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**Main Street student complex on hold for now**

After a “save the horseyx” campaign caught fire over summer, EDR — the developer building the student apartment complex — is still in talks with USC over the building. The potential for 51-stories will add 3,200 new residents to the university, but could cast a shadow over the Horseshoe during the day. As a result, USC has permitted other student projects.

Lexington leaders divided on meal tax

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Texas dog treks to Florida barefoot, alone

A Texas man, Matt Turner, noticed his new, 11-month-old miniature Australian Sheppard was missing from the office and looked all around his home town near Houston, Texas. First Coast News reported that he was arrested for a federal weapons charge. He has been in state custody leading up to the trial. On Friday, August 14, 2015

**Shooter in Childress case rejects plea deal**

Michael Juan Smith was offered a plea deal by the Circuit Judge Robert Hood for the alleged shooting of Martha Childress, but he seems as though he will not take the 25 years in jail as he did not agree to the plea. Smith’s defense attorney Aimes Zurovec announced Monday. Smith already will be spending 10 years in prison for a federal weapons charge.

**President Thurmond step away from politics**

Paul Thurmond, the youngest child of famed senator Strom Thurmond, announced Tuesday that he will not run for re-election next year. He claims that family matters have taken precedent in his life, and balancing that with politics was deemed unbalancing. The State reports. He and his wife will be expecting a fifth child in December.

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**Dr. Ken Mabry remembers**

Dr. Ken Mabry was a member of the University of South Carolina’s faculty and made an impact in the university. These projects will center around things such as new ways to use carbon fibers and innovative technologies for the aerospace industry.”

**The events of the last few months, especially the tragedy that occurred in Charleston, have resulted in a considerable amount of thoughtful contemplation,” Thurmond said. “What I have concluded is, at this time, I must look past my own desires and personal calling to public service and focus on the needs of my family and my wife.”**

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WELCOME WEEK 2015 EVENTS

Monday
8/17
Love Your University Trivia Contest
12:3PM, Greene St. Brush up on your USC trivia for a chance to win prizes, maybe even a $100 gift card to the bookstore! We love this campus, and we know you do too!

Blatt Block Party
5:30-7:30PM, Blatt Field
FREE burgers, COLD drinks, GOOD times.

Tuesday
8/18
Fugitive
9PM, In front of Captstone
Teams of three. Winning teams get FREE Yoghut & bragging rights.

Wednesday
8/19
Worship at Town Theatre
8PM, Town Theatre (1012 Sumter St.)
Worship with us, and hang-out on the Horseshoe afterwards.

Thursday
8/20
Coffee House
8:30PM, 631 Harden St.
(Rides from Horseshoe, 8:15)
Relax with friends old and new, drink coffee, and enjoy the night!

Friday
8/21
Palmetto Patio Party
5:30-8PM, Russell House Patio
Get your “Southern” on. Grits buffet, shag lessons, photo booth, and sweet tea.

Saturday
8/22
Lake Day
11AM-3PM
Shuttles will take you from the Horseshoe to Lake Wateree to enjoy water, sun, boats, and new friends.

Sunday
8/23
Bible Study, Worship, & FREE Lunch at Shandon
9:30AM Catch a shuttle from Horseshoe, Capstone, or Blatt.
10AM Bible Study
11:30AM Worship
FREE College Lunch on the level of Grandma’s home cookin’ after Worship.

Small Groups
8PM, Town Theatre (1012 Sumter St.)

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USC campus Wi-Fi sees vast improvement

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There is also a policy change underway in terms of the Wi-Fi networks used on campus, specifically in residence halls. Currently, the options are either USC Student or USC Guest, whose names are self-explanatory as to which group of people are meant to use them. UTS will soon introduce a new wireless network called EntertaiNET, which is meant to take the place of USC Guest in residence halls.

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New Alumni Association opens in fall

James Stewart @MYPALHARVEY

This summer, the My Carolina Alumni Association completed building the brand-new Alumni Center, located on the corner of Senate and Lincolns streets in The Vista. The Alumni Center will house meeting spaces for business and personal gatherings, as well as a social venue for weddings, parties and other monumental occasions, according to the My Carolina Alumni Association’s website.

The $26.64 million project was completely funded through private donations, and groundbreaking took place in the fall of 2013. USC President Harris Pastides explained the significance of the school having such a facility, during the building’s topping-off ceremony in 2014.

“It’s a puzzle that had an empty space right in the middle of it in the heart of the university, and we never had a home for our returning alumni before,” Pastides said. “Now we’re going to have not only a home, but a community center as well — The center will be a glorious bridge between The Vista and campus and provide a connecting point for alumni and USC students worldwide.”

“I know about our great business school and honors college and public health [school], our magnificent horseshoe, our wonderful athletic traditions and libraries and collections, but there was a gaping hole,” Pastides said. “I’ve said it a million times that you cannot be a great university without a great home for the alumni to return to. We knew that we wanted a center that would be as welcoming and hospitable to our students, to our faculty, to our visitors and to our community — the beautiful city of Columbia and the state of South Carolina — as it would be to our alumni, and that’s what we have here.”

Over all, the building has roughly 60,000 square feet, which will include 11 meeting rooms and a 10,000 square foot main ballroom which can seat 500 people. Additionally, the meeting rooms will range in size from 300 square feet to 1,900 square feet.

The building’s proximity to The Vista will only add to the convenience of the students and alumni.

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- Probate Law
- Housing
- Employment Law

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803-777-6611
When meeting with the attorney, students should bring their CarolinaCard.

Welcome Back Carnival
Thurs, Aug 25, 10AM - 2PM, Gambrell Room 150
Greene St. In front of RHUU
Community Service Fair
Thurs, Aug 27, 10AM - 2PM, Tobacco Road & St. Mary's St. Meeting Columbia non-profit agencies interested in service groups at the University of South Carolina. Led by the Leadership and Service Center.

Hip Hop Wednesday
Wed, Sept 3, 6PM - 9PM
Greene St. In front of RHUU
Meet Columbia non-profit agencies interested in service groups at the University of South Carolina. Led by the Leadership and Service Center.

Wellness Week at the Farmers Market
Mon, Sept 1, 8AM - 1PM
Greene St. In front of RHUU
Learn about available community resources provided by USCF. Enjoy fresh-picked and homegrown from campus vendor and wellness partners. Hosted by Student Health Services.

How to Pay the Bills
Tues, Sept 15, 3PM - 4PM, Russell House
Discuss budget tips, personal finance, and career planning. Hosted by the College of Multicultural Student Affairs.

Sustainability Showcase
Tues, Sept 22, 6:30PM - 8:30PM, Honors Residence Hall-Hamlet Hall
Explore interdisciplinary research in sustainability to discover how students connect their coursework with the world. Hosted by the Office of Sustainability.

CareerFest
Tues, Sept 22, 10AM - 2PM, Columbia Convention Center
Explore future job and internship opportunities with students and partners. Hosted by the Career Center.

Mutual Expectations Workshop
Wed, Sept 23, 11AM - 12:15PM, Gambrell Campus Room
Students with different identities and experiences to learn mutual expectations of each other and the role of inclusive relationship. Interactive and educational. Hosted by Student Engagement and GTC.
From the desk of President Harris Pastides

It’s such a pleasure to be able to say, “Welcome home!” to not only our incoming class of freshmen and transfer students, but to the entire student body. You’ve been missed. The Horseshoe has been too quiet, the walkways too deserted and the Russell House too empty. Patricia and I are looking forward to seeing familiar faces and we are excited to meet our new students and neighbors. I hope this will be your best year yet.

