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InterVarsity LGBTQ policies spark outrage, complex discussions about faith on campus



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InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is under fire for their policies towards LGBTQ persons and allies who work for them, and it's triggering complex discussions on the intersection of faith, sexual orientation and gender identity at USC and beyond.

A TIME Magazine report claiming that the organization was purging its staff of members of the LGBTQ community set off a barrage of articles about discrimination throughout the organization. The TIME report says InterVarsity has given staffers until Nov. 11 to agree to their policies regarding same-sex marriage and other LGBTQ issues or face termination. It cites Greg Jao, the organization's vice president and director of campus outreach, who told the magazine in part: "We internally categorize these as involuntary terminations due

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Campus ministries line the edge of the street on the corner of Greene and Pickens streets just off campus.

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It's On Us candlelight vigil recognizes, remembers sexual assault victims

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As part of the fall Week of Action, presented by the USC Student Government, a candlelit vigil was held in the Rutledge Chapel to honor and support victims of sexual assault.

It's On Us, a nationwide campaign directed to stop sexual assault on college campuses, is co-directed on USC's campus by Lindsay Bratun and Mary-Copeland Cain. As students walked into the chapel, they were presented with a candle and had the option to sign the

It's On Us pledge which states: "I pledge to recognize that non-consensual sex is sexual assault, to identify situations in which sexual assault may occur, to intervene in situations in where consent has not or can not be given and to create an environment in which sexual

assault is unacceptable and survivors are supported."

Student government president Michael Parks, whose platform for running for president last year included preventing sexual assault, spoke at the vigil.

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Joe Biden to stump for USC alum in congressional race

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Vice President Joe Biden is returning to South Carolina for the second time in as many months to stump for Democrats, especially House candidate and USC alum Fran Person.

Person, who is running against incumbent republican Mike Mulvaney in the 5th Congressional District, worked as an aide to Biden in the White House.

Person also played football for the Gamecocks under coach Lou Holtz. He left the White House to work as aide to University President Harris Pastides and athletics director Ray Tanner, but resigned the position



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Dance Marathon used mylar balloons to reveal its fundraising goal.

Dance Marathon announces goal

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Dance Marathon is looking to beat their record-breaking 2016 fundraising total by more than \$100,000, and they're hoping to get participants started early in order to meet the goal.

Dance Marathon president Gabi Santos, a fifth-year public relations student, believes the

group is up to the challenge of raising \$700,000.

"It is a big jump, but I know that we can do it," she said. She added that it's important for the group to focus on outreach for "membership development" and helping participants to become more involved.

"People start to understand

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IN BRIEF

Burglary, car theft Columbia's most common crimes

Columbia is prone to burglaries and car thefts according to this year's Uniform Crime Report, The State reports. The report also says violent crime rates in the Palmetto State rose by 3 percent, but property crime rates fell by 4 percent. Columbia led the state in aggravated assault while North Charleston leads the state in murder and non-negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery and larceny-theft.

—Compiled by Mary Ramsey, News Editor

Parents allege abuse at Midlands after-school program

Local agencies are investigating an area after-school program over allegations of abuse, WIS reports. Parents have accused a staff member at A&A Youth Community and Learning Center of practicing an unprofessional "style of discipline" and hitting children. Social Services and the Richland County Sheriff's Department are investigating the claims, but local school districts are still allowing the center to pick up students for after-school care.

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Haley affirms Trump support, slams both parties

Gov. Nikki Haley is still voting for Donald Trump but is not offering him full support, WLTX reports. She says the actions of both political parties in the 2016 election "has turned [her] stomach upside down" and that she's "not a fan" of Trump or Clinton. However, she says issues like the appointment of Supreme Court justices and Obamacare have pushed her into the Trump column. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio was Haley's candidate of choice in the Republican primary.

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our cause a little bit more every time we come out on Greene Street," Santos said. So far, Dance Marathon has registered between 800 and 900 participants for this year's main event.

Members announced this year's goal, up from last year's total of just under \$528,000, on Wednesday with

a release of mylar balloons on Greene Street. Santos says the eye-catching literal release was the brainchild of Kaity Lynch, vice president for public relations.

Lynch, a third-year visual communications and marketing student, says the goal is based on internal discussions to figure out what's "achievable." She hopes

spreading the goal to the campus community will help "inspire" early donations.

"Right now marks that we're just trying to get everyone who's already registered fundraising," Lynch said. "A lot of people don't sense the urgency until January or February when our event's a month away."

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when he launched his congressional campaign.

Polling shows Person lagging behind Mulvaney, but closer-than-average polls in South Carolina in the presidential race

have some democrats hopeful that more seats than normal are in play. The Palmetto State is also friendly territory for the vice president, who is a longtime ally of many prominent South Carolina politicians and regularly vacations

in the state. He will be joined on the trail by Rep. Jim Clyburn, South Carolina's most senior democrat, along with Person.

Biden's appearances are set for Nov. 1 in Sumter and Rock Hill.

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to misalignment with InterVarsity ministry principles, which is a category we use for people who leave for theological and philosophy of ministry disagreements.”

InterVarsity attempted to clarify their policy in a statement, calling the TIME piece “not accurate” and claiming “No InterVarsity employee will be fired for their views on gay marriage.”

Adam Salloum, who works as InterVarsity’s area director for South Carolina and ran USC’s chapter for four years, echoed a similar sentiment. He says the policy isn’t anything new, and that it only affects paid staff.

“The process that InterVarsity put forth was one of clarifying our understanding theologically, scripturally, around questions of human sexuality,” he said. Salloum said that employees were given 18 months to

review InterVarsity’s positions on issues surrounding the LGBTQ community in detail, and that at the end of that period those who still found themselves at odds with those policies were then in a position to seek employment at organizations with more similar values.

IRIS president Kaitlin McClamrock, a third-year political science student, says that while she understands InterVarsity is “just recommending” that dissenting employees leave the organization, she believes the policy is representative of the workplace discrimination many members of the LGBTQ community still face.

“I think it’s optimistic and probably a best-case scenario for people, LGBTQ+ and ally, to have the opportunity to find jobs that fit their values,” she said.

She added that “additional requirements” when it comes to coming out and offering opinions place an “unfair” burden on LGBTQ persons, and that employers taking even a pro-

LGBTQ can create issues.

“All in all, employers should probably stay out of it,” she said. “I appreciate the sentiment of organizations supporting LGBTQ+ rights, but in the end, much of this ‘support’ falls flat when it comes to resources, and simply contributes to the corporatization of pride.”

InterVarsity members at USC have felt the effects of the response to the policy despite the fact that the policy doesn’t apply to them. Fourth-year exercise science student Torie Atkin has been involved with InterVarsity since her first year on campus, and she calls the ministry her “family.”

“The media attention has been confusing,” she said.

She says the chapter hasn’t discussed the policy, but that they remain committed to inclusiveness. “For members of InterVarsity, we try to make sure that our community is a safe place for people of any belief and every background.”

The treatment of LBGTO students and allies within campus ministries was the first thought of Pastor Frank Anderson, head of the Lutheran Campus Ministry at USC, when he heard about the InterVarsity policy and other incidents involving campus ministries.

“My concern is always someone who’s struggling with their sexuality might end up in a ministry that really is antithetical to their belief of who they are sexually,” he said, “and that can be very damaging. We’ve seen what happens when people try to change people.”

McClamrock also hopes that religious LGBTQ persons and allies find acceptance at USC.

“IRIS works with many different religious groups and has found an amazing support system of religious organizations on campus and around Columbia,” she said.



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Student Senate approves new executive position, changes to VP job duties

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The student senate voted unanimously in favor of a referendum that would add an executive position, speaker of the student senate, to Student Government starting next semester.

