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Briefing

“The woman is a victim in this case as is the life in her womb.”

— Donald Trump said that medical professionals performing abortions should be legally responsible if anti-abortion legislation were passed.

“How I feel and who I am does not match my birth certificate, but the law is making me go to the women’s restroom because I identify as a transgender man.”

— North Carolina resident Charlie Comero has been trying to spread awareness about the Public Facilities Privacy and Security Act passed on March 23.

“Every morning I got to wake up and have my coffee with a young, orphaned elephant named Dojiwae.”

— Actor Ian Somerhalder, most well-known from “The Vampire Diaries,” has partnered with the environmental organization WildAid for its Year of the Elephant campaign.
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Syracuse to play UNC in wild run

As the Syracuse Orange continue their unlikely and unforgettable journey through the NCAA Tournament to the Final Four, they are now faced with the difficult task of taking on the No. 1-seeded North Carolina Tar Heels. North Carolina comes into the game as arguably the hottest team in the Final Four. The Tar Heels haven't lost a game in over a month now and are winners of their last nine.

The Orange are the Cinderella of this year’s tournament — a team that many didn’t expect to even be in the tournament, much less in the Final Four. Syracuse came into the tournament as losers of five of their last six, a skid that included a tough 75-70 loss to then eighth-ranked North Carolina. From the start of this tournament, however, the Orange have looked like a completely different team. They were able to win their first two games with ease and hung around just long enough in the next two to steal the game away in the closing minutes.

The key to No. 10-seeded Syracuse’s improbable run has been its defense. The 2-3 zone has been a staple of this team seemingly since the creation of the sport itself, but North Carolina’s juggernaut of an offense will look to use their superior athleticism to find holes in Syracuse’s defense.

This Tar Heel offense is by far the most explosive and well-rounded offense that Syracuse has had to face yet. It features a dominant, low-post presence in Isaiah Hicks and Kennedy Meeks. Double-double monster Brice Johnson and lethal shooting threat Marcus Paige are the primary scoring weapons for North Carolina.

Last time these two teams met, it was the Carolina big men that proved too much for the Orange, as the four players combined for 40 of the team’s 75 points. For Syracuse to get a different result this time, they need to find a way to minimize UNC’s low post dominance while still containing Paige, who scored just six points on 1-7 shooting from beyond the arc.

On the offensive end, the Orange will look to slow down the tempo. Against Virginia, Syracuse sped up the game on a Cavaliers team that thrives on playing slow, causing uncharacteristic turnovers and misses that eventually brought them the victory. The game plan against North Carolina will be the exact opposite: One of control over chaos. Syracuse will look to run when the chance presents itself, especially on quick turnovers forced by the length and activity of the 2-3 zone, but the fate of the Orange rests on their players staying in control. The Syracuse guards — Trevor Cooney and Malachi Richardson — need to know when to pull the ball out in transition, all while making sure to take quality shots particularly early in the shot clock.

North Carolina’s potent offense will look to capitalize when Syracuse turns the ball over.

It’s an uphill battle for the Syracuse Orange as they look to make history as the highest-seeded team to ever make it to the title game, but it’s a battle that the Orange can win through patience, control and of course, their 2-3 zone. The Tar Heels remain the favorites and have a good chance of advancing if they can get shots to fall.
Three-point shooting will be key in Nova-OU

Danny Calfa @TDG_SPORTS

To the delight of college basketball traditionalists, the Final Four matchup between Villanova and Oklahoma is headlined by outstanding upperclassmen.

Senior Sooner Buddy Hield has established himself as the National Player of the Year by averaging 29.3 points per game in the tournament. On the other side, Ryan Arcidiacono, the senior Villanova point guard, continues to be the unquestioned leader of the team since captaining the Wildcats as a freshman. Usually heralded for his hustle and grit, Arcidiacono has also been terrific offensively in the tournament, shooting 62.5 percent from the field and 57.8 percent from three, while also hitting clutch free throws in the waning seconds against Kansas to seal the victory.