Within hours of the conclusion of the spring semester, skilled carpenters, bricklayers, landscapers and construction workers were on campus working tirelessly through the heat of summer to prepare the university for your arrival.

From the new hybrid zoysia grass on the Horseshoe, to a gorgeous new home for the 1,500 undergraduate and graduate students from the School of Journalism and Mass Communications, to a completely renovated Hamilton (designed especially for our College of Social Work students), to the new private/public apartments located on our west campus, and lots of other new housing choices; all signs point to a wonderful year.

However, I believe the reason you came to South Carolina’s only top-tier research university was based on much more than new buildings, landscaping and renovations; it was based on the undeniable fact that we are a university on the move. As Carolina’s momentum gains national attention, we’ve become a destination of choice, attracting an impressive community of scholars — you. Our Honors College continues to hold the No. 1 ranking in the nation, and our No. 1 undergraduate international business program and international MBA programs are globally recognized. We have more than 47 nationally ranked programs of study.

As a Carolina Family, we are inspired by the tenets found in the Carolinian Creed. Our Creed obligates us to be “dedicated to personal and academic excellence.” We agree to a code of “civilized behavior.” And we agree to respect the dignity of all persons. We are here to learn from differences in people, ideas and opinions. The Creed offers the essence of a university life. Living up to these high expectations enhances the Carolina experience for all.

Research tells us that the first six weeks on campus set the tone for the future. Many of you will be learning how to balance new freedoms with new responsibilities. Here are a few suggestions: stay physically active; activity fosters creativity. Walk Carolina’s 450 acres and/or visit one of our exceptional wellness and fitness centers. Take advantage of Carolina’s healthy food choices as the foods you select have a big impact on your wellness and success. Finally, get enough sleep. You may smile at this suggestion, but let me remind you that sleep deprivation is a common cause of mental fatigue, emotional duress and even compromised immunity.

USC Health Services has much to offer our students, faculty and staff. I encourage you to visit their web site at www.sa.sc.edu/shs where you’ll find everything from information about immunization to counseling for depression to health tips. Sexual assault on campuses nationwide has become a source of great concern. This fall you will begin to see increased awareness efforts on our campus. Let me be very clear — sexual assault is any form of sexual contact that occurs without consent and/or through the use of force, threat of force, intimidation, incapacitation or coercion. It is never tolerated at this university. In the event of sexual harassment or assault, victims are strongly encouraged to visit sc.edu/stopsexualassault where resources are immediately available.

Let’s make a pact to look out for each other this year. As Gamecocks, we have an obligation to stand up and speak out when we see a member of our community engaging in dangerous or risky behavior to themselves or others. Together, we can bring a “shared responsibility” for each other.

I’m so glad that you are here. This is where you belong. Again, welcome home.
Friday, August 14, 2015

Signature Events

Saturday, August 15
First Night Carolina

Sunday, August 16
Convocation
Cooperpalooza
What’s the big deal about sweet tea?

Monday, August 17
First Year Reading Experience
Student Media Showcase
Opportunity Knocks Part-Time Job Fair
Bustle at the Russell
OMSA Welcome Back Celebration

Tuesday, August 18
Get Connected Fair
Community Picnic
Get rec’d at Strom

Wednesday, August 19
AAAS Cookout
Carolina Productions Hypnotist

Thursday, August 20
First Day of Class
7th Annual "I Survived the First Day of Class" Cookout

Friday, August 21
Carolina Card Connect
Carolina Productions Magician
Carolina After Dark

Saturday, August 22
Service Saturday
Connect2Cola Fest

Visit www.sa.sc.edu/welcome for information on move-in, first night Carolina and all Carolina Welcome events!

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**Friday, August 14**

**Parking Project**

**Saturday, August 15**

**Family Reunion**

**Opportunity Scholarships**

**Gamecock**

**Family Reunion**

**Gamecock Homecoming**

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**On-campus Worship**

**Monday, August 17**

**First-Year Welcome Experience**

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**Free Soda Giveaway**

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**Gamecock Advance**

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**Pizza Party and Wal-Mart Run**

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Midtown District Network
Wednesday, August 19
7:30–9 p.m.
Meet, out college ministry staff, students, and alumni/ae from the majority of our college communities.

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First Baptist College Ministry
Wednesday, August 19
8:30–10:30 p.m.
Join us to discuss an important issue and meet new people.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20
First Day of Class
1st Day of Class Coffee Mingle
Thursday, August 20
9:00–11:00 a.m.
Come and meet fellow USC students for a few minutes and enjoy a light refreshment while we get to know one another. This event will be offered at both Greenville locations.

Impact Projects
Leadership and Service Center
Thursday, August 20
10:00–10:30 a.m.
Join USC students for a few hours and make a big impact on the Gamecocks in need. We’ll be providing opportunities for you to get to know the other students in your class and get involved in the community.

FREECA! Presents
Campus Advance
Thursday, August 20
10:00–11:00 a.m.
Come explore the college community and meet new people. Visit the different tables to learn about the different student organizations and get involved in the community. The two FREECA! stations will be located in the orange lot at Greene Street and in the orange lot at Davis Field.

First Day at Davis
Barbecued Chicken and Brisket
Thursday, August 20
11:00–2:00 p.m.
Davis Field
Join us for great food, great fun, and great fellowship! We will have the first day of this year’s Welcome Week celebration at Davis Field. Songs will be played, mariachi bands will play, and you will get the chance to get to know new people. Please join us for a great time!

First Fair
Campus Recreation
Thursday, August 20
11:00 a.m.–1 p.m.
Gervais Street
This student Government Association event will allow students, faculty, and staff to showcase services to the University community.

Cornhole Tournament
Student Union Association
Thursday, August 20
11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Davis Field
Join us to enjoy a friendly outdoor tournament to show off your skills.

Silent Library
MLK Student Achievement
Thursday, August 20
12:00–1:00 p.m.

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First Fall Picnic

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FALL BREAK! FREE DISCOUNTS ON SPRING BREAK TRIPS OR SUMMER TRIPS

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Graduate Student Orientation
Leadership and Service Center
Friday, August 21
11:00–1:00 p.m.
Russell House Ballroom
Leadership and Service Center
Check in at Davis Field II
10 a.m.–after lunch
Come explore what your CarolinaCard Connect has to offer on one of our signature service events. We give back to the Columbia community! Join your fellow Gamecocks as we welcome back to school! Learn more about all the ways that you can get involved with campus and community? Come join us to learn about all the ways that you can make a difference in the lives of others!

Carolina After Dark
Midnight Movie: Iron Man
Russell House 315
Thursday, August 20
3-3:30 p.m.
C.S. Lewis Student Center
The Carolina After Dark film this year will be Iron Man. Have you seen it? Do you want to see it? This is your chance to do both! The film will begin at 3 p.m., and we will have snacks provided. There will be a Q&A after the film with the instructor. There will be a lesson in the 3–3:30 p.m. time slot. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Carolina After Dark
Midnight Movie: Chucky
Saturday, August 22
SOLD OUT
Russell House 315
Thursday, August 20
6–10 p.m.
C.S. Lewis Student Center
This year’s After Dark film will be Chucky. Do you remember it? Do you want to remember it? Get a group together and plan to come see it at 6 p.m. There will be snacks provided and a Q&A with the instructor. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Carolina After Dark
Midnight Movie: The First Avenger
Friday, August 21
SOLD OUT
Russell House 315
Thursday, August 20
8-11 p.m.
C.S. Lewis Student Center
This year’s After Dark film will be The First Avenger. Have you seen it? Do you want to see it? This is your chance to do both! The film will begin at 8 p.m., and we will have snacks provided. There will be a Q&A after the film with the instructor. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Thursday, August 20
Bible Study
Leadership and Service Center
Thursday, August 20
11:00 a.m.–1 p.m.
C.S. Lewis Student Center
Bible Study – anyone is welcome to join this weekly session. We will be going through the book of Proverbs this semester.

