SC Senate says 'Aye' to flag removal as Roof is indicted

James Stewart

On Tuesday, a chapter in South Carolina history began unfolding when the State Senate formally voted to remove the Confederate flag from the Statehouse grounds. The Senate had already approved a measure on a third and final reading, which reformed a previous successful vote on Monday. Now that the Senate has voted, the removal bill is moving to be voted on in the House.

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Throughout the Senate debate over the Confederate flag, Dylann Roof, who was arrested for the shooting, was on the minds of lawmakers. The Senate passed a measure to remove the Confederate flag from the Statehouse for a second time, and in turn, received approval from viewers and fellow contributors alike.

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Daja Dial was clear on her stance regarding the removal of the flag.

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As a fellow competitor for Miss SC, Knight also worked incredibly hard to make this dream happen. “I want Daja to represent my South Carolina.” After Dial’s answer, another user, @byosam_14k, wrote, “If Daja Dial doesn’t win MissSC2015 this is rigged.” MISS USC happy with new Miss SC. Miss USC Leslie Knight, who also competed for the Miss SC title and has been competing in pageants since she was three months old, was ecstatic to see Dial take the crown.

“Not only is she beautiful both inside and out, she has worked incredibly hard to make this dream happen,” Knight said.

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The option for lawmakers to introduce additional amendments is still available, and if utilized, the bill would be sent back to the Senate for another vote. However, if the bill is approved by the House, it would then be sent to Governor Nikki Haley, who has vowed to sign the bill. It would then be sent to the Senate for another vote.

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“From what I understand from a witness, the military airplane collided mid-air with another plane at around 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday.” FAA spokesman Jim Peters released a statement saying that the jet had collided with a Cessna 172, about ten miles away from Charleston.

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National titles not on roster for SEC Network’s USC ‘Takeover’ day

The Gamecocks’ two most recent College World Series championships are not planned in the lineup on Thursday, during the 24-hour block that USC games will “take over” the SEC Network’s programming.

An ESPN statement further explained that there was a catch to the network devoting an entire day’s worth of coverage to a school—the exclusive rights to the game held by ESPN. “NCAA championships were unavailable for schools to air this year during their Takeover day,” ESPN said in the statement. “We are evaluating options to air [championship] games in future years should a school want to include.”

President Pastides and USC Athletics Director Ray Tanner will be hosting the broadcast.

Games are being cut to fit into two-hour windows and a schedule will be released on Tuesday.

—James Stewart, News Editor

Starbucks increasing sales prices beginning this week

Starbucks announced it would be increasing its prices on Tuesday, according to the Associated Press.

The price hike will increase the cost of the affected products by 5 to 20 cents. The price of a small and large brewed coffee will be increased by 10 cents in most areas, which would bring the price of a large coffee up to $2.45.

Last year, Starbucks also increased their prices across the country.

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Sumter County parents arrested over toasted pastry, eviction of daughter

A Sumter County couple was arrested last Friday after sheriff’s deputies learned that the parents were allegedly forcing their daughter to live in a tent in the woods.

The daughter, 14, is believed to have been forced to live almost a quarter-mile into the woods behind her parent’s property after she ate a Pop Tart without permission.

Both James Allen Driggers, 33, and Crystal Lynn Driggers, 36, have been charged with counts of unlawful neglect of a child.

Authorities say that the teen was barred from her home for two days with the parents’ intentions of having her live in a tent and was provided a roll of toilet paper, a whistle, a flashlight and a watch.

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The ties between the shooting and the vote for the removal of the Confederate flag were ultimately connected by the perceived racist connotations of the flag that were amplified exponentially by its prominence in Roof’s motivation to kill.

impress several USC students with her articulate response.

Winifred Mercado, a third-year early childhood education major, agrees with Dial’s reasoning but thinks she won Miss South Carolina based on the delivery of her response rather than the content.

“She’s right; I definitely think it should be taken down,’’ Mercado said. “But she’s being judged based on her performance and answer of the question, not on her personal beliefs.’’

Third-year accounting major Cara Mintera was equally as supportive.

“People are starting to realize how hateful [the flag] can actually be,’’ Mistretta said. ‘‘For her to say that shows where she’s coming from and could make a difference with taking it down.’’

Dial, who is only the third African American to be crowned in the Miss South Carolina pageant over the course of 88 years, was backed up her answer in a press conference Sunday.