The two teams last met on Dec. 7, near Honolulu at the Pearl Harbor Classic. There, the Sooners outclassed Villanova 78-55, holding them to just 4-32 shooting from beyond the arc. However, history is not likely to repeat itself, as the Wildcats have improved their three-point shooting percentage from their 35.4 percent regular season clip to a tournament-best 46.3 percent. Villanova head coach Jay Wright has shown his coaching brilliance this year, most recently exemplified by taking down tournament front-runner Kansas 64-59 in the Elite Eight. Wright’s transition into a zone defense, anchored by 6-foot-11 senior Daniel Ochefu, limited Kansas’ leading scorer Perry Ellis to just four points.

Saturday, the Villanova defense must continue its aggressiveness and discipline against the offensive juggernaut Oklahoma, led by the three-point assassin Hield. A unanimous AP All-American, Hield is coming off a 37-point performance in an 80-68 win over Oregon.

Hield is not the only worry for Villanova. Fellow guard and senior Isaiah Cousins presents problems as the court general of the very efficient Sooners. An interesting story of triumph, Cousins has reached the Final Four despite being shot in the back by a rival gang member as a sophomore in his hometown of Mount Vernon, New York. Cousins was able to recover and has hit 42 percent of his threes for the year while averaging 4.6 assists per game. If Villanova over-cautiously shifts the zone to Hield, Cousins is surely able to hurt them from deep.

Both teams have depended on the three-pointer to carry their offenses, and it is the deep ball that will be the deciding factor. Oklahoma derives 38.9 percent of its total points from three, while Villanova shoots 43.1 percent of its shots from beyond the arc.

If the matchup is decided in threepoint land, Oklahoma will have the edge. Despite Villanova’s defensive successes and recent surge from behind the arc, Oklahoma has consistently been one of the nation’s best shooting teams behind Hield, Cousins and junior guard Jordan Woodard.
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From helping a fallen moped rider to preventing a friend’s suicide, many USC students and faculty have committed actions worthy of a Stand Up Carolina Hero Award.

Within the Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention and Prevention office, Stand Up Carolina is USC’s bystander accountability program. It is an initiative that serves to encourage people in the USC community to be active bystanders who intervene to help those who are in need. A Hero Award ceremony was held Wednesday morning in the Russell House Ballroom to recognize students, faculty and staff who were nominated for their heroic actions.

“It’s an opportunity for us to highlight the good that’s going on on campus, and to see that there are a lot of people that are impacting that maybe the rest of campus doesn’t see,” said Holly Lovern, graduate assistant for SAVIP. “But there are a group of people that are recognizing this.”

Lovern explained that the award nomination process is not limited to students. “Anybody can nominate anybody in our Carolina community. Students and faculty and staff are all nominated today as heroes,” Lovern said.

Gene Luna, associate vice president for Student Affairs, was in attendance at the event and gave the welcome. “This is one of my favorite events at the university,” Luna said, “where the entire community has the opportunity to recognize people who have done extraordinary things that may seem small at the time but have lifelong impacts on people that they’ve helped.”

The keynote speaker of the ceremony was fourth-year athletic training student Tim Bryson.

Bryson has served in leadership positions across campus, including as an intramural sports supervisor and fraternity council president. He has also worked with USC’s sexual assault prevention task force.

During his speech, Bryson recounted the story of a friend who was graciously helped through traumatic experiences such as depression, an eating disorder, alcoholism and financial insecurity by the compassion and support of his surrounding community. He ended the anecdote by revealing himself to be the friend.

“You impact on our community is priceless. In fact, your impact has no limits,” Bryson said to the audience and nominees.

He said this event was “a ceremony to highlight those who have chosen to be the change they seek and make a difference in the lives of others.”

Following Bryson’s speech, plaques were awarded to all of the nominated students, faculty and staff in attendance.

One particular Hero Award winner was fourth-year athletic training student Becca Bryant. She was nominated for her selfless actions for her friends and for others, including preventing a friend from committing suicide.

“I never would have expected an award for anything like this,” Bryant said. “You don’t think in those moments or those late nights ... that anyone will recognize it aside from the one person you’re impacting.”