How to Get Involved:
Student Organizations:
Thursday, August 20
10:00–12:00 p.m.
Leadership and Service Center
Join your fellow USC students for a few hours and make a big impact on the Gamecocks in need. We’ll be providing opportunities for you to get to know one another and get involved in the community.

Carolina After Dark
Midnight Movie: The Avengers
Saturday, August 22
Russell House 315
Thursday, August 20
10-11:30 p.m.
C.S. Lewis Student Center
This year’s After Dark film will be The Avengers. Have you seen it? Do you want to see it? This is your chance to do both! The film will begin at 11 p.m., and we will have snacks provided. There will be a Q&A after the film with the instructor. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Carolina After Dark
Midnight Movie: The Iron Giant
Sunday, August 23
Sunday, August 23
Russell House 315
Thursday, August 20
6–10 p.m.
C.S. Lewis Student Center
This year’s After Dark film will be The Iron Giant. Have you seen it? Do you want to see it? This is your chance to do both! The film will begin at 6 p.m., and we will have snacks provided. There will be a Q&A after the film with the instructor. Everyone is welcome to attend!
When finding information these days usually amounts to a quick Google search via smartphone, it's unlikely that the average student will go all the way out to the library and spend its five underground floors for the sake of research. Not only has the Thomas Cooper Library kept up with the technological shift by putting countless articles and databases on its website, but it has also adjusted on many levels to keep up with the needs of students. Read to find out about some of the lesser-known services offered by USC's favorite study sanctuary.

What do headphones, lockers and umbrellas have in common?

In addition to the traditional practice of checking out books, Thomas Cooper also offers the option of renting unconventional items such as headphones, iPads, lockers and umbrellas. Headphones, iPads and laptops can be checked out from the Technology Lounge on the fifth floor. While the headphones and laptops are only loaned in four-hour intervals and may not leave the library, iPads can be taken home for up to seven days. As for umbrellas, a 24-hour borrow period is allowed and are checked out from the circulation desk on the library's main floor. Here, USC students can also reserve a locker for 24 hours in anticipation of a long day of studying.

The rarest books at the fairest price

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Study rooms and carrels for extra-private studying

For students who need a quieter and more private study environment, there are study rooms and carrels on the bottom four floors of Thomas Cooper. Beginning in the fall, the 38 group-study rooms which had to be reserved in the past will now be unlocked and open around the clock for first-come, first-served use. However, students are still encouraged to reserve a room, which would take precedence over a walk-in in the event of a conflict. On floors one and three, there are individual carrels (tiny study closets) for students who need a more intensely private study environment than the study rooms.

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the old Public Health building will be the new social work building — to renovate the same company tasked to the new university to The Boudreaux Group — the $25 million shoveled out by the government for debates and public meetings. A seat lecture classroom could be a spot journalism into one room and a 140 studio will bring together all facets of the creative process. The computer lab will be home to some of the most innovative students. Even though the outside size has increased the building will do wonders for the USC community. “In addition to the hundreds of jobs this center will create directly, more partnerships will be formed with local businesses and a new office for the building with a total budget of $25 million to be opening spring 2016. One of the more interesting aspects of this partnership will be the new angle of learning IBM will bring to USC’s campus. IBM and USC will analyze data from USC students to incorporate into their Big Data research — discovering the impact of numbers and statistics to multiple fields of study. School of Law If you thought trekking to McManus College during the August and September heat was a heat, then you’re in for a treat. As part of USC’s efforts to expand campus, the new School of Law will be on the block of Gervais and Bull streets. Construction has already begun for the building for fall 2016 opening. The Boudreaux Group and SmithGroupJRR, the two companies architecting and engineering the School of Law, were not short on space, seeing that the building will encompass a whole block. Maxing out around 388,000 square feet, the new law center integrates two structures on National Register of Historic Places: the Harvey-Guignard House and the Taylor House. The School of Law has been trying to get a new building for a long time. Since 1999, the school has been raising money for construction plans, and it looks like they get what they wanted. While there are not too many details of the interior yet, there is a live cam of the construction on The Boudreaux Group’s website.
March 5, 1861: Letitia Christian Tyler, granddaughter of former President John Tyler, raises the Confederate flag for the first time in South Carolina, under direction from Confederate President Jefferson Davis. The event was recounted by Mary Chestnut, the wife of Confederate Secretary of the Navy James Chestnut, in her diary. President Abraham Lincoln was sworn into office the day before.

1938: The Confederate flag is raised inside the South Carolina Statehouse in the House of Representatives’ chambers. The Senate would follow suit in 1956.

1961: The Confederate flag is hoisted atop the Statehouse in what was claimed to be a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Civil War. Others claim it was as a response of opposition to the Civil Rights movement, which was gaining traction nationally, and the Civil Rights Act, which was on the process of being drafted at the time. Starting in the mid-60s, white supremacy groups, such as the Ku Klux Klan began to adopt the Confederate flag as a symbol of hatred against minorities, which contributed to the stigmatizing image the flag holds today.

1988: The last visual presence of the Ku Klux Klan in Columbia, South Carolina, until the flag rally in July 2015.

1996: Governor David Beasley suggests moving the flag to a Statehouse monument, rather than have it sit atop the Statehouse itself.

1997: The General Assembly effectively kill any progress made by Beasley’s proposal by letting the bill expire in the Senate.

1998: Beasley pledge’s to never attempt to remove the flag again. The NAACP holds protests outside the Statehouse later that year.

June 17, 2015: Dylann Roof, a 21-year-old self-proclaimed white supremacist enters Mother Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina, and leaves after murdering nine black churchgoers who were attending a Bible study. Among the victims was South Carolina Sen. Clementa Pinckney.

June 18, 2015: As Gov. Nikki Haley calls for the lowering of the U.S. and South Carolina flags to half-staff in honor the shooting victims, the Confederate flag flies high due to a compromise in the 2000 bill that removed it from atop the Statehouse.

June 20, 2015: An anti-flag rally attracts a crowd of over 2,000 in protest to its continued flying in the wake of the Charleston church shooting.

June 22, 2015: Contradicting her earlier “pro-flag” positioning during her election, Nikki Haley calls for the general assembly to remove the flag from Statehouse grounds in a statement that receives support from leaders both inside and out of the state. Wal-Mart and Amazon.com pull Confederate flags from their stock.

July 10, 2015: After passing a measure through both the House and Senate in an emergency session, the flag is finally removed from Statehouse grounds in a ceremony. Chants of “U.S.A! U.S.A!” as well as various forms of celebration are heard from the crowd of over 1,000 present that day.

July 18, 2015: The Ku Klux Klan and NSM hold a rally in protest of the removal of the Confederate flag. During the rally, the groups tear up an Israeli flag and great protesters with Nazi salutes while screaming “White power!”
DINING IS... EVENTS!

WELCOME WEEK EVENTS:

RAVE AND ROTATE
Top of Carolina
AUGUST 18, 2015
7:00pm - 10:00pm
MEAL SWIPE + $5
or $15 plus tax for non meal plan holders

FREE GIVEAWAYS!
CHANCE TO WIN A GOPRO HERO!

