Pollen is coming. It’s assuming its forces, planning its attack and traveling with the wind — pollen and spring allergies are on their way, with the lack of snow disappointing many students across USC’s campus, it appears that the time for winter has ended, and spring is moving just around the corner. For many residents, the spring season is a chance to get out and throw the Frisbee around the Horseshoe, but for many other students, spring brings around their dreaded spring allergies. Pollen is planning its comeback and it’s not about to go quietly. According to Dr. Greg Black, a physician specializing in allergy and clinical immunology at Carolina Allergy and Asthma Consultants, nasal congestion, itchy, watery eyes and sneezing are the main symptoms of seasonal spring allergies. It’s also not uncommon for patients to exhibit asthmatic symptoms.

Black said the seasonal allergies in Columbia are generally caused by pollen from the trees in the early spring and shifts more toward pollen from grasses in the late spring months. The worst months for symptoms? If you’re what Black calls

“...er...” said regarding the missing laptop. When she went to check on the status of the computer Tuesday night, they told her they weren’t sure if it had been found or if it was even able to be repaired. Housing told her they wouldn’t let her know when they found out about its status. According to Rutz, her roommate’s room from the across the hallway was a mess and looked as if things had been tossed around, definitely not the way she left it. The students affected by the flood have largely been communicated with through their university emails as well as periodic updates on the Housing website. “We have a meeting [Wednesday] night at five to give us more info about what’s going on and what they’re going to do to repair things,” said Ellen Jones, a four-year comparative literature student and resident of South Quad. Jones was able to retrieve some of her belongings during a 30-minute escorted trip upstairs but was required to grab enough to last them through spring break.

“They told us that they expect that the dorm will be up and running March 16, but they don’t think anything’s going to happen any time sooner than that,” she said. Jones saw firsthand some of the damage

Several students whose South Quad rooms were affected by Monday’s flood were told they won’t know the status of their damaged belongings until Friday. The bagged-and-tagged system removed students’ belongings from their rooms if they were damaged due to water saturation. This included clothing and even students’ computers and backpacks. When Faith Rutz, a first-year art studio major and resident of South Quad.

“...Aureate Gloom”

Kevin Sherrington

By 6:15 p.m. Tuesday night, the line stretched from the Russell House Ballroom all the way to Fresh Burger. Music was blaring and the smell of warm navels chips filled the air. USC’s 16th annual World Night had officially begun. Faculty, staff, students and community members filled the ballroom to see performances from all over the world. Sandstorm was played to get the crowd excited and the performances to come. World Night celebrates cultures from across the globe. Different student organizations and individuals perform, showing off unique aspects of their cultures. There are also many different dishes available for students to try. Every year, we receive a new audience that completely fills the Russell House Ballroom,” said Maura Al Russo, president of the International Student Association and fourth-year international business and finance student. By 6:45 p.m. the ballroom was already full.

Third-year marketing student Lily Nevills came early so she could get a good spot. “I’m an international student and I got all the smells,” she said. “I thought it would be interesting to see.” World Night is put together every year by the International Student Association (ISA). The goal of the event is to strengthen the bonds between the American and

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Alex Destino entered this season with high expectations. Known for his great power in high school, many analysts pegged him as a home run specialist but questioned his ability to hit for the kind of average necessary for an SEC designated hitter. Still, Destino was the only freshman named to Baseball America’s All-America team.

The third-team All-America selection has been key to South Carolina’s success this year. However, with great power comes great responsibility, and as Destino goes, so do we to do well. He’s a threat and can provide protection for Kyle Martin or Max Schrock (Schorr) depending on how we do the lineup. I have a lot of
Bojangles’ near stadium moves further down Bluff Road

The Bojangles’ on Bluff Road, which is frequented by students during USC football games, is moving, according to The State. The restaurant is set to move a block east where the former Price Realty building was located.

The new building will be approximately 4,100 square feet and located at 1150 Bluff Road.

The old Price Realty building will be torn down, and the time it will take to build the new Bojangles’ has not yet been released. It is unclear what will happen to the existing Bojangles’ building.

— Lauren Shirley, News Editor

Magic Johnson to visit SC State for executive speaker series

Magic Johnson, the basketball legend of the Los Angeles Lakers, will be visiting SC State on March 26 as a part of the university’s executive speaker series, according to WLTX.

Johnson will be giving both invitation-only and public remarks.

After Johnson was finished with his basketball career, he opened a chain of movie theaters and other venues as a successful businessman. He also founded the Magic Johnson Foundation as a part of his philanthropic mission for community organizations.

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University president of SC State to sue SC State

The president of S.C. State University, Thomas Elzey, sued the school on Tuesday, according to The State. He alleged that the university breached his contract after multiple negotiation breakdowns. It is Elzey’s hope that he can stop the university’s board from firing him while his lawsuit goes through the courts.

The trustees of SC State placed Elzey on administrative leave on Feb. 23, and they will meet to receive legal advice on how to proceed on Wednesday. It has not been made public why Elzey was suspended.

