Panelists discussed their experiences with the policing of schools, and attendees had the chance to ask questions of the panelists.

Campbell staffers shape SG campaigns

Emily Barber and Emily Grace Mentorre / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Each spring semester, the student body is bombarded with fliers, handouts and slogans from a select few who have decided to run for a Student Government executive office. This year, the student body presidential race has come down to runoff.

Music students succeed nationally

T. Michael Grode
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Three student flute players representing the USC School of Music competed in national flute competitions, each of them taking home a win.

Fourth-year flute performance student Samanta Marshall, another musician who competed at a national level, won the USC School of Music is aiming to educate students on how to be good musicians rather than just be really good at their instrument, Warren said. Warren says that he definitely wants to be a full-time performer upon graduation.

Gamecocks capture first road win

Bobby Balboni
@ROB_BALBONI1

Hill followed up his exceptional season debut with another very strong outing. Hill worked five scoreless innings while striking out eight.

Lady Gamecocks get fifth straight win

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The Lady Gamecocks extended their win streak to five games with a 7-2 victory over Towson in their road opener Saturday.
Former South Carolina football player launches congressional candidacy

The State reports that former South Carolina football player Fran Person will now be running to unseat Rep. Mike McQuary in the South Carolina 5th Congressional District. The 31-year-old Democrat of Tega Cay worked for Vice President Biden for many years following his graduation from Xavier University. He left the White House in 2016 to return to South Carolina as a special assistant to Governor Henry McMaster in February. The announcement was issued by Tague's campaign. He is a former South Carolina Children's Advocacy Center graduate and the 5th district includes much of the York County suburbs of Charlotte.

— Compiled by Mary Ramsey, City Editor

Center for abused children gets new home

The Dickerson Children's Advocacy Center, an organization that works with law enforcement and social services, will move into a new facility in Lexington, according to The State. The center is currently located in a building in West Columbia. Officials from the Center say the new centralized location puts them closer to law enforcement allowing for faster responses. The Center worked with over 100 children last year.

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Checklist for the perfect spring break

1. Check your schedule before spring break. Remember, it's only a week off of classes in the middle of the term, which will go by really quickly.
2. If you're fortunate enough to have a spring break trip, prepare for all types of weather when packing. Even if you check the weather forecast before you head out, be sure to pack clothes for all weather conditions. South Carolina is notorious for being sunny one hour and then wet and rainy the next. If nothing else, carry an umbrella. A fun trip can be ruined by really quickly.

3. Speaking of packing, if you're flying to a far-off destination, keep a change of clothes in your carry-on or due dates that could be close to spring break. Remember, it's only a week off of classes in the middle of the term, which will go by really quickly.

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Five supremely awesome feminist movie characters

Delaney McPherson

The word feminism can seem daunting — the media shows feminists as over the top, angry and misandrists — but the majority of those who identify as feminists simply stand for the equality of sexes. Strong women are simply just stand for the equality of sexes. Strong women are everywhere — here are five incredible characters that take their place on the screen.

1. Viola Hastings, played by Amanda Bynes in “She’s the Man”
A movie springing from “Byes” golden years of teen comedy, her character Hastings crushes gender roles when she goes undercover as a boy to prove that she is just as good, if not better, at soccer as them. Not only does she kick butt as a soccer player, but she also ends up with Channing Tatum’s character in the end and if that’s not goals, I don’t know what is.

2. Elle Woods, played by Reese Witherspoon in “Legally Blonde”
It’s always time we reject the notion that the typical “girly-girl” can’t be a feminist at all. Sure, on the outside Woods is ditzy and only applies to law school for a guy, but she shows him up by being super motivated, killing it in school and winning a case using her knowledge of fashion. Woods is what all women should aspire to be.

3. Princess Leia, played by Carrie Fisher in the “Star Wars” series
This one should be pretty obvious. Leia is the ultimate power heroine. She’s a diplomat, an ace fighter, and can keep up with Han Solo’s witty banter. Not only does she kick butt, but she also has a love interest in her life. Not to mention that Fisher is an icon in and of herself, having battled bipolar disorder and substances issues and more recently, shutting down haters who attacked her for her age, Carrie Fisher for President 2016.

4. Max Iida, played by Mara Wilson in “Matilda”
A kid who always had her nose in a book, Wormwood was a very real role model for me growing up. Mara Wilson plays the role of Max Iida, a kid who is more interested in reading than anything else. Despite how bad his life is, he still finds the fun in it all.

5. Hermione Granger, played by Emma Watson in the Harry Potter series
Hermione Granger is an icon in and of herself, having battled bipolar disorder and substances issues and more recently, shutting down haters who attacked her for her age, Carrie Fisher for President 2016. Hermione Granger is a strong woman and a true role model for me growing up. Emma Watson plays the role of Hermione Granger, a kid who is more interested in reading than anything else. Despite how bad her life is, she still finds the fun in it all.
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5. Hermione Granger, played by Emma Watson in the "Harry Potter" series

Speaking of girls inspiring others to read, Granger is the epitome of the strong smart female lead. She is constantly the voice of reason to her two, often bumbling, male counterparts. She doesn't care what other people think of her and is unabashedly vocal in her beliefs. And of course, Watson is a huge voice in real life feminism, having helped launch the United Nation's HeforShe campaign for gender equality.

and many other young girls, I'm sure. She solves her problems by being super smart and rising above hardships, which is a great life lesson in general. And just in case she wasn't cool enough, she's so smart that she can move things with her mind. The world needs more strong female characters that encourage reading.