PJs AND PANCAKES
Meal Swipe or $6.10 + tax at the door
AUGUST 19, 2015
7:30am - 9:30am
Honeycomb Cafe, Gibbes Court, & Bates Diner

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First Day of Class

COOKOUT CRAWL
AUGUST 20, 2015
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MEAL SWIPE FOR ONE
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GIBBES, BATES, HONEYCOMB

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New meal plans change service, places to eat

As more students return to USC for the 2015 fall semester — and campus dining halls once again hum with activity — one question seems inevitable: “Where did my Bonus Bucks go?”

Bonus Bucks, once a staple of the meal plan program and a similar currency to the meal plan dollars, are no longer distributed to students based on their current scholastic year. In the past, freshmen would receive $20 per semester for using the meal plan system, a figure that increased annually as they continued to invest in meal plans as upperclassmen. Those classified as seniors received $200 Bonus Bucks with their meal plan per semester.

USC’s meal system received an overhaul this year, removing a number of features and adding new ones. The fundamental meals-per-week structure is still in place: titles like “Gamecock” (21 meals,) “Cocky” (16 meals) and “Garnet” (14 meals) should seem familiar to students who have used the meal plan system in the past.

This year, however, students have the option to choose from platinum, gold and silver versions of these meal plans. Alongside the meals themselves, each tier offers “Meal Plan Dollars” for the semester, which function in the same way as Carolina Cash. Silver plans, the least-expensive tier, offer $25 in tax-free credit, gold plans offer $190 and platinum plans offer $325.

So, a student interested in buying a Cocky Silver plan will receive 16 meals per week and $25 in Meal Plan Dollars, while someone on a Garnet Platinum plan would receive 14 meals per week and $325 per semester to spend freely on food.

“Meal Plan Dollars are designed to help pay for snacks, coffee, fruit or overages at retail locations,” according to the USC Dining Services website.

FLEX plans, which previously offered students a way to eschew the regimented system of meal periods, have been replaced by a “declining balance” plan — which also boasts a metallic tier system.

The idea for declining balance is similar to the FLEX plan: each student starts out with a bulk amount of meal plan dollars, which then can be used in whatever manner the student in question desires. (It also carries with it the same risk of using up all of one’s swipes before the semester ends.) Higher tiers of this option offer a larger balance and a greater number of free meals at three campus eateries: Honeycomb Café in the honors dorm (now a buffet), Gibbes Court Bistro and Bates House Diner.
Welcome to USC from Delta Delta Delta

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Friday, August 14, 2015
Opinions

Opinion writing is an attempt to moderate, if not subdue, real reactions to events of the wider world. Of course, if you are a true moral exemplar — a Mandela, for example — those reactions will also be the correct ones.

But, no matter how accurate your moral compass is, there is never any way of surmounting the disaster and improvement by sitting down and thinking to yourself, and so...

More people don’t allow themselves to do this because their ideas are not serious. Of course, they are serious, in so far as their pre-ordained political or social opinions. Invoking unattractive diad into the inner monologue of these people is the highest goal of opinion writing. It is the first attempt in trying to teach people how to understand how they provoke others. It is also very hard to do.

The ability to see how one thinks is doubly important because it is impossible to escape some issues, no matter where or how you live your life. Everyone who claims “not to have an opinion,” or claims to do so because of being an important political being, is not very likely to be an honest one.

This is understandable. Perhaps the speaker doesn’t know enough about the subject and wants to avoid the embarrassment. Perhaps they don’t want to voice an unwelcome sentiment. Most Americans generally don’t bring up politics or religion in casual conversation, perhaps they consider themselves politically neutral.

But they are living you in all the same, in the same well-meaning manner that The New York Times lies to you when they suggest that everything on the front page is important, unbiased and 100 percent factually accurate.

The people behind those news stories are wised in the same way as everyone else: prejudiced toward their cause that they believe, quick to dismiss unpleasant facts and capable of being very, very wrong.

But because they know that they are capable of error — and are duty-bound to own up to it publicly when they fail — these editors and writers try as hard as they can be to see as possible about the information. 

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Ben Crawford

Dinner halls in Capstone House and the Homes Residence Hall are now buffet style — “all you care to eat.” These options are on the meal plan, which also include most daily, weekly and monthly needs. However, those who do not want to voice an unwelcome sentiment — “not because the faulty, ignorant public can’t understand what is right.” Perhaps they consider themselves politically neutral.

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Campus police

It was a press conference that was hardly expected questions.

Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters said this week he returned a murder indictment against crime officer Ray Tensing at the police station shot and killed Sam DuBose during the traffic stop the involved police officer in the DuBose was unarmed.

But questions and discussion surrounding this case hasn’t just stopped with the wadsworth and Off cer Tensing was charged with murder and violating a large concentration of law students. It’s also an obvious and dif cult and sometimes dangerous work. It requires a special skills and training.

Some have said that in Off cer Tensing’s trial, when his body camera helped uncover the facts, the police force is equipped with body cameras, and they were even before we could move.

I think for how far justice in campus police departments should extend, what their role should be in the neighborhoods surrounding campuses and how much training, responsibilities and accountability they should have is a worthy debate. I think that abolishing campus police departments is a bad idea. I think that keeping campus police departments is a bad idea.

Part of educating students is to train them so that they so that they so that they so that they.

Yes, we are not educated how to read that’s so only so much we can do. We can all take steps to ensure there is a systematic keep watching, and with USCPD I feel safe knowing that they have our back.

Ben Turner

Dear Student Body President,

I have been writing columns for this newspaper for nearly two years. I have written dozens of columns to response to the off-campus readers, some from events happening locally and some because I wanted to vent. I am ashamed of some and proud of others. I often find that each one is more an exploration of an idea than an interpretation of it.

I have learned much much from shockingly poignant reader responses than I have from the columns. Nothing feels quite as embarrassing (or is as useful) as writing to the paper while sitting in a theater shed in front of your face in a public place.

But I return — again and again — to one question. What’s your favorite column? What do you find that worth it anyone’s time to think about, any Russia’s illegal invasion of Ukraine when any given person reading this might not even know Russia exists? And influence over what happens there? Is that worth it anyone’s time of time? Strange bourgeois diversion?

The answer. You’ve arrived at this in a very similar manner. But opinions because it is impossible to escape some issues, no matter where or how you live your life. Everyone who claims “not to have an opinion,” or claims to do so because of being an important political being, is not very likely to be an honest one.

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Birth controls need as possible

Emily Barber

The health care movement is now 50 years old, and the issue of birth controls has become more prominent. Women have been able to obtain a year’s supply of pills at a time, instead of the previous 30-60 day supply. The pill is aimed at women who do not have regular access to their doctors, college students, or as a classroom aid. The issue still remains that insurance companies require a prescription in order to cover the cost of birth control, which would easily cover the cost of birth control. The latter is particularly aimed to get birth control pills available to young, immigrant, or low-income women who cannot easily afford the pill out-of-pocket. Teenagers are another group that might not have access to effective contraception. In South Carolina, the legal age of sexual consent is 16. Many 16-year-olds might not be comfortable enough able to get a prescription for birth control. An over-the-counter medication could be more effective at preventing unwanted pregnancies. However, the laws, such as condoms and birth control pills, currently have easier access. In many cases, as well as companies, women, as well as companies, are able to get birth control pills, much less than the cost of a prescription. Birth control is meant to prevent unwanted pregnancy, and is an affordable and accessible tool that fulfills its purpose.

