The conquests, calamities and camaraderie of Bates House

Mike Woodard

**Barring any delays in the construction of Campus Village, Bates House will be 51 years old when the wrecking ball arrives in 2020. Bates West is younger 46. By 2022, two thinner buildings capable of housing 1,422 students will stand on their property, with any trace of South King’s old residence hall permanently wiped from the grounds.**

King lived in Bates House from 1957 to 1961 and Bates West from 1961 through graduation in 1961. A political science student, he now works for Wells Fargo in Durham, North Carolina. But he still keeps in regular touch with friends from his residence halls.

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**USC orgs core part of LGBT community**

Thom Barnes @THOMBARNESC

The LGBTQ community at USC has grown rapidly in recent years, and even after Columbia’s Pride celebrations conclude, many students and organizations will remain involved.

One such student is fourth-year history student Miles Joyner. Joyner is the logistics director for IRIS and works with other organizations like the Harriet Hancock Center to help support LGBTQ students.

IRIS is one of USC’s largest advocate groups for the LGBTQ community. In addition to its involvement in Famously Hot Pride, many of its members continue to advocate for their community.

“On campus we’re very much a support organization, so LGBTQ+ students and their allies can come to us and be in an environment where they are welcome to be themselves,” Joyner said.

This year, IRIS is focused on promoting love, acceptance and to have all these people here even though some of them really aren’t in the LGBTQ community, but they support it, it means a lot for all of us,” said Hailey Monts, a first-year LGBTQ student.

Pride promotes love, acceptance

South Carolina’s 28th annual Pride took over much of downtown Columbia on Friday and Saturday.

Brad Douglass, Mary Ramsey and Thom Barnes

South Carolina Pride lit up Main Street as part of their 28th annual parade and celebration on Oct. 21. Floats and other displays in support of the LGBTQ community were on display in support of the LGBTQ community.

“I came out, like, in junior year in high school and my parents hated me, but this year, the parade was Friday night while the festival remained on Saturday.

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**USC first lady finds home on historic Horseshoe**

Juliana Morganhouse @JulianaMorgan

In her latest book, “At Home in the Heart of the Horseshoe,” USC’s first lady Patricia Moore-Pastides gives readers an inside look into life in the heart of USC’s campus. Her motive behind writing the book was to give a glimpse of what it’s like to live in the president’s house.

“The beginning I felt a little bit like we lived in a museum because everything was so perfect and beautiful,” she said. “But it was actually through writing the book and interviewing some other people who lived here that I learned about their lives, like when families who lived here with children and they had, you know, kids running through the house and animals and everything. It made it really seem like a home.”

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**DECRIMINALIZE ALL DRUGS**

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In one particularly memorable incident, a food fight broke out in the Bates dining hall that resulted in a call to the police. Rentiers said it began as a protest against the quality of the food, which as Straubinger remembered it, was almost universally bad. “I want to Bates House as a red picky eater, I was just eating just about anything,” Straubinger said. “They loaded up on food, ‘hey we’re going in and getting our food first’ because everybody was like, really leading up on food.” Rentiers said, “Couple of them stood up and they threw it and I took it off.”

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RHA constitutional changes at standstill

It’s a week past the midpoint of the semester, and the Residence Hall Association is starting to kick into gear. Since the beginning of the semester, a potential new constitution and disagrement among executive board members had consumed much of the conversation.

“A lot of the stuff that might be happening within the board in terms of conflict and miscommunication and infighting really detracts us from being able to effectively serve our residents and to improve their experience,” said Tiffany Conde, the University Housing and Residence Life advisor to RHA.

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President Turner Johnson’s actions and his role as RHA’s chief officer of sustainability were right on track for the semester, and the Residence Hall Association is starting to kick into gear.

But the past few weeks have been relatively calm, Treasurer Matthew Warren, who was strongly opposed to the drafted constitution and President Turner Johnson’s actions earlier in the semester, said that the organization is now on the right track and communication has improved.

“It did feel like we were a little bit out of our pants down,” national communications coordinator Dylan Myers said. “I think it just made us reassess the situation and he said, ‘OK, we are here for the residents and we need to just all come together and start working for them.’”

And with the executive board working together, changes to the constitution seem less and more likely. Senate and hall governments are carrying on unsure of how, and if, the organization will be changing.