The new position would operate as the role of the current vice president, and the vice president would transition into dealing with programs and initiatives and less with Student Government.

"I think that this referendum is in the best interest of our Student Government, and what's in the best interest of our Student Government

is in the best interest of our student body. We've grown a lot as a student government these last couple months and for us to continue that growth, this is the next step," Student Body President Michael Parks said.

The new position would give the vice president more time to potentially work toward getting initiatives like \$1 waters for students at games, student Uber discounts and Cockstock off the ground and would add 360 hours of work.

The senate debated for approximately 20 minutes before approving the referendum.

"Right now as student government is the vice president is kind of in a limbo between the legislative branch

and the executive branch and he's trying to juggle two different things ... I think adding a fourth member who can focus solely on student senate and making student senate productive would make student senate and student government as a whole much more effective," Sen. Jay Selesky of the College of Engineering and Computing said.

The referendum was first introduced by former student body president, Lindsay Richardson in the 105th senate and has since been amended and approved.

"Some people are saying we're trying to fix something that isn't broken, but our system is broken," Sen. Reagan Murphy of the

College of Arts and Sciences said, "We're 50 individuals who represent 30,000 students, and we have to go through the president and vice president to schedule a meeting with an administrator and be respected and have our ideas actually be considered. I think that's ridiculous."

Vice President Ross Lordo expressed a positive attitude towards the bill even though it will not directly affect him this semester.

"There's always complaints with senators about 'well, the student senate doesn't do anything.' This is a step towards you guys to make it a big change," Lordo said.

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"When my term as student body president began, actually in this very chapel this past fall ... I was at a crossroads," Parks said. "There are many initiatives to take on through the means of student government but one stuck out as the most poignant issue; sexual assault is an issue that permeates the lifestyles of both men and women of our campus and I felt that it was necessary to do everything in my power to make It's On US a household name here at the University of South Carolina."

USC President Dr. Harris Pastides also gave remarks.

"I want to be clear that we have no tolerance, not a little ... not an ounce of tolerance for sexual assault," Pastides

said. "This is a national problem and it is also a USC problem. Patricia and I were talking before the event and she said when she was in college some years ago, that it was a problem then. Why has this problem not gone away in the decades since she was a college student? Because we haven't recognized it, because we tolerate it in our own way and so then when we make the pledge tonight, it is about you and I, but it's also about our network and our web of friends and colleagues."

Pastides then directed the next few words to the men in the room.

"I want to say particular to the men here tonight, it's extra important that you take the pledge," Pastides said. "If you see something, if you know something, even if you just think something, you

need to stand up, stand up for Carolina, stand up for a person, you may be saving a life."

A group of students and parents read excerpts from Joe Biden's Letter to the 'Stanford Survivor' before lighting the candles and having a moment of silence for those who were victims of sexual assault. Toward the end of the program, Bratun and Cain requested that the survivors in the room stand. Then they asked those who know a survivor of sexual assault to stand. By then, the whole room was on their feet.

"It's on us, it's on all of us and we can end sexual assault," Cain said.

News Editor T. Michael Boddie contributed to the reporting of this story.

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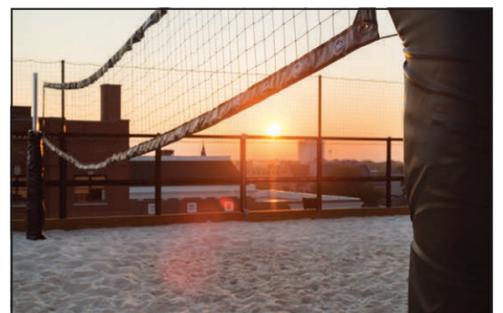
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Catacombs

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A network of underground utility tunnels lie beneath the University of South Carolina campus. These service tunnels, commonly referred to as the catacombs, are rumored to house a mutant creature known as the Third Eye Man. Entrances to the tunnels can be found under the Gervais Street Bridge, behind Colonial Life Arena and near the Riverfront Park.

Some of the tunnels date back to the 1800s, and are rumored to have been used during the Civil War. There are many other entrances to the tunnels throughout Columbia and within the University of South Carolina campus.

The first documented sighting of the Third Eye Man was on Nov. 12, 1949. Christopher Nichols, a student at the university, saw a strange man entering a sewer manhole outside Longstreet Theatre.

Nichols, a writer for campus newspaper The Gamecock, reportedly published the details of his encounter in the paper, dubbing the creature as the “Sewer Man.” This statement is not confirmed, as there was no mention of the “Sewer Man” in The Gamecock archives.

Less than a year later, the Third Eye Man was spotted again, this time by a university police officer. The officer

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Longstreet

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Creaking floorboards, ghostly apparitions and flickering lights set the stage for the supernatural sightings at Longstreet Theatre. The theater houses department faculty and puts on year-round productions, but amidst all the drama and costumes, legends of Confederate ghosts and encroaching spirits haunt the corridors.

The troubled history of Longstreet started with its construction in the early 1850s; the roof was blown off twice, causing disastrous acoustic problems and dooming the building to a dubious future.

When war broke out in 1863, Confederates seized control of Longstreet and converted it into a 300-bed hospital despite the protests of university leaders. What is now the “Green Room” on the first floor was used as the morgue, where piles of dead soldiers were left to rot — and eventually haunt.

The complications of the Greek temple style of Longstreet kept up for over a hundred years, as it went through a series of purposes and renovations. In an interview with ETV, Professor Ann C. Dreher said Longstreet was “tailor-made for the appearance of the supernatural.”

Longstreet could be characterized as

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Granby

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Most ghost stories start on a dark and stormy night or in an old, abandoned house. Mine began in a Mattress Firm in Northeast Columbia. It was the summer before my sophomore year, and I was buying a bed for my first ever apartment. My mom and I had picked out a mattress, but I wasn’t moving for a few weeks, so the man helping us was standing at his computer, working on getting it shipped to my apartment. He asked for my address, but for some reason, I couldn’t remember. He kindly offered to look it up for me.

“What’s the name of your apartment building?” he asked.

“Granby Mill,” I replied.

He hit a few buttons, and his eyes widened.

“Look what came up when I Googled your apartment,” he said, turning the computer to face me.

On the screen was the address of Granby and a Yelp review or two. But under that was line after line of ghost stories about my new apartment. I laughed it off — it was an old mill building, of course there were a few spooky tales.

I moved into Granby in August and completely forgot about the Mattress Firm incident. A few months passed, and I loved the apartment life. No rules,

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Classic movies to binge-watch this Halloween

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Halloween is quickly approaching, and what better way to celebrate than to watch some scary movies? If you’re ready to kick-off the holiday early, then grab some friends, turn out the lights and enjoy a scary movie marathon. Below is a list of classic childhood Halloween movies and modern horror films for the ultimate scary movie lover.

‘Hocus Pocus’

For those unfamiliar with the cult classic, “Hocus Pocus” is most definitely not your typical scary movie. The film follows three witches who were executed during the Salem witch trials in 1693. The witches are resurrected 300 years later and are causing trouble in modern-day Salem. It’s up to Thackery Binx, a

boy who was turned into a cat, to save the day from the witches’ wrath. Needless to say, “Hocus Pocus” is not a gory, jump-scare film but a fun Halloween classic.

‘Halloweentown’

Any millennial would be surprised if this movie wasn’t on the list. A Disney Channel masterpiece, “Halloweentown” will always live in my childhood memories as the epitome of Disney Channel movies. The movie is centered on Halloweentown, which is a magical place separate from the real world where skeletons, goblins and witches all live. Marnie, the main character, follows her grandmother, who is a witch, onto a bus leading to Halloweentown. What follows is a movie that could rival “Harry Potter” for its magical splendor.