The money that Elzey is requesting through the lawsuit is the money he says he is owed, plus extra money for emotional, psychological and potential physical damage that the president suffered.

— Lauren Shirley, News Editor

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"exquisitely sensitive," you can expect to start to see symptoms in March, but for most, it's April to May that's the true battle ground.

Columbia, South Carolina has been ranked the 14th most challenging place to live with spring allergies, according to a 2014 study done by the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America. And according to that same study, it looks like pollen could continue to be on the rise.

The pollen count, or the amount of allergens in the air in grains per cubic meter, is the quickest way to evaluate the severity of spring allergies during the season.

The pollen count on Tuesday was sitting at 0.3, but is set to increase for the rest of the week, projected at 10.3 on Wednesday and 11.7 on Thursday.

"If students aren't symptomatic, the worst thing they're going to have to deal with is washing the stuff off their car," Black said. "If they are allergic, they need to find a medicine that is not only a good treatment medicine but is also a good preventative."

Kim Young, the Pharmacy Manager at Assembly Street's CVS, suggested the best way to combat spring allergies is by pro-emptively starting to take over-the-counter antihistamines like Zyrtec and Allegra, while Black suggested nasal steroid sprays.

They agreed on this: it's important for students to find something that works for them and "stick with it."

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“Some of the ceiling tiles had sort of fallen down and broken apart, everything smelled hot and muggy and kind of mildewy,” Jones said. “There were big, industrial-sized fans plugged in everywhere to try and dry things out.”

In total, approximately 250 students had to be moved after the flood, said Wes Hickman, the university’s Chief Communications Officer. They were relocated to other on-campus residence halls or chose to stay with their friends.

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Frank's better-known plays. In past years, the AF performed musicals like Molière's and, in 2014, they performed a play entitled "Dinner for Schmucks." It is a very funny play that we think people will recognize," said Jeffery Persels, associate professor and French program director at the University of South Carolina and AF Club Théâtre member. "We do this for a club, but we also want to offer cultural events to the community to promote French study and the community's appreciation.

This year the AF brings the community an original creation by Persels, who adapted scenes by the famous French playwright Molière to create the ultimate slapstick experience. Persels compiled the best lines and scenes from Molière's plays and created a framework that tells both the story of Jean Baptiste (Molière) and his passion for the arts did not diminish when he began his studies in French language and history. In fact, Persels has only performed in French speaking plays since he left high school, so now directing and creating original works in French comes naturally to him.

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“We like to share our passion of the francophone culture with one another and we have one common love: the French language,” Keller said. “If you are in town this weekend, go see the play — it touches on universal themes that are still relevant today: love and deception, social strata and obsessive greed, to name a few.”

The Alliance Française de Columbia will perform “Moliere 2.0” at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 6, at the Columbia Museum of Art. The performance is free to students who show their CarolinaCard or $10 for nonmembers. For nonfluent French speakers, there is no need to fear — an English synopsis will be provided in the program.

Of Montreal dropped their 13th album, adjusting their sound to resemble The Rolling Stones or Talking Heads. "Apollyon Of Blue Room" is one of those tracks that depicts the new direction of their sound — hints of influences like The Rolling Stones or Talking Heads can be heard.

One of the other outstanding tracks is "Estocadas," which is raw and relaxing at the same time. The heavy guitar pairs well with Barnes vocal layering — it’s also slow, but not too slow. "Last Rites at the Jane Hotel" is also an unconventional break-up song that’s well worth listening to.

Of Montreal just might be the new Of Montreal. Other than the current production of “Moliere 2.0,” The Alliance Française put on several plays in the past, including Eugène Ionesco’s “La cantatrice chauve” (The Bald Soprano).
In 2016, the Republican Party will have a chance to turn a corner and nominate a legitimate bipartisan candidate with conservative tendencies and an ability to get things done in Washington. South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham represents the responsible decision, but has faced tough opposition from the Bush dynasty.

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Aries

You may feel stuck at work. Breakthrough or breakdown? It's up to you. A logical developmental advance may now be your option. Speak, but don't stand on your resources. Expand your creative desires. You can choose whether to follow passion and money.

Taurus

Solveable time today and tomorrow. Play with others. Art, beauty and fun with friends and family. Consider an outrageous suggestion. Take time to relax. Discipline is required to get anything done at work. Look out things you love and win.

Gemini

Add structure to your love and win. Discipline is required when necessary. Hobbies entertain. Take things slow and easy. Your partner can see the long haul. You could fall in love.

Cancer

Your year in study mode and work mode may now be over. New opportunities arise. Get ready for the new. It's not the same old trot. Do something new before purchasing something old.

Leo

You can make your extra time and money tomorrow. Draw upon hidden skills or abilities. Work together and take work advantage of any opportunity. Discipline with the numbers may never be the best. Lucky break reveals new possibilities. People change for your romance.