“We don’t even know what our roles are right now,” McBryde Secretary Niral Desai said. “My role, if this goes through, would be completely different.”

This general confusion led to a lack of progress, which the executive board is trying to make up for. The RHA website hasn’t been updated since the spring — secretary Cole Davis said he’s working to hear back from Information Technology, and it should be up to date this week. Only one piece of legislation has been formally proposed. Many of the committees outlined in the constitution have yet to move, including a committee responsible for distributing $58,000. But, according to Matthews and Myers, they’ll be meeting this week.

“It really saddens me so much as someone who benefited so much from RHA,” chief officer of sustainability Reaghan Murphy said. “I feel really bad for the freshmen who are not benefiting as much as I did and as much as my peers did because we can’t get our act together.”

Murphy’s role is to connect the hall EcoReps with hall governments, which she was unable to do for weeks because meeting times and places weren’t easily available. Without the website updated, she struggled to find the contacts for the senators and hall presidents.

Some hall governments, while using their own separate funding for hall-specific programming, are waiting to propose senate legislation until the constitutional question is answered. But that answer might be a long time coming.

“There’s all this confusion about what the organization does and how we do it that has really hampered some of the hall governments from being able to provide programming in their halls,” Conde said.

An informal committee of senators tried to propose the constitution drafted by Johnson at the Oct. 2 senate meeting, but were shot down for not following proper legislative procedures. The next week, the proposed constitution was tabled indefinitely. Only one of the members from the informal committee that stood up at the Oct. 2 meeting is also on the formal Constitution Review Committee, which will be meeting for the first time at some point this week.

At this point, the earliest a different constitution could be adopted is Nov. 6 due to legislative deadlines and debate requirements. Myers said, though, that he thinks the constitutional question is somewhat resolved — at least for the semester.
Carolina vs. Clemson feud sparks thousands in charitable donations

Mary Ramsey
@MCOLLEEN1996

South Carolina donations will go towards hurricane relief in Puerto Rico, while Clemson's will go towards helping foster children in South Carolina's Upstate region.

What started as a classic example of rivals trying to one-up each other has sparked thousands of dollars worth of charitable donations.

It all started when Chris Cox, the USC alumnus that leads Charleston's My Carolina Alumni Association chapter, heard a rumor about Clemson fans trying to raise money to buy a billboard in Columbia.

"So Clemson fans are trying to raise money for a billboard in Columbia," he wrote on Twitter. "What say we Gamecocks match it and donate the money to Puerto Rico?"

Cox then set up a GoFundMe page for Gamecock faithful to make donations to Unidos por Puerto Rico, a charity working on hurricane relief for the hard-hit island.

Within an hour, the page had $700 in donations. As of Sunday, the goal is up to $10,000. Over $9,000 has already been raised.

Gamecock fans, always eager to best their in-state rival, jumped at the chance to lend a helping hand. All the while mocking Clemson.

"It feels good to help people and spite Clemson simultaneously," one donor wrote on Twitter.

Not to be outdone, the Clemson fan behind the billboard idea quickly pledged to donate extra donations to Walhalla, a charity benefiting foster children in the Clemson area.

"Rivalry means competition, and in the spirit of that, let's show Carolina not to pass a similar bill. Carolein is our chief of staff," she said.

USC alumnus named Principal of the Year

Mary Ramsey
decemberist

A University of South Carolina alumnus is the 2016 National Principal of the Year. Adil Ross, who earned his master's degree and doctorate from USC's College of Education, was surprised with the award at a ceremony at his Midlands school.

"It's nice on a nice day when you look out on your front yard and you have people studying and playing frisbee and walking their dogs... it's like a mini Central Park in our front yard," she said.

The Chapin High School leader credited his school with helping him build his career in education.

"We function as a sort of intersection, the central part of campus. Beyond the big events, Moore-Pastides wrote this book in hopes of creating a keepsake for current USC students and alumni. "At Home in the Heart of the Historic" is available for preorder on the USC press website and is for sale in the student bookstore and gift shops in Columbia.

"I feel like part of a legacy, that has a long, long history," Moore-Pastides said. "I feel like the book would make a nice remembrance for graduates."
Artists to present process, motivation behind best-selling graphic novel

Graphic artists John Jennings and Damian Duffy are showcasing their unique take on a classic story this week at USC.