‘Halloween’

Remember that white mask from your childhood? Chances are it was inspired by this classic. Released in 1978, this film has influenced Halloween culture. When Michael Myers was just 6 years old, he killed his sister with a knife on Halloween. What follows is his escape from a mental hospital and erratic mayhem. Set in a small Midwestern town, this film is the epitome of a creepy slasher Halloween movie.

‘The Nightmare Before Christmas’

This stop-motion film is definitely a throwback to childhood. “The Nightmare Before Christmas” is perfect for those who like Halloween but are also looking forward to upcoming holidays. The story follows Jack Skellington, a resident of Halloweentown,

who finds himself in Christmas Town. A Tim Burton masterpiece, this film is a must-see on the Halloween movie marathon list.

‘The Houses October Built’

What functions as arguably the one true horror movie on the list, “The Houses October Built” is a good scare. The film follows a group in search of the best and scariest Halloween attractions. They definitely find a scare worthy of their time. As with “The Blair Witch Project,” this film is shot in a found footage manner.

‘Lost Tapes’

If you are in the mood to binge watch myth and legend stories, “Lost Tapes” is the show for you. This television series chronicles the backstories of different legendary creatures and the

“real” footage from those who have encountered the them. One especially freaky episode is “Wendigo,” which is about an axe-wielding killer deer. There are 34 episodes, which is definitely enough to kick off Halloween with a scare — and perhaps some nightmares.



Courtesy of Compass International Pictures

Four simple, last minute Halloween costumes

Halloween is less than a week away, and soon pictures of people in their costumes will be popping up all over social media. As a student with a busy schedule, it can be hard trying to get a costume together in time for Halloween. If you're stuck scrambling for a costume idea this year, below are some unique Halloween costumes that are simple and easy to throw together.

Superhero/Super Villain

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With the coming invasion of politician costumes and Harley Quinn from "Suicide Squad," college students might be wondering how to stick out from the crowd on a small budget with little time left until Halloween. Try giving your costume a unique, flashy touch with some quality body paint. Good body and face paint can take almost any costume from mundane to magical. The Hulk without his green skin would be just a bodybuilder with anger management issues. Darth Maul without his red and black tattoos is just an alien. The Joker wouldn't be The Joker if he didn't have his paper-white face and deep red smile. Although generic tube, crayon or palette face paint can be found for cheap in any Halloween aisle, it can often apply unevenly, crack from sweat or even rub off early on in the night. Affordable, yet higher quality brands such as Snazaroo and Mehron will provide solid, saturated coverage without breaking the bank. These water-

based compacts can be found online or bought at local costume stores such as Hip*Wa*Zee in Five Points. The key to great body paint is patience during application. After lightly wetting the paint, use wide, soft-bristled paintbrushes to cover the skin with a light layer of color. Rough bristles have the tendency to drag paint and cause streaks or holes during application, and thick layers can leave the paint more prone to cracking after it dries. Allow each layer to dry before applying another to create smooth, vibrant color across the skin. Body or face paint can be set with baby powder or translucent makeup powder on a fluffy brush, and a light spritz of hairspray will provide an extra layer of protection to seal in the rest of the color. Setting and sealing the paint prevents the body art from smearing or literally painting the town red. Or green. Or blue. After all the Halloween fun, water-based body paint will melt off in a warm shower.

Deviled Egg

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This is a great last minute DIY costume that is both easy and inexpensive to make. It is perfect for lovers of puns and wordplay enthusiasts.

Materials:

- White T-Shirt
- Yellow construction paper
- Devil themed accessories (horns, tail, pitchfork, cape, etc.)

Instructions:

Cut out an oval shape in yellow construction paper and adhere it to the white T-Shirt. Fabric glue will probably work best, but double sided tape or safety pins are both good alternatives. Secure

the tail to your belt loop, and arrange the horns on your head. You can purchase a headband with the horns already attached, or individual horns that have a clip meant to secure them to your hair. If you prefer to do it yourself, you can make devil horns with a basic headband and red construction paper. Helpful hint: Devil themed accessories are available on Amazon for less than \$10. Make this idea a group ensemble by recruiting a few friends to join you as pancakes and bacon for a complete breakfast themed look.

Party Animal

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Cats, dogs and other furry creatures are some of the most popular Halloween costumes every year. They may not be the most original costumes, but they are easy to throw together and don't take many materials. If you want to add a little more originality to your typical "black cat" costume, dressing it up can add a unique touch — why not be a "party animal?"

Materials:

- Dress wear: a suit and tie for men or a nice evening gown/long dress for women
- Face paint (optional)
- Animal mask (i.e. dog, cat, lion)
- Head wear: cat ears, lion mane, etc.

Instructions:

To put together the "party animal" costume, just slip on your nicest evening wear, whether it

be a suit, evening gown or simple party dress along with some nice shoes. The goal is to look like you're going to a nice party! Then comes the fun part. Pick an animal of your choosing and dress up your outfit with an animal mask, head wear and even a tail if you're feeling it. Face paint can also be opted out for an animal mask. Add any final touches such as a handbag, jewelry, etc. and then you're set! Go to your Halloween party and be the party animal out on the dance floor.

Not only are these ideas unique, but the materials can be bought at any retail store and they are super easy to throw together. Get crafty and try out one of these Halloween costumes this year.

Tom and Jerry

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Throw it back to the classic cartoon of your childhood with a grown-up version of the beloved Tom & Jerry. These costumes are simple to make, yet the perfect costume for you and a friend to take Halloween by storm. Most of the materials it takes to make this dynamic duo of costumes are easily found at Wal-Mart, or you may already have what you need in your closet. These costumes are cheap, easy, comical and comfy — which comes in handy when it's cold at night. So whether you go by yourself as one of these characters or with a friend as your partner in crime, you'll be life of the party.

Materials:

- sweatpants
- sweatshirt
- white construction paper
- cat/mouse ears
- face paint

Instructions:

Cut a large oval out of a long piece of white paper and clothespin the oval to the middle of the sweatshirt for Tom's white belly. Add a pair of pink cat ears and white gloves; draw on some whiskers and a nose; and add a frying pan to bring to life Tom's mischievous charisma. For Jerry, find a brown sweatshirt and pants and add a paper cut-out oval like you did for Tom's costume. Whoever is wearing Jerry's costume could also add a brown tutu for a little extra pizzazz. Draw on Jerry's nose and whiskers, but use pink paint for the nose and white for the whiskers to set him apart from Tom. Find a pair of brown and white ears for Jerry, or make your own with a headband and cut-out stiff brown and white paper.

Not only are these ideas unique, but the materials can be bought at any retail store and they are super easy to throw together. Get crafty and try out one of these Halloween costumes this year.

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saw scattered chicken remains around the loading dock of Longstreet Theatre. He reported a strange looking man hunched over the mutilated chicken remains. According to the officer, the man had a grotesque and distorted features and possessed a third eye located in the center of his forehead. He also had silver skin.

There have been numerous other reported sightings of the Third Eye Man around Columbia. The catacombs became a popular spot for social gatherings in the late '60s and early '70s. During this time, a group of fraternity members took pledge members down to the catacombs, where they encountered a strange man wearing all silver. The man charged at students with a

lead pipe. Campus police searched the catacombs for evidence of this man, but to no avail. After this incident, precautionary measures were made to make it difficult for students to enter the catacombs. Most of the tunnel entryways at the university were sealed off, and tunnels were declared closed to any person, faculty or staff at the university.