The Daily Gamecock

About The Daily Gamecock

Write the presidential candidates, you can only make an impression that it was a D e m o c r a t s p o r t s new ideas and programs trying to stop said Hillary Clinton has made a serious campaign focus on criminal justice, economic reform, and climate change that would implement as president. Republican ideas, fast track shots at Clinton and their own ideas. Obama offers more proposals rather than giving any of their own ideas. Some issues have come out of the field, such as defending Planned Parenthood and cutting taxes again, but almost all of their proposals to platform are to stop something Obama or Clinton have been at are proposing rather than actually suggesting new ideas. Republicans are around stopping Democrats that would implement new ideas and programs trying to stop said Hillary Clinton has made a serious campaign focus on criminal justice, economic reform, and climate change. Republicans areActed. She gave her first campaign in inaugural address and State of the Union outlining four key strategies on Wall Street reform, LGBT rights, climate change and criminal justice reform. Let’s be clear, many of these policies are long enough to require the Senate for Democrats in 2016. But it’s so gory that the current record is much more hostile to her than Obama. While she might be able to do some things through executive orders (it’s an open question as to whether Republicans would allow anyone especially in a minority of the Senate that she would and could do that Obama already has). In the absolute best-case scenario, 2016 is a disaster for Republicans. The 2016 Republican candidates waste time and energy attacking each other, the Clinton campaign will rally support and try to position the survivor. Then beyond all of these obstacles, Donald Trump is in his position and is still the eventual winner if he were to go to the Oval Office. Trump would have no need to understand a simple fact: the presidency is about winning.

Joe Biden would be viewed as a strong candidate as he becomes more critical. He’s hovering around 2 percent right now, but there’s plenty of room to improve. Joe Biden would have no need to worry about the Republican candidates. It is undeniably the first step toward making birth control affordable. In the first year that contraception was included in health insurance coverage, women saved about $4 billion on the pill alone, not including more expensive methods, such as the intrauterine device (IUD).

Affordability is not the only consideration when it comes to women and contraception. It must also become more accessible, particularly to teenagers and young adults. Sexually active teenagers are more likely to use birth control as it becomes more accessible. In South Carolina, there has been a significant increase in the number of girls who have had a steady increase in teenage pregnancies over the past several years. A policy that would provide free birth control pills and IUDs to women they wanted them. As a result, over four years, the number of girls who had a sexual intercourse decreased by 40 percent and the rate of teenage pregnancies decreased by 42 percent.

It is undeniable that every effort to make contraception more accessible for women. The next step to accessibility is to make these methods available without a prescription. Several states, including California and Oregon, are taking steps toward this end. In early July, Oregon governor Kate Brown signed the first of which allows women to get birth control pills directly from a pharmacist without a prescription. The state of California to women to obtain a year’s supply of pills at a time, instead of the previous 30-60 day supply. The latter particularly aimed at women who do not have regular access to their doctors, college students, or as a classroom aid. The issue still remains that insurance companies require a prescription in order to cover the cost of birth control, which would easily cover the cost of birth control. The latter is particularly aimed to get birth control pills available to young, immigrant, or low-income women who cannot easily afford the pill out-of-pocket. Teenagers are another group that might not have access to effective contraception. In South Carolina, the legal age of sexual consent is 16. Many 16-year-olds might not be comfortable enough able to get a prescription for birth control. An over-the-counter medication could be more effective at preventing unwanted pregnancies. However, the laws, such as condoms and birth control pills, currently have easier access. In many cases, as well as companies, women, as well as companies, are able to get birth control pills, much less than the cost of a prescription. Birth control is meant to prevent unwanted pregnancy, and is an affordable and accessible tool that fulfills its purpose.
Summer movies hits and misses

Best Movies of the Summer

The Avengers: Age of Ultron
People of all age groups stormed the theatres to watch the headlining cast of superheroes save the day. The Avenger movies are always wildly entertaining and live up to Marvel's high reputation.

Trainwreck
Trainwreck tells the story of a hilarious magazine writer, Amy (Amy Schumer), who has been taught since childhood that monogamy isn't realistic. She continues to live by that moral, avoiding what she believes to be the restriction of a boring, committed life. Eventually, she meets the “perfect man” who makes her question all of her previous values.

Jurassic World
Jurassic World took us back to a childhood filled with imagination and dinosaurs. With a new theme park that is ten times larger than the original, it introduced us to a new, dangerous dinosaur hybrid.

Dope
Dope tells the story of three high school seniors growing up in a poor area of Inglewood, Los Angeles. Their whole lives change overnight when they decide to attend a local gangster's birthday party and get sucked into a world of drugs, guns and thugs.

Minions
The minions exist to serve the most evil villains all throughout history from the T. Rex to Napoleon. However, they are terrible at their jobs and always serve under the unsuccessful masters. After a long time without a master and a long period of depression, one minion, Kevin, has the idea to set north and find a new master. Through a cute and hilarious adventure, Kevin and his two friends, Bob and Stuart, find a master, the world's first super villainess.

Worst Movies of the Summer

 Terminator Genisys
This movie series is so tired. When John Connor sends Kyle Reese into the past to protect his mother from a terminator assassin, there is a change of events and the timeline is altered. This movie is basically a compilation of “what if” and fan fiction from over the years. The only reason this movie made it into theatres is because of the legend Terminator has already built.

Tomorrowland
The ratings on this movie weren't as high as the hype for it was. A troubled, yet gifted teen and a scientist go on a journey to discover the secrets of a place that doesn't technically exist anymore, despite its existence in their memories. The film lacked suspense but did have a lot of good imaging.

Hot Pursuit
A policewoman is assigned a case to escort a beautiful woman across the country to testify against her husband who is a drug lord. Her husband is later attacked and killed which leaves them both having to escape gunmen and crooked cops. The cast is beautiful and that may be the only positive thing about this movie.

Ted 2
Ted 2 should have ended at Ted 1. Life is completely different for John and his teddy bear friend Ted. John is now a bachelor and Ted is married and deciding to adopt a child. The law won't let Ted adopt because he’s property, not a person. This makes absolutely no sense and the ratings for the movie prove this movie was a complete bust.

Aloha
A military contractor reconnects with an old girlfriend who is now married. He also kindles a flame with a fighter pilot who watches his every move. This movie is as boring as it sounds. The plot is completely uneventful and is focused around a love story that no longer exists.

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But we have libraries full of books that are meant to be enjoyed, not suffered through. Just by stepping into Thomas Cooper or a used book store, it's often super easy to find books that can be read for pleasure. Yes, at times it seems time-consuming and harder than watching the next episode of your favorite show that's already loading on Netflix, but a good story sometimes makes us think in ways we didn't before, and it can be really satisfying to finish a great book.

So before the semester gets too overwhelming, consider picking up a book for fun. Whether it's a self-help style book about the challenges of young adulthood, a classic fiction tale or something light and modern, books can help us make connections to the world around us and even make us smarter.

Here are a few reads that may spark your own interest:

**The Geography of Bliss by Eric Weiner**

This travel memoir follows an American writer as he travels the globe searching for the true meaning and source of happiness. He asks himself and the people he meets questions along the way that will stir up a wanderlust and curiosity in the reader that you may have never known you had. Unlike self-help books, this brutally honest book doesn't claim to solve your unhappiness, but instead explores unlikely sources of joy throughout the world, and it could prove especially eye-opening for young adults looking for their own happiness.

**The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern**

This mysterious tale is about a traveling circus that opens — you guessed it — at night. The story of two star-crossed circus participants will draw you in from the first page, and following their journey proves to be not what you expect. The fascinating character development makes this easy read a quick one, and your imagination will run wild with the fantastic and magical descriptions.

**Bel Canto by Ann Patchett**

A classic fiction story about a bizarre hostage situation in South America, this book stretches the definition of a traditional novel's timeline. As the situation evolves, fears, loyalties and emotions change, and you will find yourself sympathizing with, despising and even caring for all the wrong characters. The strange tale takes place in such a short amount of time, but it manages to capture an uncharted facet of humanity that proves fun to contemplate.