Bryant, along with 41 other students, faculty and staff, were deemed heroes for their efforts in standing up for fellow human beings.
Two of college baseball’s premier programs will square off when the No. 4 Vanderbilt Commodores and the No. 6 South Carolina Gamecocks kick off their three-game series weekend. Both teams have made at least three trips to Omaha since 2010 and have been consistent powerhouses in the SEC. The Gamecocks enter the weekend perched on top of the SEC East at 6-0, while the Commodores are tied for second with Florida and Kentucky at 4-2.

South Carolina is coming off consecutive sweeps of highly ranked conference opponents, but they will face a completely new challenge in Vanderbilt. The team perennially signs the top recruits in the country and turns out first round draft picks with factory like efficiency.

Coach Chad Holbrook acknowledged that Vanderbilt will be one of his team’s biggest tests all season, noting that “they are as elite of a team as there is in college baseball.” Specifically, Holbrook acknowledged that Vanderbilt’s strength lies in its extreme depth, especially on the mound: “Every pitcher they put out there is a weekend guy. Whether they are a long reliever or a short reliever, it doesn’t matter. They bring power arm in after power arm.”

The Gamecocks currently rank No. 1 in the conference in ERA, while the Commodores rank No. 3.

Thursday night will feature a pair of college baseball’s most electric arms in Jordan Sheffield and Clarke Schmidt. Sheffield and Schmidt are currently tied for second in the conference with 51 strikeouts each, just behind Florida’s Alex Faedo who has 53.

Hyper-athletic right fielder Jeren Kendall is the catalyst in Vanderbilt’s lineup using his power and speed to make an impact all over the diamond. Kendall is currently slugging .564 and has stolen 17 bases this season. He is joined in the outfield by junior center fielder Bryan Reynolds who is slugging .617 and is expected to be a first round pick in the 2016 MLB draft.

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A MAN AND HIS GUITAR: A LOVE STORY

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Construction creates new tunnel of love

From the top of Horizon Garage at sunset to the Horseshoe under a starry sky, there are plenty of date-worthy spots across campus. Thanks to the construction next to Bull Street Garage, there’s a new one: the wooden tunnel.

With romantic lights strung aloft, this tunnel of love is the ideal place for a late-night stroll. The gentle slope of the path is perfect for making sure that the walk doesn’t go by too fast if you’re going uphill. And if you’re going downhill, keeping your companion from stumbling down the path too fast is a great excuse to hold hands.

Third-year photography and fashion merchandising student Collin Adams took his current girlfriend to the tunnel the first night it was up, and they fell in love with each other instantly.

“We were just walking back to our cars and this was the quickest way,” Adams said. “To be honest, I wasn’t sure about her until the other night, but the second I saw her under those lights, I knew I would never want to look away.”

Adams’ girlfriend, second-year anthropology student Mila Kunis, hopes that the tunnel will help cement their relationship. She thinks that it should be their anniversary destination for all the years to come.

“I really kind of think we could get engaged in that spot,” Kunis said. “It would also make a really good wedding aisle. And a great place for our kids to take their first steps.”

One of the best things about the tunnel is its privacy, according to Adams and Kunis. Because of the walls of the tunnel, Kunis said, she doesn’t feel like other people might be judging her or them the way people do when they go out to dinner or to the park.

“Our tunnel is a place where we can be alone and just get to know each other better,” Kunis said. “Some people think that it’s not sturdy enough because it’s just made of wood, but I’m not worried. Just like Collin’s and my love, it will be able to make it through anything.”

Guitar guy can’t stop getting dates

Many people struggle to find love, but as it turns out, it’s just a strum away.

For first-year philosophy student Chance Armstrong, the guitar has turned out to be his most trusty wingman. He started playing out in public a few weeks ago and has been bombarded with flirty smiles and Tinder right-swipes ever since.

“I just kind of sit out on the Horseshoe and wait for babes to come along, then I start strumming a Father John Misty song while looking a little sad,” Armstrong said. “The trick is not to look too sad. It’s not like my dog died.”