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a place spirits would reside with the walls' mysterious scratches, windows and doors boarded up and an eerie quietness throughout the building.

According to Dreher, students have witnessed "mysterious sounds and sights." Dreher said the elevator has been known to travel to the third floor late at night when no one is using it, as if a ghostly passenger is hitching a ride. Students have heard footsteps

and seen lights flicker when they're working in the theater late at night.

"This building has a lot of spirit to it," Dreher said, "I mean if you're in here for awhile you can feel the history, you can feel things happening."

While Dreher and others believe in the mysticism of Longstreet, others think it an outdated notion. "[It] seems to be a bit more of a dated tradition in experiencing moments from beyond the grave," Production stage

manager Ashley Martin said.

Martin said she was new to the area but she doesn't know of anyone who has "experienced ethereal connections."

Recent USC Theatre Department graduate Jon Whit McClinton also doesn't believe in the ghost stories, but did admit to Longstreet having a ghost light, which is used in between productions to ensure a theater doesn't become haunted.

"Even if we don't believe in the superstition, we don't test

it," McClinton said.

While some might believe that the ghost light isn't needed, stories like the one Dreher told ETV raises questions. Dreher spoke about students who claimed that when they opened the door to the dressing room they saw a figure standing in the racks of costumes, only to disappear a moment later.

These mysterious encounters could be the presence of deceased confederate soldiers who

linger on campus continuing to haunt students, especially the "Yankees" of the theater department, as Dreher likes to tell her students.

In 1976, "The State" called Longstreet a "white elephant." A beautiful Grecian temple-inspired building that was marred in disaster from the beginning. Could Longstreet's troublesome attempts at claiming an identity be rooted in the unwelcome presence of dead soldiers, or is it simply due to random misfortune?

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pretty hardwood floors and a pool — what more could I want?

This attitude quickly changed. It was a Wednesday night, and I was home alone, except for my roommate's dog, Ollie. Ollie and I were sitting in my room on the first floor of my apartment, doing homework and minding our own business. I was playing music quietly and having a nice, calm evening.

All of a sudden, I heard

footsteps. Someone was in my apartment. I sat up straight, paralyzed.

"Hello?" I called out. No answer.

The feet stomped around my living room and then to the front of my apartment. I heard the front door open and slam shut. Ollie ran out of my room, following the intruder, barked at the front door for a split second and then quickly darted back to my bedroom where he hid in the back of my closet.

"It's okay, Ollie," I said,

unconvincingly. He stayed in my closet.

I took a deep breath, tentatively poked my head out of my room and looked around. When it appeared that the coast was clear, I sprinted around my apartment turning on every single light while simultaneously texting my roommates.

"Is anybody home?" I typed, thinking that maybe someone was playing a prank on me, but they all answered no. I was alone.

I was terrified. Someone had

just broken into my apartment, I thought, but I realized that I hadn't heard anyone open the front door to come inside, so it was strange that someone had to open it to leave. And then I made an even more startling realization. The front door was locked from the inside. I was positive I'd just heard whoever was stomping around my apartment leave and slam the door behind them, but that was impossible if the door was still locked from the inside.

My stomach dropped and the hair on my arms stood up as I

recalled the man from Mattress Firm. I had laughed at the idea of a ghost in my apartment, but now I wasn't so sure.

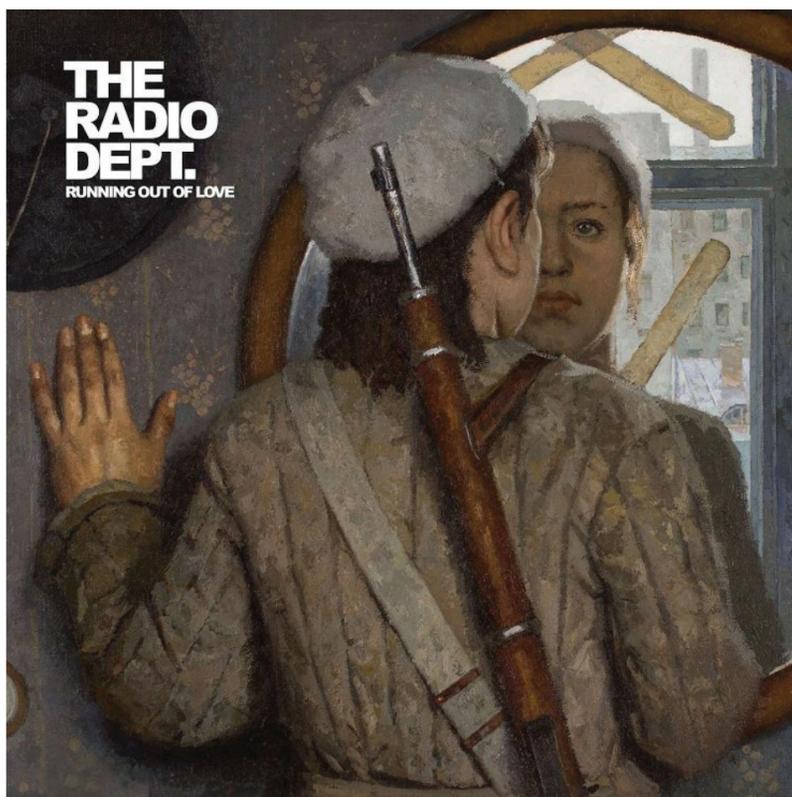
Maybe it was the wind I heard slamming things around that night. Maybe I heard a door in someone else's apartment slam shut. Maybe it was the air conditioning turning on, or the foundation settling, or a car outside. Maybe I just have an overactive imagination. There are a million explanations for what happened, but I will never forget how unnerved I felt on that spooky evening.

The Radio Dept. returns to studio in a changed world

“Running out of Love”

Release Date: Oct. 21
Artist: The Radio Dept.
Label: Labrador
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Sacraments can come from anywhere nowadays and still negate their own bias of their heritage by commenting on the universal point of progress. Dream pop duo The Radio Dept. hail from Sweden, but what they discuss hides underneath and runs rampant in most developed worlds. An overblown legal battle delayed the making of their fourth album and eventually The Radio Dept. decided to start fresh.

This spawned two singles the past couple years, “Death to Fascism” and “This Repeated Sodomy,” but had no concrete direction. That was until this August when they announced their first LP since 2010, “Running out of Love.”

A clear social dissertation is the main audible message of

the album. The single “Swedish Guns” strobes in as a blunt jumpstarter for discussion and dancing. A greater leap in electronics weaves through the songs with more pulsation and less smoky after-tones. The songs sonically register at the same frequency as the lead singer Johan Duncanson’s dialogue. “Running out of Love” comes at the group the same way “Low-Life” manifested itself from New Order to fully take on the techno identity of what they designed.

The track “We Got Game” is a beholder of The Radio Dept.’s echo chords and sampling beats, but makes the celebration hollow because of the story of an elderly man’s death that inspired the song’s lyrics. A great welcome is Johan Duncanson’s full voice which has stayed as a constant thread within the group’s dynamic. More experimentation lends itself to the seven minute

interlude “Occupied,” where the positive synth energy in “This Thing Was Bound To Happen” shows the production overtures that have only grown in quality with The Radio Dept.’s steady repertoire. The album flows to a fitting end with the album’s title track’s searing instrumental before concluding with “Teaching Me to Forget,” a request for a solution to the underlying problems that seem to get lost in the public consciousness.

The Radio Dept. keep striving in the right direction on what they want and how they can construct it as stylistic as possible. The mainstay callbacks to their earlier albums like “Lesser Matters” and “Clinging to a Scheme” may have long since passed, but bursting flashes from still relevant pioneers in dream pop still make up the group and album’s DNA.