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The music scenes around Columbia, whether it be a bar or an entertainment center, draw bands and artists from all different genres and popularities.

Live music in Columbia better than expected

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If you love music, Columbia definitely has a spot for you. Five Points and The Vista are full of places to go to dance and listen to music, but there are also several places in Columbia that have live music almost every night of the week. If you are a music lover and don't want to break the bank to hear live music from local and nationally known bands, use the following list to find out where you are going this weekend.

The New Brookland Tavern: Located on State Street, The New Brookland Tavern has live music almost every night of the week for unbeatable prices.

Conundrum: If you love indie music or performances with unique styles and sounds, Conundrum Music Hall is your place. They have many live performances each week, and their shows typically only cost $5 to $10.

Music Farm: Although Music Farm is a little pricier than some local bars that host live music, Music Farm brings in some huge headliners and hosts different shows for all age groups.

Tin Roof: Tin Roof is known for being a live music joint. They also have great deals on food, drinks and music.

Columbia art scene one to experience

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Columbia's art scene is waiting to be discovered by the many art enthusiasts here on campus. If you don't already spend all of your time in McMaster and would like to explore local and professional artwork, there are several places right down the street for you to go.

Columbia Museum of Art: This is an opportunity to use one of those student discounts. The Columbia Museum of Art, $5 for students and free to the public on Sundays, is a great way to engage your mind and see artwork from some of the greatest legends. Currently the museum is hosting “From Mao to Marilyn,” which explores Andy Warhol’s collection of celebrity paintings. The museum also holds adult art classes, tours and lectures from a variety of art enthusiasts.

City Art: This museum has a large collection of professional and hobbyist artwork. The gallery is always changing. It also offers classes and sells art supplies.

Gallery West: Gallery west brings arts from every end of the table to one shop. It sells and displays art in the form of ceramics, paintings and drawings, wood and even sculpture and jewelry. They host several events per year and also have exhibitions that are often free to the public.

Studio Cellar: Studio cellar is a local social painting studio where art is displayed and created. You don’t need any experience, just the desire to put it and create something fantastic. You can take classes with your friends or to freestyle paint.

Tapp’s Arts Center: This is another art studio that displays local and professional artwork. It offers classes and workshops as well as a never-ending variety of events.
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How to get along with your roommate

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Roommates, especially random matches, can either make the school year immensely easier or insanely difficult, depending on how the dynamics of the people are.

Don’t eat their food.

If you didn’t buy it, don’t eat it. Unless your roommate is present when you are eating the food and has already said you can have some, don’t eat it. It’s not worth the argument.

Clean up after yourself.

Your roommate is not your mom, and if your shared space is dirty enough for them to complain about, I’m sure they don’t want to live in a safe environment that is unhygienic. Avoid unnecessary conflict by keeping your mess in your own area.

Get to know everyone’s backgrounds.

Everyone comes from a different background. That is one of the best things about college: you get to meet people from all over the place. Getting to know where people are from, how many siblings they have, and their socio-economic status can help you all understand each other better.

Keep valuables locked up.

I’m not saying that your new roommate is a kleptomaniac, but when you live with people you don’t know or are living in a hallway of 20 to 30 other people, keeping your expensive or valuable items locked in a safe will mean you never have to deal with lost or stolen goods.

Get to know each other’s schedules.

After spending a lot of time together, you will start to know when the other people will be home or away. Knowing their schedule ahead of time will help you get the privacy you need.

You don’t have to be best friends.

So many people think that they have to be buddy-buddy with the person they are destined to spend the whole year with. At first, it may be convenient to have someone around with whom you can eat dinner, go grocery shopping and explore the town, but if you decide this person isn’t your “type,” you don’t have to be best friends. Maintaining a level of respect for each other’s space is all you need to make it through the year.

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Aries

It’s important not to jump to conclusions. You could find yourself quickly judging somebody or something on insufficient information. It’s best to have enough background information to make a clear decision. A period of learning and investigation is needed.

Taurus

Certain structures are breaking down in your life while new ones are forming. Saturn is creating some changes, and this can seem pretty dramatic at times, but you’re ready for it. You’re in a good groove with work and love.

Gemin

You might lose lots of invitations this week as Mars is moving into your sign and your social energy. Even if you’re busy with work, try to get out and be among people in a fun way. They’ve been missing some down time along the way. Along with that, try to enjoy the fun and get some laughter.

Cancer

Good deals may be found for others who will pay off for you now. Maybe you’ll receive a gift from someone, or perhaps someone will pay matchmaker for you after you helped them or they met somebody once you set them up. Others may karmic rewards.

Leo

With Mars forming a fire sign personality, you enjoy being the center of attention. Right now Mars is moving into your sign and is making you work harder than ever. You’ll entertain an audience of coworkers, friends and family members. Your own sweethearth could get a little jealous.

Virgo

The sun enters your sign on a four-week period. It’s a great time of year, with lots of good energy surrounding you. Dare to dream big and make ambitious plans. You can achieve many big goals if you try.

Libra

You might find yourself attracted to two people at once. The moon is moving into your sign which is a romantic and flirtatious mode. Maybe you’re feeling a little bored in a relationship. Try to spice things up with your current amour or find a new one.

Scorpio

You could have a breakthrough of some type this week, thanks to an opposition of the sun in your sign. You’ll finally figure out what has been going wrong in your business or your career. Or perhaps you’ll suffer a bit under a plainspoken spirituality of your own."
Tips for living off-campus student living

Eventually, most of us will move out of our small, convenient, on-campus dorm rooms into a small, inconvenient, off-campus apartment. Well, it is pretty convenient given you know how to take advantage of living off campus.

Perhaps you are used to waking up minutes before class starts and running down the stairs to get to your first class right across the street. Well, living off campus requires more planning and more time. Use these simple tips to ensure you get the most out of living off campus.

Clean up after yourself.
This is pretty straightforward. The best way to keep peace in your apartment with your new roommates is to make sure you are picking up after yourself and keeping your stuff in your own room.

Take advantage of the shuttle.
Driving around 10 minutes before your class looking for a meter or a garage space is a nightmare, and it usually ends in you missing your class more often than not. Take advantage of your free shuttle service. Learn the schedule and find out the least crowded times to ride it. Also, keep in mind your entire neighborhood has access to that one shuttle, so get to the bus stop early.

Get to know the maintenance crew.
These people can be your best friends or your worst friends. They have a key to your apartment and can see everything you have and everything you do. Be friendly with them and form a decent relationship so when your air conditioning stops working on the hottest day of the year, they will be more than happy to fix it for you.

Learn how to take care of appliances.
You are a young adult. It is time for you to learn how to take care of your washer, dryer, dishwasher and especially your toilet. Although the maintenance crew will be there to aid you when things go south, they are not your daddies. You can plunge your own toilet.

Have utility awareness.
A lot of student living areas give a huge discount when it comes to paying for air and water. However, if you keep every light on in your house and do six loads of laundry a day, you’re going to rack up some huge utility bills. You and your roommate(s) have to split those, so avoid awkward and annoying confrontation by turning off lights and running water more often.

Put the Wi-Fi router in the middle of your apartment.
Your Wi-Fi reception works best when the router is located in the middle of the apartment. Consider placing it there, or getting your own router for your room. Also, keep an Ethernet cable for backup.
These days, the hit radio stations are playing a variety of music genres, and obviously some songs are better than others. Some have inspired us, pumped us up and been the background music to the best months of our lives — summertime. Others are overplayed and we wish they’d move on to something new already. It’s up to you to decide which songs should die with the summer heat and which are worth putting on your back-to-school playlist.