USC's African American Studies Program, in coordination with the Department of English Language and Literature, invited Jennings and Duffy to USC to discuss their adaptation of the science fiction slave narrative “Kindred.” The event will be held 7-10 p.m. Monday in Close-Hipp 002.

Written by Octavia E. Butler, “Kindred” was first published in 1979. Since then, the novel has played an important role in studying African-American history through the lens of literature. 

Professor Qiana Whitted, a member of the African American Studies and English departments, is responsible for bringing Jennings and Duffy to campus. Whitted believes students and faculty would benefit from the opportunity to meet the duo and learn from their creative process. To her, the artistic choices in the novel are particularly responsible for developing an understanding of difficult topics.

“Jennings and Duffy’s graphic novel adaptation of Butler's story reminds us that although we can never know what it was like to be enslaved, we as Americans should never stop reflecting on lessons of this painful past,” she said.

The artists have worked as the group “J2D2” for 13 years and are both college faculty. Jennings, a professor of media and cultural studies at the University of California at Riverside, focuses mostly on visual culture studies which for him includes comics, film, illustrated work and television.

He believes “Kindred” portrays how America hasn’t progressed as far as we think it has. He used contemporary examples, such as the riots in Charlottesville and the Black Lives Matter movement, to show how even in 2017 it can feel like we’re still in the ’60s.

“It gives us an allegory for us to hang some of these ideas upon. And that’s why I think it’s so beloved as a manuscript and as a story,” Jennings said.

Duffy, the other half of the team, is a lecturer at the University of Illinois School of Information Science, cartoonist, writer and graphic novelist.

He said that the opportunity to make the graphic novel was not initially at the forefront of their minds; they almost picked up a completely different project that ended up falling through before “Kindred” landed in their laps. But Duffy has been a fan of the original novel since he was an undergraduate student.

“The brilliance with which it’s written, the ideas in it around race and gender were all just kind of [relevant] for me at the time,” Duffy said.

He feels that the novel provides an honest, complex examination of America's history with regards to discrimination, and that Butler’s fictional development is powerful in ways that non-fiction history books may not be.

However, it is not solely the story that is impactful to an audience. Jennings, Duffy and Whitted agree that the visual nature of the adaptation holds power too. The talk will center around the difficulty of turning a well-known story into a graphic art adaptation and the influence the novel has had.

“We focus on process so much is because capitalism hides process, right?” Jennings said. “And so, I think students — and not just students, but people in our country — are used to just consuming things without thinking about the labor that goes into making something like this.”

fk mt. explores emotion with energetic punk

Local indie punk band fk mt. exemplified the evolution of punk with their set before the Nickelodeon’s showing of “The Decline of Western Civilization Part 1” on Saturday, a documentary revealing the punk rock culture in Los Angeles during 1980. fk mt.’s high energy and emotional lyrics lands them somewhere between the hard American punk featured in the film and the modern sounds of alternative.
Second-year sociology student Mark Pierce was unsure about the change. “I was worried about the timing just because I didn’t know if people were going to make it out here, but it turned out to be really crowded, so it works out,” Pierce said.

Many people who were in attendance on Friday night had not been to a Pride event before, but were ready to be a part of something special. Third-year journalism student Ashlyn Morris said, “As my first Pride, I’m really excited. I’m excited to see what it has to offer.”

Others like USC alumni Valerie Henderson and Bethany Fralick are veterans of Columbia’s annual celebration. But still, this year took on a special meaning for the pair because it was also their wedding day. “We can show who we are,” Henderson said. “Especially in the South it’s hard, but it’s just easy to come out and have people to relate to.”

The pair noticed a shift in the tone of the event with the move to nighttime, but they still enjoyed themselves. “It’s a lot more lively,” Fralick said. “We’re able to show our colors a little more.”

From concerts to drag shows to speakers, Pride offered many events for people to be a part of all through the weekend. When the parade was over, the events continued with a rousing “Street Dance” concert party where rappers Lil’ Kim performed and “Get Lit After Party” at Capital Club in The Vista to cap off the night.