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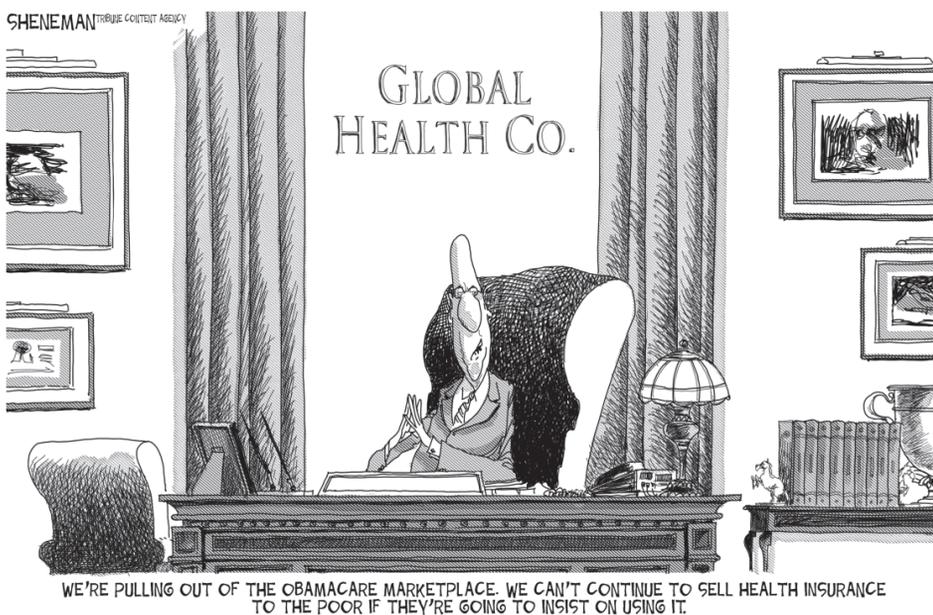


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In June 2015, hedge-fund manager John Paulson pledged \$400 million to Harvard University to expand the school's engineering college and rename it in his honor. The year prior, it received an additional \$350 million gift from alumnus Gerald Chan for its school of public health. Few would question the generosity or goodwill of either donor after such charitable acts. However, as altruistic and inspiring as these enormous donations may be, they demonstrate a serious, growing trend in higher education that perpetuates inequality in the United States.

Sitting atop an endowment of nearly \$36 billion, were Harvard to be considered a hedge fund, it would be the world's fifth-largest. With such enormous holdings, the institution would have to barely make a three percent return per year to accumulate a sum that most universities could only ever dream of. But of course, given the brain power at the school, it's managed to return more than 10 percent per year for over two decades.

As any Gamecock knows, feelings for one's university

surpass pride, so Paulson and Chan would naturally wish to give back to the university that laid the foundation for their successes. Were their gifts necessary, though?

Mr. Chan's donation was inspired by admirable egalitarian motives. He was pleased that the funds were to "be used for scholarships and student loan forgiveness programs," so that graduates may pursue careers in less lucrative fields. Yet, the donation begs the question as to why a university that produces more than \$3 billion per year should rely on alumni support to make attendance affordable or improve their facilities.

The trend is not unique to Harvard, either.

Last year, the eight donations of more than \$100 million went to four universities, of which the average endowment was a whopping \$14.07 billion. It is easy to call these donations commendable at first glance, but their altruism may have been misaligned.

To an extent, it comes as no surprise that it is the fabulously wealthy schools that receive these donations: Their prominence and prestige stem from a history of distinction and successful alumni. Today, they serve as incubators for the intellectually elite and miraculously motivated, the breed of student told they're going to change the world. No expense should be spared in providing them with the resources and tools needed to realize their destinies — or so the thinking of donors seems

to go.

Harvard, Stanford, Princeton and the like will undoubtedly benefit from the incredible amount of money they draw in, but the question that follows is whether that money could have been better spent elsewhere. The marginal benefit — that is, the benefit that hundred-plus-million dollar gifts will bring to the university — is only a fraction of the benefit it would bring to a lesser-known university with a fraction of the endowment. When the average Moody's-rated college endowment is only \$273 million, it makes little sense for donations to continue to flow towards Ivy-laden halls.

Unfortunately, it is these very donations that perpetuate the inequality of American academia, as only the most academically privileged students have access to the benefits of charitable giving. If the ultra-rich truly wanted to change the landscape of higher education, they would give to the struggling university across the street from the esteemed university that reared them. For every revolutionary CEO and scientist, there are thousands of normal workers, and to dismiss them is a failure of charity and the higher education system.

In the end, where billionaires give their money is their prerogative, but if billionaires like Paulson and Chan are going to enjoy tax breaks nearly as large as the sums they donate, the destination of their donations should be of concern to policy makers.

Paul Ryan partly responsible for brutal election



Nick Sembrat

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I imagine that, like me, many of you are feeling disillusioned with the presidential election. It is pretty natural at this point in the race to feel campaign fatigue. We've been inundated with advertisements, speeches and debates from the candidates for almost two years now. However, this election cycle feels particularly exhausting. Both major parties have drummed up the two most disliked candidates in modern history giving the country a Catch-22 so difficult that our president will not be the person we like the most but the person we hate the least.

So it's a situation as desperate as this that prompts people to look for something to blame. The candidates, the voters, the country, Congress, the young, the old, Muslims, Mexicans, the rich, the poor or maybe just a bit of everybody. Well, I will present to you someone who deserves and should get a majority of the blame for this election: Paul Ryan.

Now you may be asking, why him? The man didn't even run in the election how could he possibly deserve the blame? For exactly that reason.

As current speaker of the House, Ryan was considered worthy to be chosen to be the highest-ranking Republican in office, which gives him de facto leader status of the GOP. If he had run for President, his qualifications would have been that he ran with Mitt Romney in the 2012 campaign for the office of vice president. He was also the chair of the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Budget Committee — two of the most significant and influential committees in the House of Representatives. The guy was practically oozing with presidential pedigree.

Instead, we have Donald Trump. He was the last survivor of a primary with a revolving door of nominees that felt like everyone and their cousin was trying to become president. Arguably, the

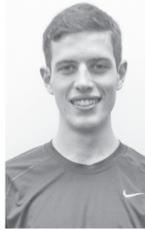
reason why so many people threw their hats into the ring was because they all thought that they could win.

Trump was — and still is — an unqualified, radical outsider who was a self-proclaimed democrat. He was shaking up the party down to its foundation, and many of the other candidates wanted to bring the party back to traditional moderate conservatism. As Trump continued leading polls and the pool of candidates became so large they couldn't fit all of them on one debate stage, many abandoned the moderate approach and tried to combat Trump's radicalism. Voters just couldn't seem to unify around one candidate in particular.

This could've been Ryan's moment. With a wave of his hand, he could have scattered the dozen-plus nominees and trumpeted traditional Republican policies and values. Riding in like a knight in shining armor, he could've quickly scooped up the thinly spread electorate and taken Trump head-on. Trump's support would diminish to the extreme alt-right while Ryan, with the complete backing of the Republican leadership, would gain the support of voters who previously couldn't separate any potential nominee from the laundry list. Trump's support would've faded and he would've gone back into reality TV show obscurity.

I am a registered Democrat. I have voted Democrat in the last two elections and I plan to do so again. But I am not happy to be voting for Hillary Clinton. She is not someone who I would normally be voting for, but it shows how badly I don't want Trump. I know I am not alone in saying that Hillary is not our ideal candidate, but she is who we've got. If it was Ryan on the GOP ticket instead of Trump, I would be singing a very different tune. In fact, she'd probably lose the election in a landslide. Even though I do disagree with most of what Ryan stands for, it's impossible to argue that this election would've been worse for him running. Instead, the GOP is being torn apart, and the country is too. You may not have caused this, Paul Ryan, but you are certainly to blame.