Here the Billboard Top 20 Songs of the Summer:

1. “See You Again”—Wiz Khalifa feat. Charlie Puth
3. “Cheerleader”—OMI
4. “Trap Queen”—Fetty Wap
5. “Shut Up and Dance”—WALK THE MOON
7. “Can’t Feel My Face”—The Weeknd
10. “Honey, I’m Good”—Andy Grammer
11. “Want To Want Me”—Jason Derulo
12. “Where Are U Now”—Skrillex & Diplo with Justin Bieber
13. “Fight Song”—Rachel Platten
15. “Lean On”—Major Lazer & DJ Snake feat. MØ
16. “Earned It (Fifty Shades Of Grey)” —The Weeknd
17. “The Hills”—The Weeknd
18. “Sugar”—Maroon 5
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Song of summer playlist

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Dos and Don’ts of first week USC experience

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So you’re a freshman and you haven’t quite got a grip on the campus scene yet. Or you’re an upperclassman looking for a fresh start. Keep in mind these few simple tips to make sure your first week experience is a success.

DO plan accordingly.
Whether you’re driving to campus or walking from your dorm, your journey to class may take longer than you think. Between the thousands of anxious students walking through the Horseshoe and the unpredictability of campus parking, it pays off to leave a few minutes early. This isn’t middle school anymore, so if you choose to wear a T-shirt and running shorts, you won’t be alone. The important thing is that you’re comfortable, and whether you choose to wear a dress or your most beat up pair of sneakers is up to you.

DO say hi to old friends.
Seeing familiar faces is one of the best parts of coming back to school, so if there’s someone you recognize, ask them about their summer and maybe you’ll have a new person to walk to class with or to sit with once you get there.

DO wear comfortable shoes and a light outfit.
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DON’T be embarrassed.
If you truly love your Star Wars onesie and want to wear it everyday, go for it. Wearing what you like. These are not rules and guidelines, just advice.

DO introduce yourself to new people.
Knowing your classmates comes in handy for when you need the notes from the day you got sick or a good partner for a group project. Not to mention you could make a new friend!

DON’T be afraid to sit in the front row.
Or with friends. Or alone. You know how you learn best and it’s up to you whether you succeed sitting with your crew of supporters in the back or within ten feet of the professor. Choose wisely.

Lastly … DO get excited!
It’s the start of a new year, and the possibilities are endless. Embrace new challenges, meet new people and seize new heights.

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USC trends can be seen almost immediately upon entering the campus. Girls wear long T-shirts, Nike shorts and converse shoes and guys can be seen sporting chubbies and button-up shirts. You can follow these trends or carve your own path. Whatever you choose to do, here are some tips for staying comfortable while trekking around campus.

Wear comfortable shoes.
Just in case you hadn’t noticed, USC is composed of turn up walkways, endless left and right turns and miles of steep, challenging hills. Wearing those new heels, sandals or $200 pair of Jordans may not be the best idea. But if you like blisters, scuffs and tired soles, don’t let anyone tell you you can’t.

Dress appropriately.
This may be your first time going to a school without a dress code. Perhaps you are excited to wear exactly the same. But don’t let this influence your outfit.

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Famously hot Columbia will continue to make you sweat for the next couple of months, so don’t weigh yourself down with heavy clothing or long sleeves. Plus, the wonky state of the brick paths on campus guarantee that more than a few students will stumble on their long, hot walks to class.

DON’T expect everyone to be dressed up.
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What to look for in 2015 football

Traditions to follow for 2015 season

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Game day traditions

Joining the Southeastern Conference in 1990 as the 12th member, South Carolina earned its only SEC Eastern Division title in 2010. The Gamecocks notched three straight 11-win seasons before falling to 7-6 in 2014, leaving them with an all-time record of 584-552.

Students new to Gamecock football might not know all the different tips and tricks to gameday in Williams-Brice stadium.

The Pressure’s On

While new faces of starters, transfers and freshmen working hard in spring ball, the Gamecocks will looks to avenge last season’s disappointing 7-6 finish with this year’s group of new faces of starters, transfers and freshmen working hard in spring ball.

Key Matchups

South Carolina’s two biggest rivals have national championship aspirations this season as both Georgia and Clemson have top-notch teams. Continuing its tradition, South Carolina will play Georgia in week three and Clemson to close out the regular season.

The Gamecocks travel to Sanford Stadium on September 19 for a matchup with the ninth-ranked Bulldogs. The Gamecocks will face Heisman-hopeful Nick Chubb and a deadly Georgia running game in a game that is traditionally one of the best in the SEC.

South Carolina only plays four away games this season, compared to seven home contests and the season opener against North Carolina at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte. Aside from the traditional rivalry games, the Gamecocks have a few key contests. No single game this season is more important for South Carolina than the season opener. While Spurrier will have obviously chosen a starting quarterback by that date, a bad first half could open the door for a backup to take control of the offense and become the hot hand — and the starter — for the rest of the season.

The Gamecocks will travel to College Station on Halloween for a matchup with SEC West rival Texas A&M. South Carolina’s rotational SEC West opponent this year will be LSU.

Clemson will come to Columbia on November 28, the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

South Carolina only returns five offensive and eight defensive starters. Thus, much of the burden will fall on a few veteran players, at least for the first few weeks of the season. If the offense begins to sputter, expect Spurrier to get the ball to junior receiver and Biletnikoff hopeful Pharoh Cooper.

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Displaying one of the best pre-game entries in college football, the team enters right after legendary mascot Cocky is unleashed from his cage to lead the fans in overwhelming enthusiasm. The three-time National Mascot of the Year leads the crowd, and when Sandstorm starts blaring, fans go crazy, jumping and twirling their towels.

In 2001, Sporting News ranked the pre-game entry as the most exciting in college football as the team entered the field through the tunnel to the first notes of the ’2001: A Space Odyssey.’ On game day, the only place to be is Williams-Brice Stadium.

Loyalty means tickets

Even with a stadium capacity of over 84,000, there still seems to be difficulty for students to secure tickets to home games. With the allotted tickets the university reserves for students, there is still a
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backup for the likes of Marcus Lattimore and Mike Davis and will put the chance to become the starter this season.

On defense, junior college transfer Marquisrus Lewis faces massive expectations at the defensive end position. A year after the defensive line accounted for just seven of the Gamecocks’ 14 sacks, a slew of junior college transfers will look to re-establish South Carolina’s traditionally effective line.

Quarterback Situation

As of now, it’s a four horse race for the starting quarterback position, though most experts expect it to come down to redshirt sophomore Connor Mitch and true freshman Lorenzo Nunez.

“The quarterback battle is going on,” Spurrier said. “Like I told them, we’re charting everything … We’ll chart it up and sort of let you know how they did later on.”

If the past 35 years are any indication, Spurrier will play the quarterback situation close to the chest.

Star Watch

Every year, several players show promise in the preseason, but few turn into stars. Last season, linebackers Jonathan Walton and wide receiver Pharoh Cooper emerged as national stars.

His route running ability has many experts likening him to current San Francisco 49er Bruce Ellington. His 4.36 second 40-yard dash in July is a physical specimen. The six foot, 205-pound receiver reportedly ran a 10.2 second 100 meter dash.

If the taller and faster Samuel can turn into stars. Last season, linebacker Scooby Wright and wide receiver Jason Avant led the Gamecocks in receiving yards and touchdowns. However, Smith and Davis will look to anchor what could be a surprisingly effective secondary.

This season, Smith is slated to take over the starting free safety position.

