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USC hired top Haley aide

Trey Walker to direct state lobbying efforts for university

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USC hired a top aide to Gov. Nikki Haley as its director of state relations on Thursday, a new senior strategist “hybrid” position created for added influence at the Statehouse.

Walker, formerly Haley’s deputy chief of staff, will earn $122,775 a year in his new role, which begins later this month. He will be charged with developing relationships with General Assembly members and their respective staff while monitoring higher education legislation that passes through the body, according to Lawrence. USC’s vice president for communications. Walker had earned $121,275 working for Haley.

Walker has long ties in South Carolina politics. Before taking his position with Haley, he served as former Gov. Robert E. McNair’s top assistant. He also directed Sen. John McCain’s 2008 presidential campaign in South Carolina and previously served as executive director of the South Carolina Republican Party.

USC’s board of trustees on various legislative issues. Walker provided a copy of his resume to The Daily Gamecock but declined further comment.

“One of our goals on bringing him on board is that we’ve been very reactive with our state efforts in the past,” Lawrence said. “We want to be proactive.”

Walker’s hire is part of a larger shift in USC’s lobbying and community relations efforts. Lawrence said USC has created a Council for Government and Community Relations to overhaul its lobbying efforts, which will meet for the first time later this month.

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Charlotte is a good pick. 

Visits to officers at the EpiCentre, a bar and restaurant-stretching bar, chock-full of televisions, 222 S. Church St.

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Like so much else of this state’s culture, barbecue is steeped in history and tradition. It’s become a well-known cultural export, it’s a signifier of Southern hospitality and cuisine and it’s even divided the state into sauce-based and regional factions.

Scott Hall is new on the barbecue scene, but in the months since his Bone-In Artisan Barbecue on Wheels truck opened for business in February — the first food truck in this year’s explosion of new options — he’s hurtled to its forefront.

What makes Hall distinct, though, is that culinary tradition for him is less of a codified manual than a jumping-off point. For example, in designing the truck’s fall menu, Hall and his team have been consulting old cookbooks and their own memories.

“I think a lot of the inspiration comes from my and my cooks’ pasts and our childhoods and the food that we used to eat, that our grandmothers used to make,” he said.

What sets Bone-In apart, though, is its edgy twist on those old recipes.

“We don’t strictly adhere to traditional preparations and techniques,” Hall said. “We try a lot of interesting flavor profiles that aren’t necessarily associated with traditional Southern barbecue. We’re just sort of creative with our interpretation of barbecue.”

Just as important to Bone-In’s taste is the “devotion to craft” and attention to detail Hall and his team display in bringing those recipes to fruition, which is manifested in a long process of preparation and cooking that carries on for days before each sandwich is assembled.

“We brine all of our pork shoulders for 72 hours, and we rub them for 24 hours,” Hall said. “Every sauce we make from scratch, and we bake our own bread. We really try to do everything we can to look at each individual element of what’s being served and to try to bring that element up.”

Though dynamic, the menu consistently evidences Hall’s meticulousness and innovation, including with its staples a vinegar-based pulled pork sandwich and a beef brisket sandwich, which is served in a smoky hickory hoisin sauce on thick, fresh focaccia bread. Both include the option of hand-cut, seasoned chips or a mixed greens salad dressed in a tangy chive-and-lime vinaigrette.

This fall will shake up Bone-In’s menu, as it moves away from summery flavors and sandwiches toward prepared dishes, roasted root vegetables, braises and generally “toward that traditional comfort food sort of thing.”

Back on the truck, Hall’s crew is a tight bunch, he says, and they have to be, working in such confined quarters for long hours, sometimes 14 to 16 in a day, most of “under the gun and high stress.”

“They cut the tension in their own way, which concedes, “is a little bit embarrassing” — by dancing and singing (or rather, as he puts it, “scream-yelled”) along to songs related to their customers’ names.

Kari and Cherry lead to Kansas’s “Carry on Wayward Son,” while Caroline inevitably spurs a rendition of Neil Diamond’s “Sweet Caroline.”

The rest of the time? “Weirdly enough, our window dude Dan has a soft spot for Disney animated movie musicals,” Hall said. “So there have been some ‘Aladdin’ and ‘Little Mermaid’ songs that have happened in there.”

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Sophomore to take first snap

Sophomore quarterback Connor Shaw had the better preseason, according to coach Steve Spurrier. As a result, he will begin the season as South Carolina's starter.

Spurrier has been anything but forthcoming on his decision, but he finally gave the world his answer on his call-in show Thursday night. Sophomore Connor Shaw will take the first snap when South Carolina faces off with East Carolina Saturday in Charlotte.

“I said way back we’re going to have a preseason competition to see who the starter is going to be the first game,” said Spurrier on his call-in show. “We’re going through progression, so it’s over. The guy who rated the best was Connor Shaw. He played better than Stephen Garcia. Simple as that. So he’s going to start the game.”

The Gamecocks Nation in a state of shock after the announcement that veteran Stephen Garcia would not start against the Pirates, the head ball coach reassured fans that both quarterbacks will have the opportunity to play on Saturday.