Worrying rise in nationalism



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Nationalism is an amorphous ideology, more of an addition to an existing system of beliefs than something that can stand on its own. It can take the form of anything from the hopeful and forward-thinking of liberal, or civic, nationalism or the hateful and bigoted form of ethnic nationalism. Nationalism, at its worst, commandeers history and culture to justify individuality as subservient to the goals of the nation. Nationalism once brought us down a road that killed approximately 77 million people. Nationalism has ripped nations apart, leaving disjointed nationalities at each other's throats. Nationalism is yet again on the rise throughout the world, the United States included. Unchecked, it poses a threat to our system of nations, of beliefs and of living.

The rise of nationalism, especially in America, seems to be backlash against the globalist policies that became

increasingly common in the post-world war era world. While these policies are responsible for the growth of the national and world economy, they decimated the working class. America and Europe now exist in the post-industrial world, manufacturing on a large scale is never coming back. As a result, the working class has lost its place in the developed world and now embraces the nostalgia of a different time, a time rife with all of the negative aspects of ethnic nationalism.

We are witnessing seeds of nationalism sprouting throughout the world. Victor Orban led nationalists into power in Hungary. United Kingdom Independence Party helped facilitate the leave vote of the Brexit referendum. Marine Le Pen has led the Front National to its biggest election success in recent years. The nationalistic Law and Justice party has ascended to power in Poland. A reawakened Russia under Putin seems intent on bringing back the glory of the czars at the risk of a new cold war. At home, we have the success of a nationalist in the Republican Party primaries and competitiveness in the general election.

The rise of nationalism is particularly concerning

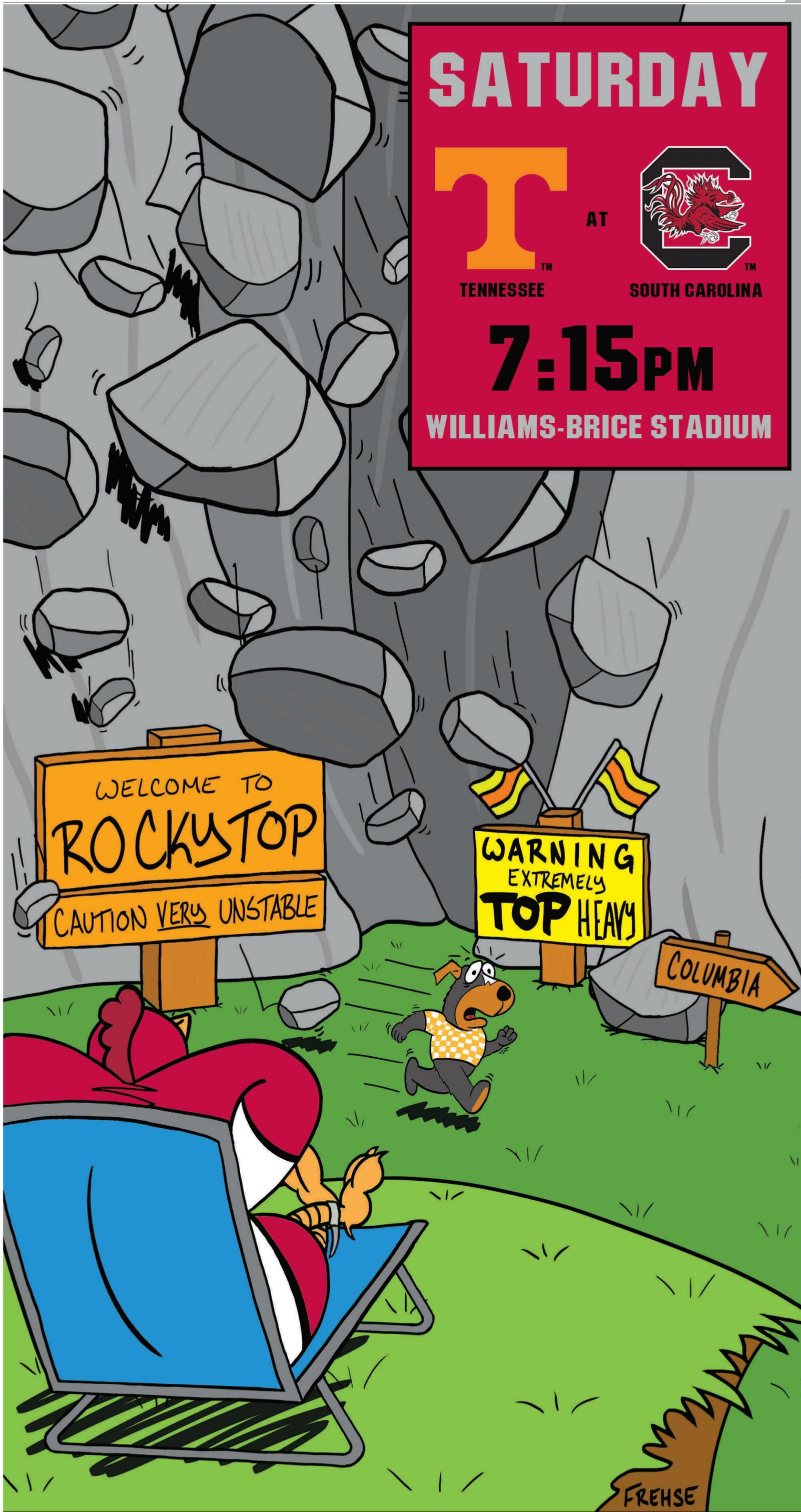
in America. Donald Trump is certainly a nationalist, especially if we look at him from the ideological sense of the word. He has espoused a policy of "America First" that brings back memories of the "America First" group of the 1940s, an "isolationist, defeatist, anti-Semitic national organization that urged the United States to appease Adolf Hitler." He has turned bigotry, appeasement to Russia, hints of anti-Semitism and anti-globalization into a successful campaign. This is not to say that Trump is Hitler, or even a fascist. Rather, Trump plays into ethnic nationalistic tendencies obviously present within American society. A better descriptor would be "Mussolini Lite."

Nationalism poses an existential threat to the current state of affairs. The developed world has become so entranced by globalism that there is no going back now. Our societies, our way of life and even our nations are cemented into the ideas of globalization. Nationalism would only add chaos to the system, ripping it up by its roots to reform it in its image of hate. There is no future in nationalism, only the collapse of the developed world into fragments of its previous glory.

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Taurus
 Today and tomorrow get busy. Reduce stress by decreasing stimuli. Play gentle music to soothe mind and spirit. Exercise, feed and rest your body well. Create stability.

Gemini
 Love is the goal and the prize. Romance blossoms, given half a chance. Plan something especially fun together. Spend time with someone who shares your passion.

Cancer
 Make your nest cozier over the next two days. Repairs and modifications keep systems operating. Consider long-term plans. A lucky find inspires you. Play with color.

Leo
 Words flow with greater ease today and tomorrow. Creative expression sparks. Your muses sing to you. Practice painting, writing and music. Capture what you've worked out.

Virgo
 The next two days could be especially profitable. Find a way to increase revenue. Monitor the flow. Use brains rather than brawn. Stash your winnings securely.

Libra
 Chase a personal obsession over the next two days, with the Moon in your sign. Your energy inspires another. You've got the power to make something happen.

Scorpio
 Let your imagination run wild. Take time for daydreaming and nostalgia tomorrow and today. Relax in a hot tub or sauna, and melt your worries away.