While he was on an impressive streak before, Armstrong has gone on even more dates since spring sprung.

“The warm weather has really been a gamechanger for me,” he said.

Armstrong’s roommate, first-year global supply chain management student Cliff Manworthy, doesn’t understand why Armstrong’s guitar is such a girl magnet.

“I don’t get it. Like, he’s not even in a band,” Manworthy said of Armstrong’s recent romantic luck.

Clementine Morning, first-year art history student and amateur apiarist, is just one of the girls that Armstrong has taken on more than one date.

“I self-identify as an art heaux, so this is really just a way of curating my aesthetic,” she said. “Plus he’s kind of cute, I guess.”
If the 2016 primary has taught us anything, it’s that it is the end. Politicians from both ends of the spectrum are prophesying disaster, whether by the hand of the big banks or the Mexicans “pouring across the border.” But why elect a candidate who only worries about stifling the siren song of the void when we could elect the void itself? After all, we have already unwittingly sacrificed millions of Americans to the foot soldiers of the abomination. Perhaps the festering mouth of the gelatinous mass doesn’t mean well for us, but which of these groveling politicians does?

America prides itself on being a leader. Someone must make the first slide into the trans-dimensional chasm beyond. Besides, after eight years of our first black president, we can’t return to some typical elderly, white male. Clinton and Cruz offer alternatives, but why stick that close to the mold when we could elect our first amorphous, inhuman expanse of slobbering dread?

Our feeble, mortal presidential candidates compare to the breadth of influence held by the colossal parasitic horrors that are destroying our already-thin illusion of freedom. Not even Donald Trump could possibly unite America against a common enemy as well as an ancient being from the very depths of the hell-pit our universe is falling into.

And how could a pitiful, subordinate human triumph when there is another, better choice? One of these frail creatures has declared that “No one would be tougher on ISIS than Donald Trump,” but would the IS dare to attack a nation with a hideous alien monstrosity at the helm? Another has professed to be able to break up the big banks, but only a towering vortex of scaled flesh can match up to the spreading evil of Wall Street.

The chill of the abyss is beckoning, America. We might as well plunge into its formless, tentacle-like appendages. The Earth is warming, and disease and unnatural tropical cyclones will soon consume us. Wouldn’t you rather avoid that death and instead be devoured by an endless, bubbling sea of outlandish toxins?

Regardless of whether or not we elect this hulking, spongy mass with innumerable eyes to the presidency, it and its hordes of grotesque, extra-dimensional minions will take over our country eventually. By pretending to have a choice in the matter, we are only prolonging the time before we dissolve into the throes of utter madness. But perhaps, if we select them as our leaders of our own dubiously free will, the many-horned masses of slimy tendrils may take pity.

Americans voting November will choose between the lesser of two evils. But why make that choice when you could choose the greatest evil of them all?

— Dr. Nebulous Polyps

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Kanye leaps last-minute into 2016 presidential campaign

In the final months before Election Day, rapper Kanye West has decided to enter the campaign. He will hold a rally at USC on April 9.

West first announced his bid for candidacy in his 2015 MTV Music Video Award acceptance speech.

“It's about ideas, bro. New ideas. People with ideas. People who believe in truth. And yes, as you probably could have guessed by this moment, I have decided in 2020 to run for president,” West announced.

Now, he has joined the race four years early. His fans were more than ready to rally behind him, but the question of whether he was serious became prominent.

West met the doubt surrounding his sincerity with his thoughts on American education, which he voiced through social media.

“I'd rather teachers get paid more and books cost less ... #2016,” West tweeted on Feb. 16.

With “Listen to the kids, bro” as his campaign slogan, West begins his path to the White House. He has the support of college students, strengthening his education platform, as well as the support of President Barack Obama.

“Do you really think this country is going to elect a black guy from the South Side of Chicago with a funny name to be president of the U.S.? We'll see what Kanye has to say when he gets out here,” Obama said to a crowd of Democratic donors in San Francisco.

University president Harris Pastides is just as excited for West's visit as the rest of campus.