Throughout Saturday, the festival remained packed. Pride hosted another series of drag concerts, shows and speakers, stretching along Main Street from Lady Street to Taylor Street. The space was filled with a series of vendors, promoters and festival stars. This year’s entertainment featured Betty Who, Jody Watley, Alissah Brooks, Debby Holiday and Paris LeFaris, along with the stars of RuPaul’s Drag Race. Also featured were speakers from across the state talking on points such as black pride, upstate pride and much more.

Among all the celebration and events, the overall meaning of the events was not lost on attendees. “Pride means being yourself, it means being who you love and doing what you love for all the people around you and connecting with other people around you,” Morris said.
**Record-setting season**

**Savannah McCaskill reflects on career at USC**

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and is expected to be a fixture in the Red Sox outfield at Fenway Park. Bradley’s impressive catch cemented Red Sox see him as their center fielder of the future. Mookie Betts — speaks to his talent and suggests the center field job away from two other natural center fielder candidates. In front of millions of Americans watching regularly during the season.

John Farrell, who penciled him into the Red Sox lineup every game this season he made a sensational catch near the warning track at Fenway Park, or gunned down a runner at home plate with his cannon of an arm. In the warning track.

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After the conclusion of Opening Day ceremonies on April 3, Giants pitcher Madison Bumgarner hit the league in its turn, little-known Cincinnati Reds utility player Scooter Gennett became the 17th player to hit his home run during an evening tilt with the St. Louis Cardinals and Marlins pitcher Edison Volquez tossed a no-hitter against a formidable Diamondbacks lineup on a day he took the mound with a 1-1 record.

As if baseball fans needed more convincing that Jackie Bradley Jr. (2009-2011) — Boston Red Sox

as he was sent to and from the minors in the on-deck circle. Meredith’s 2017 production at the plate does not reflect that of a ninth-round draft selection, but Meredith is not the typical ninth-round.

The sole ballplayer on this list deployed by former Gamecock will no longer be a well-kept secret in 2018. More importantly, if Merrifield duplicates his 2017 production at the plate does not reflect that of a ninth-round draft selection, but Meredith is not the typical ninth-round.


In 2010, Bradley leaped and landed on the blared notes of “Sunday Night Baseball,” and it was enough for the Rangers to ship him to the.

Smoak in fantasy baseball for the 2017 season deserves another thing the former Gamecock showed.

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The last day of baseball on the 2017 list deployed by former coach Chad Holbrook (2013-2017), the 24-year-old former Gamecock who spent the 2010 national championship against UCLA in the 2010 College World Series (with Jackie Bradley Jr. standing in the on-deck circle). Meredith’s 2017 production at the plate does not reflect that of a ninth-round draft selection, but Meredith is not the typical ninth-round.

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Jordan Montgomery (2014-2016) — New York Yankees

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Arizona’s postseason roster for the National League Division Series, in which he reached base as pinch hitter.

With the seven aforementioned Gamecocks reaching their goals of playing in the Major Leagues, here are the next 10 who appear close to reaching their goal too.

University of South Carolina Players in Minor League Baseball

Graysen Greiner — Catcher, Toledo (Detroit Tigers)
Evan Marzilli — Centerfielder, Reno (Arizona Diamondbacks)
Peter Mooney — Shortstop, New Orleans (Mississippi Marlin)
Michael Roth — Left-handed pitcher, Durham (Tampa Bay Rays)
Tyler Webb — Left-handed pitcher, Colorado Springs (Milwaukee Brewers) Double-A
Kyle Martin — First baseman, Reading (Philadelphia Phillies) Double-A
Joel Seddon — Right-handed pitcher, Midland (Oakland Athletics) Triple-A
Taylor Widener — Right-handed pitcher, Trenton (New York Yankees) Double-A
Jack Wynkoop — Left-handed pitcher, Hartford (Colorado Rockies) Double-A

In his sophomore year, he broke out as the Gamecocks’ top kicker in the FBS. He also completed 95 percent of his extra points that year.

He spent his junior season as the team’s kicker and punter, earning a preseason All-SEC First Team selection and a spot on the preseason watch list for the Groza award and the Ray Guy award, which is given to the country’s best punter.

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Despite his field goal percentage dropping from year to year at South Carolina, Succop has clearly set himself apart in the NFL as one of its most accurate kickers in recent memory.

He finished his college career with a 70 percent field goal average, which was the longest of his college career.