Sagittarius
 You have more friends than you realized. Get into a social whirl. Make valuable connections and share what you're learning. Enjoy a party phase today and tomorrow.

Capricorn
 There's an opportunity for professional advancement over the next few days. Discuss developments with your partner. State your requirements clearly. Work out details. Crazy dreams seem possible.

Aquarius
 Get moving! Whether you're on the road or exploring new terrain through another's experience, today and tomorrow favor discovery. Things fall into place in your research.

Pisces
 Go over numbers with your partner over the next two days. Handle logistical tasks, and manage accounts. Get aligned on spending priorities. Work together to raise funds.

ZOMBIES vs. Grad Students

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 BACK FROM THE DEAD.
 WANTS TO EAT YOU.
 WEARS SAME TATTERED CLOTHES THEY WORE WHEN THEY DIED.
 BURIED IN GRAVES.
 WALKING CORPSE.
 GRADUALLY ROTS AND DECAYS.

Grad Students:
 Back in debt.
 Wants to teach you.
 Wears same tattered clothes they wore in undergrad.
 Buried in grades.
 Walking corpus (of knowledge).
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 - Liturgy
 - 18th/19th-century Neapolitan guerrilla
 - Diavolo
 - Cameroon neighbor
 - Complained
 - Hall of Fame quarterback Dawson
 - "Something Wicked This Way Comes" novelist
 - Does some 32-Across, perhaps
 - Cap extensions
 - Unlikely to come unglued
 - Golfer's challenge
 - Reason for a loan
 - Word with check or date
 - 1969 Tony nominee for Best Musical
 - Mideast rubber
 - Acorn-bearer with shallow roots
 - Deep-fried American Chinese dumpling dish
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 - Gentle blow
 - Remove
 - Give-go link
 - "I Got You Babe" record label
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 - 32-Across
 - Moldavia, once: Abbr.
 - Speedy exhortation
 - Enlist
 - Takes in or lets out
 - Not robust, vocally
 - Short-lived English king of 1483
 - Saffron-yielding blooms
 - Blood test initials
 - Monopolized the conversation
 - Salzburg pronoun
 - NATO member since 1982
 - Jane Austen's "most disagreeable man in the world"
 - You might subscribe to it via PayPal
 - Many a fed. holiday
 - Canyon formers
 - Jazz greats, maybe
 - Suffer financially
 - Bit of schoolyard backtalk
 - One getting strokes, in a good way
 - Can't tolerate
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A lot of people, myself included, had the Vols losing at least one of the games against Alabama and Texas A&M. Most had them losing both games. Georgia was a miracle in every sense of the word. Appalachian State was a surprise. Ohio had a lot of good matchups on the Vols. And Virginia Tech just couldn't hang late. And you can't really just put the Vols in the back of your mind and think it'll be a walk in the park. Because that's when they make you pay.

TDG: While there are some talented players on the Volunteer defense, the unit has allowed 29.9 points per game this season, ranking No. 82 in the nation. South Carolina's offense looked rejuvenated last week under Jake Bentley. Should Tennessee fans be concerned about the Gamecock offense?

TD: Jake Bentley looked good, but it was against Massachusetts. UMass has allowed 33.4 points this season, which ranks No. 103 in the nation. UMass doesn't have near the talent that Tennessee has. But at the same time, a new QB coming in can really change things. Look at the Tennessee-Alabama game in 2014. Tennessee was losing 27-0 in the second quarter, and then Josh Dobbs came in and finished with 192

passing yards and two touchdowns. The Vols only lost that game 34-20. Bentley may come in and really shock the Vols. But he also may come in and flop. There should be a sense of urgency, but it's not time to worry just yet.

TDG: Fill in the blanks: Tennessee will win this game if _____ South Carolina will in this game if _____.

TD: Tennessee wins this game if they go out and handle business early. Constantly trying to play catch-up is eventually going to come back and bite the Vols, much like it did against A&M. Tennessee has to put this game out of reach early to win. South Carolina wins this game if they slow Tennessee's tempo and control the play clock. Tennessee is quick and extremely well-conditioned. If the Gamecocks can hold on to the ball for some long drives that end in touchdowns, they'll put the final "disaster" stamp on Tennessee's season.

My prediction for this game is Tennessee 34, South Carolina 16. I like the Vols pulling away late thanks to getting a large majority of their injured playmakers coming back. The Gamecocks don't have the offensive pieces or the consistency to hang with the Vols.

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bring to light in the first place.

Past its legal context, the American ideal of free speech has also been lost in this conversation. The First Amendment and its resulting ideal of freedom of expression were intended to protect the expression of unpopular ideas. This support for freedom of all speech stemmed from the attempt to create a marketplace of ideas in order to exchange beliefs and develop as a society. There is nothing to exchange in this marketplace if the expression of only one idea is tolerated.

I am not suggesting that players stop speaking out. I encourage more athletes to call attention to issues that matter to them because doing so has the potential to create meaningful, national discourse on divisive issues. However, this sort of discussion cannot occur if we as fans do not encourage the true ideal of free speech. In other words, conservative fans should support and welcome an

athlete speaking out about liberal views as much as they would support and welcome an athlete speaking out about conservative views and vice versa. Supporting the expression of an idea does not mean advocating for the idea itself. It simply means appreciating freedom of speech and the opportunity to not necessarily agree with, but simply learn about and understand another point of view.

If we as fans say we support athletes expressing themselves and working to affect social change, it is unfair for us to dictate what they choose to express and what they campaign for. When we limit what we consider "acceptable" or "appropriate" for athletes to speak out about to what matches our own beliefs, we do nothing more than support the spread of our own agendas. Supporting the expression of this agenda under the veneer of supporting freedom of speech cheapens the meaning of one of America's core values.

- Sarab Stone, Senior Sports Writer

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SEC Men's Basketball Improving

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After getting only three teams in the NCAA tournament last season, the SEC was once again the lowest-rated power five conference in college basketball. Even with this lack of post-season success for the most part last season, schools in the conference are taking the necessary steps to build up the league and shed the name tag of Kentucky and everyone else.

Before last season began, many schools in the SEC made coaching changes. Tennessee let go of Donnie Tyndall following an NCAA investigation and hired Rick Barnes after he and Texas agreed to part ways. Barnes led the Longhorns program for 17 seasons. He left as the Longhorns all-time winningest coach with over 400 victories and 16 NCAA tournament appearances.

Mississippi State also landed a big time head coach before last season. After letting go of Rick Ray, the Bulldogs hired Ben Howland. Howland was let go by UCLA in 2013 after a decade in Los Angeles. Howland led the Bruins to three Final Four appearances, including a defeat to

Florida in the 2006 national championship game.

Of the new head coaches last season, Avery Johnson and his Alabama team made the largest stride. Alabama fired Anthony Grant during the 2014-2015 season and hired Johnson shortly after the season ended. Johnson, a former NBA coach of the year with the Dallas Mavericks, won the most games of any new head coach ever at Alabama with 18. After being picked to finish 13th in the SEC before the season, Johnson led the Tide to four wins over ranked opponents and a berth in the NIT after spending all of February and March on the bubble.

The trio of Barnes, Howland and Johnson were big-time hires for the conference. Florida chose a different route to replace Billy Donovan. After Donovan left for the NBA, the Gators hired Mike White from Louisiana Tech. White is regarded as one of the best up-and-coming head coaches in the NCAA. His first year in Gainesville ended in an NIT tournament appearance. Multiple conference losses down the stretch inevitably doomed their chances at



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In his first season at Alabama, Avery Johnson led his team to a big victory over then 15th ranked Texas A&M.

an NCAA bid.