“I believe he will go harder, better, faster and stronger than anyone else on the road to November,” Pastides said.

Students are indeed responding strongly to the ‘Yeezy 2016’ campaign. Several students report seeing classmates sporting Adidas Yeezy Boosts, sneakers designed by West. Other students have reported their peers listening and rapping along to West's newest album, in which West says, “2020, I'ma run the whole election, yah!”

West has not affiliated himself with a political party, and his newfound support poses a threat to the other candidates’ campaigns.

“I think he's a great guy and I think he makes great music for great people,” Donald Trump said of West. “But I'll tell you, what I really like about him? His wife. Have you seen the body on her?”

Sen. Bernie Sanders recognizes West's success, but he does not believe it will be enough to win.

“I believe that the rich have done enough damage to this country. And I believe that the American people will no longer stand for it,” Sanders said.

“We're excited to start filming the show in the White House, and I'm excited for our children to grow up there. But first, we're excited to come and visit USC. Go Trojans!”

Leading up to the rally, the bookstore in Russell House will be selling “Yeezy 2016” T-shirts, and Carolina After Dark has scheduled a Kanye-themed trip to a local roller rink Friday evening.

West plans to arrive on Greene Street in a Lamborghini Murcielago on Saturday at 9 a.m.

“Listen to the kids, bro,” West said. “I will go down as the voice of this generation, of this decade. I will be the loudest voice.”
Goldman Sachs presents:
A timeline of the
Presidential Games

One week ago, 24 candidates entered the arena for a chance at presidentia
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Interview Day: Jim Webb oddly insistent on talking about the time he killed
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nish.
12 p.m., Day 1: The games begin.
12:01 p.m., Day 1: Bernie Sanders delivers a speech urging the other
candidates to stop fighting each other and unite against the billionaire class.
12:02 p.m., Day 1: Hillary Clinton’s tomahawk eloquently disagrees.
12:05 p.m., Day 1: Lincoln Chafee’s smile blinds Martin O’Malley.
1 p.m., Day 1: Viewers relieved they won’t have to learn anything about
Bobby Jindal, George Pataki, Lawrence Lessig or Scott Walker after all.
9 a.m., Day 2: Jeb Bush’s donors purchase a mech suit.
9:40 a.m., Day 2: A gamma radiation leak turns Donald Trump in to an
unstoppable rage monster with tiny hands and the mind of a third grader.
10 a.m., Day 2: Jeb Bush dies.
4 p.m., Day 3: Lindsey Graham calls in an airstrike on Ted Cruz.
11 p.m., Day 3: Gary Johnson accidentally lights his hiding tree on fire while
advocating legal marijuana, dies with no regrets.
7 a.m., Day 4: Carly Fiorina stabs Trump in his wherever.
9 p.m., Day 4: America captivated by Mike Huckabee and Rick Santorum’s
forbidden romance.
1:30 p.m., Day 5: Mitt Romney breaks in to the field.
10 p.m., Day 6: A mortally wounded John Kasich stabs his allies in the leg
out of spite.
3 a.m., Day 7: Jim Gilmore kills Ben Carson, Carly Fiorina, Hillary Clinton,
Jim Webb, and Marco Rubio in a surprise attack
—Ptolemy Boatsworth, historian
Dress like an ICON

Dwight Schrute

Dwight Schrute, Dunder Mifflin’s Assistant to the Regional Manager, is the heartthrob of “The Office.” Schrute swoons women — both on and off screen — with his charming talk of bears, beets and Battlestar Galactica. If you desire to woo women the Schrute way, follow these guidelines and make sure you have an outfit is cheap — perfect for a college student with limited funds.

Undershirt

Before putting on your business casual wear, make sure to wear a white muscle tank-top as an undershirt. If you’re anything like Schrute, you might have to take your suit off at any given moment, so be prepared. Always wear a wife-beater.

Button-Ups and Suits

The first question you have to ask yourself when getting dressed is this: Dijon or honey mustard? These are, essentially, your two yellow color options for daily button-up wear — choose wisely. Pair this with a brown jacket and pair of pants, and your basic ensemble is good to go.