“I wouldn’t change my answer,’’ she said. “Why have that [Confederate flag] still there when we’ve made so much progress? Let’s put it in a museum where it belongs.’’

In addition to winning the coveted Miss SC crown, Dial was crowned as Miss Talent during the week leading up to the annual pageant, where she sang a heartfelt and powerful “I Believe” in her talent.

The 22-year-old Spartanburg native arrived at the pageant as Miss Greenville County and is a recent graduate of Clemson University, where she was a cheerleader and health administration major. Besides accommodating the progressive changes South Carolina may see in the future, Dial’s platform as Miss SC centers on type 1 and type 2 diabetes in response to her older brother’s diagnosis with type 1 diabetes in December 2009.

As Miss South Carolina 2015, Dial will advance to compete in the Miss America pageant to be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, at 8 p.m. on Sept. 14. Historically, Miss South Carolina has been crowned as Miss America twice, in 1957 and 1994.
Mac Madness to cater to Columbia macaroni lovers

HBO’s ‘True Detective’ seems to fall short of season 1’s standards

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It is really no surprise that producers tried to capitalize another Terminator movie, but why they would try to reproduce the same bland story over and over again is hard to understand.

The third film, “Rise of the Machines,” the fourth, “Terminator Salvation,” and now the fifth, “Genisys,” have all born a complete waste of money for audiences and producers. Each decade of the past 35 years, we have heard the Terminator say “Hasta la vista baby.” Perhaps now it is time for him to say “Adios para siempre.”
is actually pretty solid. The series takes place in Los Angeles and brings three very different cops together after a dead body is found sitting at a picnic table by the highway. Let’s just hope the story develops quickly enough before the hype from the first season destroys it.

Although it is not particularly engaging, the plot leaves room for this season to redeem itself in the remaining five episodes. There are already several unanswered questions and character flaws viewers can’t wait to learn more about. Pizzolatto clearly increased the difficulty of this season by adding deeper characters, backstories and plot twists. Hopefully, it won’t at the expense of being entertaining.

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**America’s leftward shift undeniable**

Ross Abbott

Business Manager

Over the weekend, Greek voters rejected a proposed reform from the rest of the European Union that would give Greece another loan in exchange for several cuts in Greece’s national budget. With Greece already in default to its neighbors to the tune of over 30 billion euros (or about $12 billion USD), this latest proposal was meant to be a way for Greece’s banks and government to continue operating without defaulting on their previous loans while also closing some of its national budget gap (which Greece will have to do before it can run back its debts). By rejecting the agreement, Greece is now the first modern nation to make a debt payment and risk national bankruptcy if they continue to do so.

What happens in a national banking system that cannot continue to function? In no country with modern banking systems has ever dipped so far into the red. In theory, it would be much like personal bankruptcy—the bank will cancel all your checks and refuse to give you any credit while also trying to get their hands on anything you own that’s worth selling. On a national scale, Greece probably hasn’t been so worrisome because coming after their house (which would likely require a full scale invasion, and I don’t see creditors like France or Germany as likely to engage in a full scale military campaign to get their money back), but if they have a difficult time doing any international business without any money or the capacity to get any. The situation internally for Greek citizens is probably even worse. Greek banks have all been closed for more than a week in an advance of this vote and don’t seem likely to reopen until the situation has been resolved. People are limited to any cash they had in their wallets or hidden under their mattresses while their bank accounts are effectively frozen. Government checks written against the Greek national budget are no longer good. Restricting them to run for college sports programs, the NCAA should consider these options, the fans who support both the schools and the players.
For solutions to today’s puzzle, go to dailygamecock.com or download our app!

Sagittarius

Doing the paperwork gets intimidating. It’s easy to stick to a budget over the next two weeks with Mercury in Cancer. Family financial information changes your perspective. You won’t have to defer gratification forever. Take it slow and easy.

Capricorn

Partners are full of great ideas for about two weeks. Encourage yours to talk. Brainstorm and converse. During this period, compromise comes easier. Listen carefully. Discuss what you want to create. Good will is great advertising.

Aquarius

Your communications and networking come in well. You’re even better at fixing things for two weeks, with Mercury in Cancer. Accept an intellectual challenge at work. Streamline your routine. Your community has the resources you need. Please.

Scorpio

Expand your territory over the next two weeks, with Mercury in Cancer. Long-distance communications figure prominently. Travel, business, and networking skills are especially hot today. You find it easier to express your feelings. Don’t talk out of what you want. You’re especially persuasive.