Vanderbilt also had to replace a longtime head coach. They lost Kevin Stallings to Pittsburgh after last season. They hired Bryce Drew from Valparaiso after he led his alma mater to the NCAA tournament twice in five seasons.

With the hiring of both experienced head coaches and two of the highly touted up-and-coming coaches, the conference

has the right guys on the sideline to improve the league. Many schools in the conference have a long-tenured head coach with a winning pedigree on the sideline.

John Calipari needs no explanation with what he has accomplished the last twenty years. Mike Anderson (Arkansas), Billy Kennedy (Texas A&M), Bruce Pearl (Auburn) and Frank Martin (USC) have all

made a run into the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA tournament in their coaching careers. All but Kennedy even managed a run to the Elite Eight. Aside from them, Mark Fox at Georgia and Adam Kennedy at Ole Miss have both managed multiple NCAA tournament appearances at their current programs.

Over the past few years, the conference and most of its schools have

taken steps to improve the overall quality of the league. The SEC has the resources and the tradition to improve and get more teams into the NCAA tournament. An improvement in quality would make sure that a 25-win team like South Carolina last season doesn't get left on the wrong side of the bubble.

Turnover Battle Will be Critical in Matchup Between South Carolina and Tennessee



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The South Carolina Gamecocks defense ranks 58th in total defense this season, allowing 5.26 yards per play and 394.7 yards per game to opposing teams.

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Tennessee comes into South Carolina having weathered a treacherous four game stretch, going 2-2 against Florida, Georgia, Texas A&M and Alabama. On paper the Gamecocks may present somewhat of a breather for the Volunteers, but past play between these two programs would indicate otherwise.

Vegas has Tennessee as nearly 13-point favorites over South Carolina, but historically this matchup has been

tightly contested. Since 2012, the average margin of victory between the two teams has been 2.75 points, or less than a field goal.

Last season's 27-24 Tennessee victory was no exception. With 32 seconds remaining in the game, a fumble by former South Carolina tight end Jerrell Adams crippled a potential game-winning drive for the Gamecocks.

South Carolina's new two-quarterback system, which coach Will Muschamp and offensive-coordinator Kurt Roper unveiled in the Gamecocks' 34-28

victory over UMass last weekend, will be tested against an SEC defense for the first time. The offense featured a tandem of freshmen under-center, with Jake Bentley handling the majority of snaps and Brandon McIlwain being prioritized in short-yardage situations. Bentley connected for a pair of touchdown passes in his collegiate debut.

Tennessee will unleash junior defensive end Derek Barnett, one of the country's elite pass rushers, on South Carolina's young quarterbacks. Barnett

enters Saturday's game with six sacks and 11.5 tackles for a loss.

"Derek Barnett is a guy, number nine, that obviously jumps off the film," said Muschamp in his weekly press conference. "As far as the way he plays — he's an extremely good rusher, and really plays the run well."

Winning the turnover battle will be critical for both teams. Tennessee quarterback Joshua Dobbs is dangerous in the pocket as a passer, but also possesses the ability to roll out to make things happen as a runner.

However, throughout his career at Tennessee he has traditionally been handicapped by the interceptions he is prone to throwing, and this season he currently leads all SEC quarterbacks with nine picks.

The Gamecocks have needed to force a combined eight turnovers in their last two victories.

Veteran outside linebackers Bryson Allen-Williams and T.J. Hollomon have evolved into the focal point of South Carolina's defense. Against UMass they combined for 15 tackles, an interception, a sack

and a forced fumble. South Carolina's defense has been vulnerable at times against strong ground games, so the Gamecocks will depend heavily on Williams and Hollomon to help mitigate the impact of Tennessee's bruising running back Jalen Hurd.

Coach Will Muschamp is 4-0 against Tennessee as a head coach. Facing the Volunteers for the first time at South Carolina, he will put that streak on the line with a 7:15 p.m. kickoff on Saturday at Williams-Brice Stadium.



Behind Enemy Lines with The Daily Beacon

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Tennessee was able to beat South Carolina 27-24 last season. Tennessee would go on to end last season with a record of 9-4 while the Gamecocks ended 3-9.

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Ahead of Saturday's matchup with Tennessee, managing editor Adam Orfinger got to talk with Trenton Duffer, sports editor for Tennessee's The Daily Beacon, to get the Vols' thoughts as they take on South Carolina.

TDG: Before last week's bye, Tennessee was trounced at home by Alabama, losing by 39 and effectively ending any chance at reaching the College Football Playoff. How has the team responded to that loss, especially since it came after an overtime defeat against Texas A&M?

TD: Tennessee has kind of chalked that one up as a bad loss and has moved on. I'm not one to make excuses for the team, but injuries really hurt them against Alabama. If the Vols were at full strength, they

would have had a much better chance. I still don't think they would have won, but they would have played a lot better. The Texas A&M game was one where I think the Vols just ran out of magic. Injuries finally caught up to them, and Alabama really showed it last weekend. And I wouldn't say Tennessee is completely eliminated from the CFP. If Alabama loses to a team between now and the title game and the Vols beat the Tide, then Tennessee would get in over the Tide. Of course, Tennessee needs A LOT of help. But I wouldn't count them completely out just yet.

TDG: The Vols have struggled with inferior competition this season, going into overtime against Appalachian State and failing to put away Ohio. They'll certainly be favored in Saturday's game, but how will the Vols be able to avoid playing down to a weaker opponent?

TD: I've always said that the Vols play to the level

of their competition. If their competition is bad, they play badly. If their competition is good, they play well (besides the Alabama game that, again, I believe injuries played a huge part in). Tennessee can't be careless in this game. Muschamp has a decent defense at SC, but his offense has struggled. But with the emergence of this new freshman QB, who knows? Tennessee has to avoid being careless this week. South Carolina would like nothing more than ruining the Vols' championship hopes.

TDG: Some people say this Tennessee team isn't that good, pointing to fluky decisive plays against Appalachian State and Georgia, teams that are far off the elite level. Is this team a disappointment, considering how high the expectations were in August?

TD: This team is far from being a disappointment.

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COLUMN Respect athletes' freedom of speech

From Colin Kaepernick to Nigel Hayes, the world of sports has become saturated with athletes taking a stand on issues that matter to them. These athletes received national attention for their actions, but often the resulting debate by fans and members of the media received just as much publicity. Unfortunately, a convoluted understanding of free speech has clouded the potentially meaningful outcomes of these discussions.

Free speech is not simply a catchall device that eliminates consequences of any form of expression by an athlete attempting to call attention to an issue, nor does it serve to automatically condemn a coach or administrator who doesn't fully support the athlete's

actions. In terms of the right to free speech in the legal sense, the First Amendment bars government, not private institutions, from limiting speech. This means coaches and administrators are free to punish athletes for expressing their beliefs, although at public universities this could be a little more of a gray area. At the end of the day, professional athletes are just that: professionals. As employees, their bosses have the right to restrict their words and actions in the workplace, which just happens to include a field, a locker room and a press conference.

This doesn't mean that athletes shouldn't continue to talk about topics that matter to them or that doing so does not serve as a public good. It does mean,

however, that it is an athlete's responsibility to be aware of the potential repercussions of his or her words and actions.

Understanding the First Amendment and the role of athletes as employees also frames how we perceive the actions of a coach or member of the front office. Whether or not a team's policies surrounding athlete conduct are moral or fair to players can and should be discussed, but accusing a coach of infringing on a player's right to free speech simply because they enforced a team rule makes no sense. Talking about these points is a waste of time, because it detracts from discussion of the issues that the player attempted to

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