage affects everyone in their everyday lives. On Sept. 15, LASO is sponsoring a Hispanic Heritage Month kick-off on Greene Street. “I think it’s important to stay connected to your heritage and culture because for so many of us it really shapes who we are as individuals,” Villalta said. “For some people, their heritage is their main identity, for others it’s not, but the most beautiful thing about staying connected to your roots is that it’s different for everyone. There is not one specific way to celebrate your culture. It completely depends on you and who you are and love that.”

And do not worry if you missed the festival this year, it will be back again next fall. “It’s a great way to learn more about a community and culture here in Columbia that a lot of people may not know about,” second-year music education student Will Moon said. “The Main Street Latin Festival is one of many cultural events that students have to opportunity to enjoy and explore this semester.”
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5 fashion-forward fall trends

Hillery Covell

With Autumn quickly approaching, retail stores are already bringing out their jackets, jeans and fall styles. I’m no fashion guru, but I do work in retail, so it’s easy to see the trends in the “world of fashion.” Just as history repeats itself, so do fashion trends and styles. With that being said, here’s a list of the top five fashion trends to look out for this fall.

1. Corduroy

Corduroy is a ribbed, velvety-like textile that is soft and durable as a fabric. If you go back to the 70s, corduroy was a trendy staple item. In many retail stores, I’ve noticed (including the store I work in), corduroy has made a major comeback. There are corduroy skirts, shirts and dresses, with the same popular corduroy items being brought for both men and women. Many of the pants I’ve seen come in colors such as brown, beige, army green, white and other neutral colors.

2. ‘90s brands

If you’ve stepped into any large retail store recently, I’m sure you may have seen the classic Calvin Klein logo. Classic ‘90s brands like Calvin Klein, Tommy Hilfiger, Adidas and Fila have returned to modern fashion. You can find these logos on underwear, T-shirts, sweatpants and with classic styles of tennis shoes. This style is great for a quick and casual look while keeping that classic ‘90s vibe.

3. Baseball caps

Beans can step aside because this fall, baseball hats are becoming a major trend. Baseball caps have never been much of a trend, as they are usually worn to cover up a bad hair day or to wear around casually. However, I’ve noticed a major increase in baseball caps as fall is approaching. Rather than baseball caps showcasing a sports team, etc. Plain colored baseball caps are trending, such as denim caps, black, brown, army green or any other neutral colored cap.

4. Patches/Pins

A denim jacket with patches may seem a little out of date, but from what I’ve noticed, patched jeans, jackets and hats are becoming more and more popular. My personal favorite article of clothing to lounge around in, sweatpants, a denim jacket with patches/pins will be available in many retail stores and online. These trends are easy to see the trends in the “world of fashion.” Just as history repeats itself, so do fashion trends and styles. With Autumn quickly approaching, retail stores are already bringing out their jackets, jeans and fall styles.

5. Sweatpants

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Five Gamecocks, including both Jamall Gregory and As a freshman, Chelsea Drennan had the second-most single-season assists in South Carolina Gamecock history with 12 total assists on the season.

Column: Martin's Gamecocks will thrive despite departures

Drennan's selflessness, vision

“Mom and my club coach always told me in the monthly meetings with my club coach, and he was like you need to be more selfish, you need to take more shots, you need to try to score more goals,” she said. “Don't let me wrong, that's always in my head, but it's always been my style of play to pass it off to someone else to score the goals. That's just the role I’ve kind of accepted and that I’ve played for so long.”

Her journey to become a Gamecock started back in high school. She was four-star recruit out of T.L. Hanna High School in Anderson, South Carolina, and won South Carolina Coaches Association of Women’s Sports Class AA state Player of the Year twice and won the Gatorade State Girls Soccer Player of the Year in the state of South Carolina her senior year.

Her decision to come to South Carolina was a tricky one, something she had to put some thought into. “Growing up, my dad actually went to Georgia, so kind of contradicting to coming here,” Drennan said. “But I grew up in SEC football, watching Timmy Thompson and Trent Dilfer, and I knew I wanted to stay in the South — close to home, but not too close. Clemson was too close to me, and I hate Clemson. I knew I wanted to stay in the South, and I knew I wanted to go to a big school, a big SEC school.”

When she arrived on the field, though, she immediately started to make an impact on coach Shelley Smith’s team. Her freshman year, she started out 20 out of 23 matches and set the school’s freshman record for assists with 12.

In her sophomore season, the season when South Carolina made it to the NCAA Tournament semifinals, she started every game. She lead the Gamecocks in assists with seven and netted three goals. Her most unforgettable soccer came that year.