4. Be safe

It can never be said enough: if you plan to venture out to new places, keep your personal safety in mind. Give at least one person who is not going on the trip where you plan to stay and when you plan to return. Also, during your daily adventures, be aware of your surroundings.

5. Make a conscious effort to relax

For some of you, spring break is a time to catch up or get ahead on school work, but don't forget that it is meant to be a break for you. This means that, even if you spend six of the seven days thinking about school, you give yourself at least one day of relaxation. Plan to have it in either the beginning or middle of the week so there is no pressure of upcoming classes.

6. Give yourself enough time to get back into the school mentality

It's easy to fall out of the routine of school, but even more difficult to bounce back into it. Plan out enough time to put all your ducks in a row the night before so that getting back to school goes as smoothly as possible.

7. Lastly, have fun

Whether you plan on a staycation, road trip or full-on adventure to a new part of the country — or another country altogether — just enjoy yourself. The stories made over spring break can become some of the best memories from your college years. There are many ways to have fun, so don't be afraid to try new things and make memories.
At a time when we have $16 trillion of student debt, mental illness and mental health continues to be a significant problem in our country.

The stigma of mental illness is often associated with weakness or lack of control, and it can prevent individuals from seeking help or even acknowledging that they need it. This stigma can be particularly harmful for individuals with mental disorders, as it can lead to a lack of support and understanding from others.

However, the stigma of mental illness is slowly changing. More people are recognizing the importance of mental health, and there is a growing awareness of the need to provide support and resources for those who are struggling. This change is not only positive for individuals with mental illness, but it is also beneficial for society as a whole, as it helps to create a more understanding and supportive environment.

As we continue to work towards reducing the stigma of mental illness, it is important to remember that everyone is capable of experiencing mental health challenges. By understanding and supporting those who are struggling, we can create a better future for everyone.

Aries
Take a creative tack on a passion project. Get into design. Consider ways to increase beauty and harmony. Look for hidden benefits. Someone finds your attractive, name to play. This could make things much more interesting. 

Taurus
Clear, sort and organize at home. Keep the good stuff, and give away the rest. Update home technology to increase efficiency. You’re fascinated by the imagination of another. Romance comes calling when you least expect it.

Libra
Frustrations are part of the creative process. Accept assistance. Punctuate the agreement with optimism. Express your passion, even if it makes a mess. Talk about what you love. Share your appreciations.

Scorpio
Discover a windfall. Provide valuable excellence for extra gain. Invest in your business to take advantage of unconsidered perks. Hold meetings and cultivate support, and share the work you love doing. Help each other out. Generate some buzz.

Aquarius
Networking and social interaction provides solutions and undocumented perks. Hold meetings and cultivate your appreciations. The work you love doing provides solutions and social interaction.

Sagittarius
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South Carolina softball wins five in a row

This a response to Joseph Crevier’s column titled “Steph Curry’s skyscraper.”

After winning the 2015 NBA Finals, the Golden State Warriors have taken the basketball world by storm this season, opening the season with 24-straight wins while racing out to a 52-5 record thus far. With Saturday’s overtime win over the Oklahoma City Thunder, the Warriors became the first team to clinch a playoff berth in February since the 1987-88 Los Angeles Lakers, a team that featured all-time greats Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

While the Warriors are great as a team, they are led by the play of 2015 NBA Most Valuable Player Stephen Curry, who is the runaway favorite to take the award again this season. Curry, son of former NBA player Dell Curry, is averaging 30.7 points per game this season, which isn’t surprising due to his being a volume shooter. Curry consistently takes a high rate of shots overall, ranking 52nd in the league among guards, less than a tenth of a percentage point behind San Antonio’s Tony Parker, with a 51.5 field goal percentage and third in the league among qualifying players in three point percentage, converting 46.9 percent of his attempts from beyond the arc. Curry is feared on his team far more than Parker or San Antonio’s Kawhi Leonard and the Clippers’ J.J. Redick, who are ahead of Curry on the three-point percentage chart—which makes his percentages all the more impressive.

While he also excels in the paint, particularly when you account for his size, Curry is known for his dominance from three-point land. In Saturday’s win, the three-time all-star broke his own NBA record for made threes in a season with 268 (the previous record was 246). Oh, and Curry’s 272 threes in 2012-13 is second in NBA history all-time list as well. To make the record more impressive, Curry has attempted 10 fewer shots from deep than he did in his record-breaking campaign last year, not to mention the fact that these 25 are games to play in the season. At his current rate, assuming he does not miss a game for the rest of the season, Curry will surpass 420 made threes this season, an absolute mind-blowing number considering no player had reached 400 before.

Curry’s production is made all the more impressive by his size. At just 6-foot-3, 190 pounds, Curry’s ability to weave around power forwards and centers around the rim is phenomenal, as his creativity often prevents his shots from getting turned away. "Chef Curry," as a set of skills never before seen in the NBA. In addition to being an elite shooter, Curry has exceptional ball-handling skills, makes phenomenal passes, and is a great finisher around the rim. Curry also has incredible ball-handling skills, making him even more dangerous. His ability to create looks for himself and his teammates is unmatched, and he is one of the most unstoppable players in NBA history.

Note: All statistics are updated as of Tuesday prior to Golden State’s matchup with the Atlanta Hawks.

—Adam Orfinger

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