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an impressive 11 straight field goals from inside the 50-yard line. That streak an impressive 51 straight field goals to the top kicker in the FBS. He also and he finished as a semi-finalist for Second Team All-SEC honors, with 251 career points, which is only 108 below the current record holder for most points in school history, Elliott Fry.
From a criminal justice perspective

Contrary to popular belief, the United States does not have the highest incarceration rate in the world. That honor goes to the tiny island nation of Seychelles, which lock up 758 people per 100,000. Comparatively, at number two, we only jail at a rate of 666 people per 100,000.

But before we start patting ourselves on the backs for losing to a country that’s home to a 750-pound tortoise and a fall of Somali pirates, we should probably look at the rest of the facts. Like the fact that we use more chronic pain medications than the entire rest of the world combined, or that we have a private prison industry worth close to $16 billion per year. There’s a reason why the term “Punishment Capitalism” has entered the lexicon.

This year, more than 630,000 people will be arrested for a drug offense. Of those, 530,000 will be convicted, who can be fined or locked up for 18.5 years on average. And those numbers will continue to rise; the incarceration rate in the world. That number puts strain on the justice system, which is already way over capacity.

Public health has always taken a backseat to the criminal justice system, and it’s really about time we redirected some of our focus there. Even if we cannot solve the problem of drugs and addiction. Instead of penalizing addicts, our health care system should be treating the people who are suffering from this horrific disease. Those suffering from addiction are not criminals, drug users who are caught in the grips of the disease. They are ordinary people trying to get well. This is the fundamental flaw in mass incarceration. Despite the fact that the correctional system can help these people, it is often too expensive and isolating for them to receive the help they need.

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Drug addiction has been recognized by public health professionals, for years. But unfortunately, there are some that still aren’t buying into the fact that some sort of illicit moral failing. This debate has been going on for as long as the U.S., we send drug prisoners to prison instead of offering them the treatment they need. Several countries have shown us that there isn’t a one-size-fits-all solution to the opioid crisis that plaguing the entire United States. They are being shown to improve health outcomes, and reduce costs for the health care system.

Nearly 48,000 people died last year due to opioid overdoses, and that number is set to triple in the next 15 years. The rise in opioid-related deaths is putting a strain on our health care system. Many people are being forced to seek treatment for opioid addiction. Public health professionals have long argued that we need to shift our focus away from punishing drug users and toward providing them with the support they need to overcome their addiction. Last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced a new initiative aimed at reducing opioid-related deaths. The initiative includes a campaign to raise awareness about the risks of opioid use and to encourage people to seek treatment. In addition, the CDC is working with states and communities to develop and implement evidence-based prevention and treatment programs. This is a significant step in the right direction, but we still have a long way to go.

Despite the growing opioid epidemic, many people are still reluctant to seek help for their addiction. This is largely due to the stigma associated with drug addiction. People often fear judgment and condemnation if they admit they have a problem. But the truth is, addiction is a disease, and it is not their fault. People who struggle with addiction need our support and compassion, not judgment and condemnation.

A cursory look over imprisonment rates, particularly those with strict drug laws. This isn’t some nebulous, untested concept; several countries have taken a similar approach, with similar results.

The results have been truly transformative for the country, Portugal, had massive rates of drug use and drug-related crime in 1990s. Drug deaths were high, users were locked up, and crime was hard to come by. Decriminalization changed Portugal for the better, putting the users in the hands of public health professionals and treatment programs instead of behind bars. Users no longer face the agency’s choice of risking imprisonment by seeking help or just continuing on with their addiction. This isn’t some one-country phenomenon either. The Czech Republic meanwhile, has been in a much easier time providing resources. While decriminalization will not impact policies and laws that neglect the real effect on the growing number of dead. Users who use, much like in Portugal, will no longer have to fear arrest or imprisonment for seeking out help and services providing help to users will have a local reality, not an international one.

This is in contrast to our current approach of locking up users. Even if we continue to mass punish drug users, we are not going to improve the lives of those who use them. We need to develop programs that can help them get back on their feet and lead productive lives. While decriminalization will not impact policies and laws that neglect the real effect on the growing number of dead. Users who use, much like in Portugal, will no longer have to fear arrest or imprisonment for seeking out help and services providing help to users will have a local reality, not an international one.

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