Leo

Keep a dream journal. Your dreams beckons, but take care. Prominent dreams will not have to defer you, especially hot two weeks. With Mercury in Cancer. You’ll find it easier to express yourself. Especially persuasive.

Taurus

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Defensive lines have been nine or 10 players deep. The 2015 Gamecocks have just seven players who have registered a major college snap on the defensive side of the ball.

As solid as the starting three linebackers are, the Gamecocks have little depth behind them. Marquise Roberts, Sherrod Golightly and Kaiwan Lewis were solid backups, but all three transferred out of the program this offseason. In fact, the only Gamecock backup with significant game experience is redshirt junior Jordan Diggs, who has seen more action this summer at SPUR than any of the three traditional linebacker positions.

In today’s spread-heavy SEC, having a deep linebacker corps is not as necessary as in the past, but this year more than most, the Gamecocks are paper thin on defense. Though the secondary showed promise in spring practice, the unit is young, unproven and lacking a star. Quite a few players have the potential to become a shutdown corner, but until someone steps up, the unit will stay so-so.

The Gamecocks have the talent on defense to hang with any team in the SEC, but if a couple players have down years or encounter injury, 2015 could look much like last year’s 7-6 season. Walton and Moore will lead the linebackers and anchor the defense, but whether or not South Carolina can get production from its other talented but untested units remains unseen.

We’ll know in September.
Gamecock sluggers shine in summer play

Claudia Chakamian and Chris Slade

Multiple Gamecocks are spending the summer playing in summer leagues across the country. Some players have stayed local and are playing with teammates, while others have ventured far away.

Taylor Widener: Widener is 1-2 so far with a 2.31 ERA in five starts. In 32 innings pitched, he’s given up 29 hits and 16 runs but thrown 41 strikeouts with only seven walks. He is in third place in strikeouts in the league. Widener was named as a Coastal Plain League All-Star.

Alex Destino: Destino is currently batting .315 in 21 games for the team. In this list, he’s had 35 hits in 144 at-bats, while driving in 26 runs. In 66 games, he is hitting .298, with one home run and two runs batted in. Destino also has some experience pitching; in 1.1 innings, he gave up one hit and walked two, while striking out two and has a 0.00 ERA. Destino was named as a Coastal Plain League All-Star.

Reed Scott: Scott has posted a 2.29 ERA this summer with a 1-1 record. In 19.2 innings pitched, he’s thrown 17 strikeouts while walking seven batters. He’s given up 15 hits and only six runs, five earned.

Matthew Vogel: In 15.0 innings pitched, Vogel has an impressive ERA of 1.38, where he’s only given up six hits and two runs. He’s walked 10 but struck out 22. He is tied for second in the league for the number of saves (4). Vogel was named as a Coastal Plain League All-Star.

Marcus Mooney: Mooney is batting .274 with 20 hits in 73 at-bats. He has driven in 11 runs, with five doubles and has eight runs scored.

Clark Scolamiero: In 111 at-bats, Scolamiero has 34 hits, giving him a .301 average. He’s successfully stolen 14 bases out of 16 attempts, and has four doubles, 9 RBIs and 24 runs scored. Scolamiero was named as a Coastal Plain League All-Star.

Gene Cone: Cone is currently batting .204 in 49 at-bats. He has 10 hits and four runs scored, one home run and two RBIs. He also has two stolen bases.

Despite a disappointing 2015 campaign, most of the Gamecock baseball team have played well, including six players earning All-Star status in the Coastal Plain League.

Seasoned linebacking core anchor defense

Will Heits

A few weeks ago, I wrote about the potential strength and weaknesses for a young South Carolina defense. This week, I’ll take a look at the other side of the ball and examine the strength and weakness of the Gamecock defense, a unit coming off of a dismal 2014 campaign. The Gamecocks are ranked toward the bottom of the SEC in nearly every major defensive statistical category.

Flashback to February when head coach Steve Spurrier hired Jon Hoke as co-defensive coordinator. Hoke was Spurrier’s defensive specialist during the last two years of his stint at Florida before both moved to the NFL. Hoke has been the secondary coach with the Chicago Bears since 2011 and runs a highly disciplined defensive scheme that incorporates a 4-3 base and an abundance of zone blitzes.

The scheme change should help an understaffed defense fill in to its full potential this season. With Hoke running the X’s and O’s of the defense, Lorenzo Ward will have the opportunity to shine in individual players and units much like he did as secondary coach under Ellis Johnson.

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