Middle Part

Schrute makes hairstyling easy, simple and sensual. When your hair is still wet, take a comb, part your hair down the middle and let it dry like that. Voila — you’re done.

Glasses

The Schrute look isn’t complete without a nice pair of thick-lensed, round, metal-rimmed glasses. When Jim Halpert impersonates Schrute, Halpert says that he found a pair of identical glasses at the drugstore for only $4. In fact, the whole outfit is cheap — perfect for a college student with limited funds.

As Halpert says, “It only cost me $7 to recreate the rest of the ensemble, and that’s a grand total of $11.”

No Smiles

When it comes to smiling, it is best if you don’t.

“I never smile if I can help it. Showing one’s teeth is a submission signal in primates. When someone smiles at me, all I see is a chimpanzee, begging for its life,” Schrute said.

State of Mind

Now that you’ve completed the stylish Schrute look, you’re ready to tackle a day at Dunder Mifflin and a night at the beet farms. However, keep these words of wisdom from Schrute in mind: “Whenever I’m about to do something, I think, ‘Would an idiot do that?’ And if they would, I do not do that thing.”

Papaw accidentally drops entire album

Papaw, the grandfather who became Twitter famous last week after five of his six grandkids skipped a dinner he planned, released a self-titled album Thursday afternoon. Since then, his Twitter fan base has started to dwindle because his followers are confused by the album’s premises. “It seems like Papaw recorded most of the tracks on this album accidentally,” Angel D’Angelo said, using finger quotes as he said “album.” “I think he may have left the recorder app on his iPhone open but, however it happened, I don’t know how he spun this into a full record deal.”

The first track of the album, which is only five seconds long, is a puzzle, and I’m just trying to get a piece.”

Perhaps Papaw thought he was recording at times just before or just after he actually was, or perhaps he really is trying to share the impactful experiences he has on a day-to-day basis. One thing is for sure: Papaw is making the most of his 15 minutes of fame.
Injuries have plagued the South Carolina quarterback competition this spring, bringing early enrollee Brandon McIlwain to the forefront. However, coach Will Muschamp has decided to stray from the conventional path, abolishing the position of quarterback altogether.

"Starting with the spring game, we will not run offensive plays," Muschamp said. "I have a lot of faith in Sean Kelly and our defense, so we will punt on first down and rely on non-offensive touchdowns."

With the uncertainty under center and the Gamecocks’ struggles on offense last season coupled with Muschamp's inept offenses at Florida, it's hard to fault Muschamp for his decision. He plans to focus on training his kickoff returners to create instant offense, hoping that Deebo Samuel and company can get to the end zone or at least reach Elliott Fry's field goal range.

"If we control field position long enough, we can capitalize on a mistake to get us a score," Muschamp explained. "The risk of turning the ball over and giving the other team a short field is too great to risk running plays on offense."

Muschamp had plenty of playmakers on his Florida defenses, which inspired his new idea. As the former Gator coach, he saw his stars make game-changing plays, including Jelani Jenkins’ game-winning blocked punt return to top Louisiana-Lafayette in 2013. Muschamp told reporters that he expects the South Carolina defense to bend but not break if they are given favorable field position, which will create opportunities for home-run plays through turnovers and punt returns.

"Expect a lot of low-scoring contests in Columbia this year," Muschamp said. "We might even score fewer points than we did last season."

It's no secret that South Carolina struggled to put points on the board last fall, but the coaching staff figures the team's offense can't be criticized if they don't field an offense at all.

"I heard all the criticism when Will appointed me to his staff," co-offensive coordinator Kurt Roper said. "I'm tired of being torn down by the media, so I just got rid of the offense completely."

The lack of an offense begs the question: What will become of the team's offensive players and coaches? "I'm pretty much going to get paid to do nothing," Roper said. "I'll still watch film of other teams on defense, but I don't have any players to work with during practice."

"We've been showing up late to practice a lot. Just messing around with the guys, doing some light workouts," quarterback Perry Orth added. "I've been trying to switch onto the defense, but the coaches are pretty resistant."