Virgo

Decide who you're growing up to be, in the next day or two. Enjoy your personal revelations. Your luxury level is going up. Romantic sparks could arise. It could get hot and spicy. Assertiveness works well now.

Libra

Take things slow and think before speaking today and tomorrow. A Libra can make a breakthrough or break through. Creative impacts on health and vitality. Allow the precipitation of ideas to work. Focus on work today. Librans on a project.

Scorpio

Get into a community project today and tomorrow. Collaborate for bigger rewards. Play a fun game with talented players. Sports, crafts and hobbies entertain. Take the roundabout route when necessary.

Sagittarius


Capricorn

Enjoy an intense two-day expansion phase, with travel possible. Discipline with advance planning pays off. Unexpected good news could change your route. You may need to make quick decisions. Fill your balloon only to capacity.

Aquarius

Focus on finances today and tomorrow. Try not to fly by the seat of your pants. You could fall in love.

Pisces

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THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Despite its regular-season ending 67-56 loss to Kentucky, No. 3 South Carolina is enjoying one of its most successful years in history. The Gamecocks spent several weeks as the No. 1 team in the country and claimed the SEC regular-season championship for the second straight year.

As head coach Dawn Staley's team prepares for postseason play starting with this week's SEC tournament, here's a look at some players and moments that have made this season a special one for South Carolina.

Heart and soul: Senior forward Tiffany Mitchell — One of three seniors on this year's team, Welch arrived on campus back in 2011 when South Carolina had yet to establish itself as a national power. But the Gamecocks have ascended toward the top during her time in Columbia. Through 97 career starts, Welch has averaged 16.6 points, 8.7 rebounds and 8.8 assists per game. Mitchell has established herself as one of the SEC's top scorers while also building a reputation as an above-average defender. Most importantly, Mitchell can usually be depended on for a bucket when her team needs it the most as she's one of South Carolina's best players at creating her own shot. If the Gamecocks are to make a run in the NCAA tournament this season they'll without a doubt have to depend on Mitchell, one of their more experienced and established playmakers.

Newcomer of the year: Freshman forward/center A'ja Wilson — When Wilson, the No. 1 high school recruit by ESPN, committed to South Carolina in April, almost everyone knew that Staley had landed a big catch. Indeed, Wilson's contributions to the Gamecocks this year have been huge. Although she's only started once, Wilson has excelled in her role as a bench player, putting up starter statistics. Despite playing on a team that likes to draw the weight when scoring, Wilson's 3.7 points per game rank second on the team despite playing just more than 20 minutes of court time. She's also averaging seven rebounds per game and a steal every two games of her shot attempts. Wilson was named the SEC Freshman of the Week on Monday and ESPN analyst Doris Burke said she could be the national freshman of the year in a season that already has seen D'Andre Bruce from Kansas and Breanna Turner.

Best off the bench: Sophomore center Alaina Coates — Coates resembles Wilson. She was in on the 2014 SEC Freshman Player of the Year race when what Wilson did this season: a productive bench scorer as a freshman. After being named the 2014 SEC Freshman Player of the Year, Coates is enjoying a strong sophomore season. Thanks to 4-6-of-4-inches in height and muscular frame, Coates brings a force in the paint throughout her career and has averaged 10.6 points and 8.2 rebounds per game for 32 games. Like Wilson, Coates usually doesn't crack the starting five but that doesn't mean the Gamecocks don't rely on the Imos All-American. Coates plays the fourth most minutes per game (20.8) for South Carolina and can't rely on a reliable and big defender down in the low post.

X-Factor: Junior guard Khadijah Sessions — As the opposing team's point guard begins to bring the ball up the court, it becomes evident how greatly Sessions is. Her low-to-the-ground stance and constant pressure on the ball get her the most out of her time for South Carolina. Likewise, Sessions is a key catalyst on offense for the Gamecocks. Although she doesn't score very often, Sessions helps the run the offense. With that said, she is a solid hitter. She has 12-29 with three homers and 11 RBIs. As he continues to grow as a hitter, Sessions could help take South Carolina to the next level.Sessions is a key catalyst on offense for the Gamecocks. Although she doesn't score very often, Sessions helps the run the offense. With that said, she is a solid hitter. She has 12-29 with three homers and 11 RBIs.

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Much of the Gamecocks' offensive prowess has come from unlikely sources this season. Junior Max Schrock has struggled this season, forcing pressure on other players. Even as a freshman, Destino has stayed true to a leader — a hitter that can score at will. The team won 8-3 and took a 5-3 lead. The Gamecocks are 8-3 in their last 10 games. They are 22-9 with three homeruns, 10 RBIs and just one strikeout. However, in Destino's three losses, Destino is hitting .400 with one RBI and six strikeouts. The Gamecocks played small and had a number of at-bats that were of 3-1, 3-2 and 3-3. However, his pitch continued to grow as a hitter. He was hitting .329 for the season. As he continues to develop, he could see time on the mound at some point in his career.

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