Redshirt freshman Deebo Samuel is a physical specimen. The six foot, 203-pound receiver reportedly ran a 4.36 second 40-yard dash in July. His route running ability has many alumni likening him to current San Francisco 49er Bruce Ellington.

If the taller and faster Samuel can develop the timing that Ellington had with his quarterbacks, he could actually outperform Cooper in terms of receiving yards and touchdowns this season.

Sophomore DJ Smith played well at times last season, but a lack of consistency in the secondary hurt the Gamecocks this season. Smith is slated to take over the starting free safety position and will look to anchor what could be a surprisingly effective secondary.

Smith’s aggressive and hard-hitting style has drawn comparisons to former Gamecocks and current Texan DJ Swearinger. The Gamecock secondary could use a bruiser as the defense looks to regain its hard-hitting reputation.

The Gamecocks will take on the Tar Heels on September 3 in Charlotte. Tickets are still available and the game will be broadcast on ESPN at 6:00 p.m. eastern.
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The South Carolina equestrian team has released their 2015-16 schedule. The defending national champions open up their schedule on September 21 against Dakota State. For the first time in the dual-meet era, the defending champions will open the season on the road. It is the second straight season the Gamecocks have opened their season away from home.

The Gamecocks schedule features free competitions against teams that advanced to the seminfinals last year’s national championship. Head coach Boo Major anticipates some changes this season.

“We were a senior-heavy team lost year,” Major said. “It was a great feeling to win the National Championship last year, but that means that we were going to lose some faces and gain new ones for the upcoming year. A lot of riders are going to start more than are accustomed to and we have to start the season in the right direction.”

Equestrian, also known as riding or horseback riding, consists of various areas of competition including dressage, vaulting, jumping and endurance riding and riding. The Gamecocks went 12-5 overall in the last season, finishing 4-2 in the SEC Conference. The Gamecocks began the season with a rocky 0-2 start, falling to Kansas State and SEC Champion Georgia. They quickly rallied and won their next seven matches, including three SEC meets. After a quick exit from the SEC tournament, the Gamecocks rode their way through the National Championship to bring home the hardware.

“It was a great feeling to get that National Championship,” Major said. “We had a good group of seniors on the team and it was nice to know that they finished their last season with a national championship.”

The Gamecocks are now looking toward the 2015-2016 season with an eye on defending their title in the SEC championship. It’s a conference that features some of the top teams in the nation and one that is always a challenge for the Gamecocks to compete against. With a strong returning core of riders and a focus on building a strong foundation for the future, the Gamecocks are poised to make another run at the national championship.
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**Gamecock 2015 Football Depth Chart**

### Offensive Line
- **LT**: Mike Matthews, RS Sr. (Tie)
- **LG**: Cody Waldrop, RS Jr. (Tie)
- **C**: Alan Knott, RS Sr.
- **RG**: Will Spink, RS Sr.
- **RT**: Brandon Shell, RS Sr.
- **TE**: Jerell Adams, Sr.
- **O-Lineman**: Alan Knott, RS So. (Tie)

### Wide Receivers
- **WR 1**: Pharoh Cooper, Jr.
- **WR 2**: Deebo Samuel, RS Fr.
- **WR 3**: Shamier Jeffery, RS Sr. (Tie)

### Linebackers
- **SLB**: Jonathan Walton, Jr. (OR)
- **MLB**: Skai Moore, Jr.
- **WLB**: Jonathan Walton, Jr.
- **DE**: Cedrick Cooper, Sr.

### Defensive Line
- **DE**: Gerald Dixson, RS Jr. (Tie)
- **DT**: Gerald Dixon, Jr.
- **DT**: Cedrick Cooper, Sr. (Tie)

### Secondary
- **CB**: Chris Lammons, Sr.
- **CB**: Isaiah Johnson, RS Sr. (Tie)
- **CB**: Jordan Diggs, RS Jr. (Tie)

### Kickers
- **P**: Elliott Fry, Jr.
- **K**: Elliott Fry, Jr.

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**Offensive Line**
- Shell is the anchor of the line and could move to the left side if Mike Matthews' bar is not completely healed. Knott, Sport and Waldrop all started at various points last season and will, in some order, form the interior of the offensive line.

**Wide Receivers**
- Regardless of who the Gamecock signal caller ends up being, Spurrier’s passing attack will focus on All-American Pharoh Cooper. Redshirt freshman Deebo Samuel had a tremendous spring and seems to have locked up the number two spot.

**Linebackers**
- Much like in the past, the Gamecocks will run a rotation of eight or more pass rushers, allowing other new faces such as freshman Dexter Wideman to see the field this season. Co-defensive coordinator Jon Hoke has much more depth on the outside than at the tackle position.

**Secondary**
- It is still unclear if Hoke will use any of Lorenzo Ward’s signature 4-2-5 formation in 2015. The safety-linebacker hybrid SPUR position might not exist in Hoke’s traditional 4-3, but, regardless, both Bryant and Gurley will see extensive action on defense.

**Kickers**
- The school-record holder for most consecutive extra points made is on nearly every Groza Award watch list out there. Charlton was the top specialist in the class of 2013, but may end up challenging this season. Ard will most likely handle kickoff duties once again this season.
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The South Carolina men’s soccer team will begin their 2015 season against Mercer on August 28 at home in Stone Stadium. After a solid 2014 season, the Gamecocks finished 10-10-0 with a 3-5-0 conference record. Head coach Mark Berson seems enthusiastic about the upcoming season, challenging his team with a rigorous schedule including eight matchups with teams that made it to the 2014 NCAA Tournament.

“I think the team left the spring semester physically in really good shape, tactically sharper, really having a clearer idea of the number of principles that we want to get across, and I think there was great momentum and morale,” Berson said. “I think they were really excited about the fall.”

South Carolina will host nine regular season matchups, including Conference USA contests against Florida Atlantic, FIU, and the conference closer against the ODU Monarchs. The Gamecocks will face off against rival Clemson on the road on September 4.

This team is shaping up with the addition of several new players, a class Berson continually describes as “versatile” and “attacking.” This season will feature six new recruits, including All-American midfielder Danny Deakin from Mercyhurst University in Pennsylvania. Deakin led the division with 16 assists this past season and holds a record of 24 goals and 23 assists overall in his two years in Pennsylvania. “Danny plays as an attacking midfielder,” Berson said. “He’s a guy that brings in a lot of experience and ability, and he’s a guy that we think will have an immediate impact in our team.”

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"Preseason rankings are as much about where your program is thought of historically as they are the upcoming season, so it's exciting to see us in this position this season," South Carolina head coach Shelley Smith said. "We feel great about the team we're bringing into this season and look forward to keeping our program in this position."

Some standouts from the 2014 season will be back to help the Gamecocks move forward. 2014 SEC Freshman of the Year Savannah McCaskill hopes to add to her impressive first year. As a midfielder, McCaskill tied for the team lead with 15 points, netting five goals and five assists. She started in all 21 games and recorded a shot in each game.

Forward/Midfielder Raina Johnson will go into her senior season after recording 11 points a year ago, five goals and one assist. Johnson was clutch in game-winning opportunities, with four of her five goals winning the game. Johnson and McCaskill will work together again in the midfield in 2015.

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Mark Berson, who has been with the program since its inception in 1978. More recently, Coach Berson earned a spot in the South Carolina Letterman’s Hall of Fame, joining six of his former players.

The team returns to campus on August 11 and will begin practice the following day. South Carolina will host three exhibitions against Gardner-Webb on August 16, Wofford on August 19 and Furman on August 23 before heading into the regular season.

Mahamoudou Kaba is one of the very few key players the Gamecocks lost last year.