Despite its unconventional nature, players on both sides of the ball seem to be in favor of the idea, as defensive players will receive additional exposure for NFL scouts, while the offensive players get to keep their scholarships to do essentially nothing on the football field. Muschamp is simply ecstatic, for he gets to focus all of his energy on his strongest facet of the game: Defense.
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SpringFest impresses in first year

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For many students, the walk to class on Greene Street looked a lot different than usual on Wednesday. Carolina Productions hosted SpringFest 2016, a festival event on Greene Street, complete with inflatables, food trucks, caricature artists, corn hole, a performance by Secret Cirkus and musical sets from student musicians and R. City.

After an idea from last year’s board, Carolina Productions made sure to keep things entertaining. Between classes, students suited up and jumped onto the Velcro wall, jousted in an inflatable ring and made free throws at the basketball nets on Davis Field. "It was a really great break from classes to come out and do all the bouncy houses with my friends," first-year undeclared student Lauren Seaver said. Greene Street’s most popular activity was the inflatable where students ran against each other and were then yanked back by a bungee cord. SpringFest attracted not only students, but also faculty, staff and families from around the area.

Circus troupe Secret Cirkus also performed at the event. The performers dressed in eccentric costumes, walked around on stilts and did routines with batons, hula hoops and contortion. First-year undeclared student Alyx Copley was especially impressed by the troupe. “The street performers were really cool because I have actually never seen a guy on stilts so close before,” Copley said.

SpringFest not only provided students the opportunity to enjoy a day full of fun and games at no cost, but it also gave several students the opportunity to perform at SpringFest. The largest musical performer was the band R. City, who performed at the close of the event.

After months of preparation, Carolina Productions finally saw their event come together. With this being the first SpringFest campus has seen, students hope it won’t be the last. “I do hope SpringFest will be an annual thing. I would love it,” Copley said. “It would brighten my day and my spring.”
For many years, the USC football coaching staff did not include African Americans. In 1971, Harold White became the first when he was appointed graduate assistant coach. White worked at USC in various positions until 2007 and was familiar with several well-known athletes, including Heisman winner George Rogers and women’s basketball player Shannon “Pee Wee” Johnson. White recounted details of his challenging childhood and shared lessons that he learned throughout his life.

“If you really want to feel good about something, do something for somebody less or somebody else, and do it for nothing in return,” White said. “Always be as friendly as you can be to others regardless of who they are.”

Because his father was absent for several years, White turned to his mother and his high school football coach for guidance. He said that one thing he tried to impress on all his athletes was the importance of a mother’s pride.

“When Mama says to her son, ‘Boy, you made me proud,’ you can’t get better than that,” he said.

White’s high school coach served as a father figure to him during his adolescence and was a strong source of inspiration in how he dealt with his own athletes during his career.

“What I always dreamed of is taking a child that’s like Harold White and tell them, like Coach Bolden did with me, and say you can be somebody in spite of yourself,” White said. “You can be somebody. Don’t let circumstances determine your character.”

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Former coach shares wisdom
Greenville, SC

Nestled in the heart of the Upstate, Greenville combines a fun and modern downtown setting with natural surroundings.

It’s easy to fall in love with the city the minute you turn the corner on East Coffee Street. Though many neighboring towns are much smaller and lacking in things to do, Greenville provides a wealth of restaurants, shops and outdoorsy locales for its residents and visitors.

For the best experience in the city, allot half the day for shopping and strolling around the downtown area. Trees and lights beautifully decorate the streets, knitting together the urban feel with a touch of tranquility.

Additionally, you can find lots of artsy boutiques, stores to rep your USC pride and unique shops like the Mast General Store and the Greenville Army & Navy Store, where you might find that one-of-a-kind gift for your hard-to-please family member. Haywood Mall is also a short drive away and includes two floors of your favorite chain stores.

After hours of perusing stores, you’ll surely want to stop for a bite or two. Fortunately, Greenville has a plethora of restaurants that are sure to inspire your taste buds. If you’re aiming to mix it up for lunch, try Saffron Indian Cuisine, which features a unique buffet that allows you to expand your palette much further than campus dining.