“Most memorable one is probably against Florida my sophomore year,” Drennan said. “It was a corner kick at the end, and I’m pretty sure it was Savannah that scored off of it. That was a huge win for us. We were up 2-0 in the first half. Second half came, and Florida is a great team, but they couldn’t get anything in 2-0. Our team has always been known to be pretty relentless, so we got a corner with not even five minutes left and Savannah put it in.”

Last season, she led South Carolina in assists for the third-straight season and was third in the SEC with a total of 10. The Gamecocks didn’t make it to the NCAA Tournament early, though, as they bowed out of the NCAAA Tournament in the first round at the hands of UCLA.

But this season, Drennan is confident in her team and says they are in a good place to win games.

From the sound of it, she’s willing to help out her team in any way possible, whether that means scoring goals or providing opportunities for others to score.

Drennan and the Gamecocks will be in action Friday night against No. 6 ranked Clemson and Monday night against Charleston.

As a freshman, Chelsea Drennan had the second-most single-season assists in South Carolina Gamecock history with 12 total assists on the season.

Four games into the season, senior Chelsea Drennan already needed two more assists to tie the program’s career record of 33. In fact, she only needed four more assists going into the 2016 season. She actually netted one against Oklahoma and another against NC State.

For her to be in the record books as an all-time Gamecock great excites her, but she only wants to aid her team in the best possible way.

“There’s some really awesome girls that already held the record right now that I would love to be a part of, but more just for the team helping to get goals as well,” Drennan said. “Usually, that’s my role on the team ... I’ll do whatever it takes.”

Even dating back to club and high school soccer, Drennan was the main distributor for her team. So much so that people were telling her she needed four more assists going into the 2016 season, as well as tying the school record with 25 goals. In fact, she only needed four more assists going into the 2016 season, as well as tying the school record with 25 goals. In fact, she only

For Frank Martin, last year's men's basketball team was one of the most successful in the history of the program. They were able to finish in a tie for third in the SEC, and then they were able to win big games over teams like Vanderbilt and Texas A&M, both of which made the NCAA tournament. Yet all the success they achieved was surrounded by the question that emerged at the end of the season, questions that raised much confusion as to the future of the program and the players.

For those of you who don’t know what happened, here’s a quick rundown. First an hour and a half before their first NIT game, the news broke that Martin had suspended five players. None of the players they ascension started, but all were three years, Martin had suspended five players. None of the players they ascension started, but all were young talents who were pivotal members of the Gamecocks. From the Gamecocks in the future, and had already shown flashes of the ability to do so.

This season the team started without all of these players, and went into the season with uncertainty as to whether any of them would return. Finally, when the dust settled and the decisions had been made regarding the futures of all the young players, things did not look good for the Gamecocks. But they could have been much worse.

Marcus Stroman, the lightning-quick point guard who provided depth off the bench and a guy who provided Coach Martin valuable minutes off the bench all season, was transferring Jamall Gregory and Eric Cobb, both extremely rare freshman who played sparingly but had the physical and athletic gifts to be key players in the future, were dismissed from the team. Only TyMc_epsilon Blount and Chris Silva are returning from the suspended five.

While everything was being settled with those five players, then-freshman Raymond Doherty was also transferred from the team.

On top of losing those four players, South Carolina also graduated three seniors. All three were starters from the year prior and had been instrumental in the team’s success. In Michael Carrera, the Gamecocks lost their leading scorer, top defender and the heart and soul of their team. In Laimonas Chatkevicius and Mondaire Kidd, they lost their size and versatility to stretch the floor. All three had been key pieces from the minute he started building the program, he had counted on them for the past four years.

And in one final somber, the Gamecocks have lost many of their experienced veterans and also many of their exciting, new young guns. But what remains is still a strong core of talented players, with a strong recruiting class in the making. This season, Martin will rely heavily on seniors Sindarius Thornwell and Dylan Nance to provide veteran leadership as well as much of the scoring on the off-day. Thornwell will likely start this year after receiving SEC sixth man of the Year honors last season, and he provides an ability to stretch the floor and knock down three’s. Thornwell will be the star of the team and should be the leading scorer in most games.

PJ Dozier, who was a five-star recruit out of high school, hopes to also improve upon a freshman year that saw flashes of brilliance but was largely hindered by his knack for turning the ball over. Much of the Gamecocks’ success will depend on how much he is able to improve before the start of the season, and if he will be able to do his star point guard that many expected him to be when he arrived.

Along with the freakish athleticism offered by Silva, and a strong recruiting class featuring four-star recruit Sedee Keita, Frank Martin’s team should be able to recover from all the departures from last year’s team. Look for this South Carolina team to once again compete in the race for the SEC championship, and to hopefully build upon the success of last season.