“(Shaw) is going to play the first quarter and Stephen’s going to play the second quarter. And we’re going to see what happens after that. That’s the fair way to do it,” Spurrier said.

Shaw takes control of the starting job after being named surprisingly in 2010, completing 23 of 33 passing attempts while throwing for 225 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions. Garcia started all 24 games last year, including 28 straight dating back to his 2009 Outback Bowl, and threw for 3,039 yards, 20 touchdowns and 14 interceptions.

The unexpected answer comes just days after the Gamecocks released their official depth chart for the season.
SPURRIER: "I've made that decision means for his team as a whole. It's all history. We're starting to play, to just go out there and perform."

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OFFENSIVE Cont. from B1

There's no longer the most infamous opening day of switching positions for Garcia said the process was "Affect the quarterback — that's our decision making inspired Spurrier said at us a big target, Sanders said. "You have to wonder what Garcia's decision means for us next year? Spurrier said. "I have a feeling Shaw will play the second quarter will come, and Garcia will enter the game. He won't leave."

And by the end of the night, he will have righted a wrong decision. Spurrier has done for the program and everyone else around the team, is short-sighted at best, cruel at worst. To bench him, especially after all he's done for us as a junior and senior. It's one of the worst decisions I've ever made."

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Former teammate, Irmo native beats out Patrick Fish

Ryan Welch - Special to the Gamecock

Punting wasn't in the cards for Joey Scribner - South Carolina as a transfer student. Two years later, however, the Gamecocks enter Saturday's season opener against East Carolina with the starting punter not returned to the lineup.

It just doesn't make sense. Can USC beat East Carolina with Shaw starting? Yes. The Gamecocks could go up and down the field with Tommy Beecher, who hopefully had a big head, but to just go out there and perform."

With the opportunity to lift us as a big target, Sanders said. "They'll both perform better than the other, they play."

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Career Receiving Yards

Career Passing Touchdowns

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T2. R. Brooks/J. Kelly/K. McKinley 19

4. Alshon Jeffery 2,280

2. Sterling Sharpe 2,497

Career Pass Attempts

1. Todd Ellis 1,310

2. Stephen Garcia 1,055

3. Sterling Sharpe 1,024

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GARNET ON GAME DAY
The Horned Frog defense will face a tough task in its first marquee neutral site games. Holgorsen said he had no good answer, as there were some things that were very good at Florida. Why change them if they're working?

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Festive in their sub-.500 firepower in their sub-.500

The Tigers won't have many familiar faces in their starting lineup. But for the No. 1 Alabama Crimson Tide, their major challenge will come from the offense, especially if their left tackle Barrett Trotter is healthy enough to play.

No. 23 Auburn vs. Utah State (Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on Fox)

"We've got to do it from a winning standpoint on game days. They're not going to be so willing to help us. It's really helped our flexibility on defense, gives us some options, and formation teams. The flexibility of a 3-4 gives you the opportunity to do a very, very unique thing," Saban said.

No. 15 Arkansas vs. Missouri (Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on Fox)

We've got to start a win streak at home again and be an improvement from a goal, then we can't have success." diarygamecock.com/sports

Monday at 8 p.m. on ESPN)

Boise State (Saturday at 8 p.m.)

Taking the belly out of delay, Holgorsen era begins

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East Carolina quarterback Dominique Davis lacks experience but has proven he has the tools to be an elite signal caller at the national level.

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**ECU student newspaper talks with The East Carolinian**

1. Is the ECU defense getting to stop anyone this season?

   Defense is the No. 1 issue for this football team going into coach Ruffin McNeill’s second year on the job. After facing 14 last in the FBS in total defense last season, the defensive coaching staff made changes to the 1-4-4 defense. The plan is that this defense is undersized and will have to compete against bigger opponents. With a huge number of defensive starters being undersized, they have the ability to learn and possibly make drastic improvement from last season. But again, with this being the first time any of these players are facing live ammunition, don’t look for many points from the South Carolina special teams.

2. How will the ECU offensive line match up with the USC defense?

   Not well. One of ECU’s biggest problems is that their undersized and offensive line that doesn’t match up well with the nature of SEC defensive lines. ECU is starting only one lineman this season and has only one upperclassman in the starting lineup last week. The first-year offensive line had trouble competing with SEC level competition, mainly due to conditioning. With players like Jevone Clewes lining up in front of them, look for a lot of steps in the backfield.

3. How good is Dominique Davis?

   Dominique has the potential to be one of the best quarterbacks in the entire country. The key word there is potential. Davis has been neck-and-neck for much of the preseason, Scribner-Howard said. "We both worked as hard as we wanted it, but there's a mutual respect for each other," he said. "We both worked as hard as we wanted it, but there's a mutual respect for each other." Scribner-Howard credits much of his development because the offense like a master, but there were also times when he made terrible decisions that cost the team games. Davis put in a lot of work and the offense like a master, but there were also times when he made terrible decisions that cost the team games. Davis put in a lot of work and the

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