If Italian is more your speed, Trio is located in the center of downtown and offers a menu that’s sure to impress any Olive Garden frequenter. Or, if you fancy a classic barbecue, Bucky’s BBQ is a short drive away and features some of the best entrees and sides of any nearby smokehouse.

Of course, you have to account for those special dessert cravings as well. The Chocolate Moose specializes in gourmet cupcakes, but also crafts delicious coffee drinks and milkshakes. Spill the Beans and Coffee Underground also prepare a vast selection of beverages and pastries. Spill the Beans even serves up ice cream so you can enjoy a chilly bowl or cone with your warm cup of joe.

Down the street from Spill the Beans, you can find Falls Park on the Reedy River, a great spot to take pictures to commemorate your trip, a relaxing walk or a reading break. While the water is not the safest to drink or swim in, you can certainly admire the falls’ beauty and the ducks that flock to it.

The city is also close to a number of hiking and biking trails. Consider stopping by downtown Greenville on your way back from Table Rock or Caesars Head State Park, which are both located within Greenville County, but are each about a 45-minute drive from the metropolitan area. Closer hiking spots include Paris Mountain State Park and Lake Conestee Nature Park.

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What is it?
Your news feed content on Instagram currently appears in chronological order. With the new update, user content will appear in more of a “favorite to least favorite” order, similar to that of Facebook. The new platform ensures that all of the posts will still be in your feed, just in a different order.

Why the change?
Instagram believes that its users miss a significant portion of news feed content, so the company wants to ensure that the content you see is the content you REALLY want to see. A lot of the panic and criticism has come from small businesses that perhaps don’t have a numerical following comparable to that of celebrities or other larger businesses.

What do I need to do?
You have probably seen plenty of posts from users with a photo pointing to the upper right corner, asking their followers to “enable notifications.” By enabling your notifications for certain users, Instagram will send your phone push notifications for each of their posts. Or you can join the band of unhappy users and participate in the hashtag campaign, #KeepInstagramChronological.

Not to worry. The changes will not be implemented for weeks or even months, assuming they survive the wrath of Instagram’s many dedicated yet perplexed users.
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Donald Trump couldn’t have found a better campaign manager for his circus than Corey Lewandowski, but he might now be a liability. On Tuesday, Lewandowski was charged with battery in Jupiter, Florida, in relation to an incident at a rally earlier this month. Trump is standing by his man, but the longer Lewandowski is forced into the spotlight, the worse it is for the Trump campaign.

Lewandowski has repeatedly upheld his innocence and is confident that he will be exonerated of the charges. At one point, Lewandowski went as far as calling his accuser, Michelle Fields, “delusional” and “an attention seeker.” But since then, footage from the incident has appeared, clearly showing Lewandowski putting his hands on Fields and aggressively pulling her away.

This all wouldn’t be a huge deal if the Trump campaign would’ve owned up and apologized. The argument could be made that Fields was too aggressive in attempting to grab the candidate, and Lewandowski simply got carried away. But this wouldn’t fit with the Trump campaign vision — never apologize, never surrender.

But for the Trump campaign, it might end up being a lot easier to defend an individual candidate that occasionally steps over the line than a campaign staffed with thugs. This might seem like quite a leap in rhetoric, but Lewandowski’s recent troubles brings back a history of confrontational, aggressive and questionable behavior in his political career. Incidents like these allow the Cruz, Kasich and democratic campaigns to perpetuate a narrative that goes beyond “Trump the man” to “Trump the campaign.”

The longer Trump and Lewandowski vehemently defend Lewandowski’s innocence, the longer the story will stay in the news cycle. With the emergence of video evidence, the Trump campaign is now fighting an uphill battle in general public opinion — a battle they might not win. Trump can’t afford to be painted as a godless New Yorker who surrounds himself with violent thugs, but if he sticks with Lewandowski, he might not be able to avoid it.

Column: Lewandowski perfect for Trump

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