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A West Columbia man was arrested Friday for having exposed himself to two women at the corner of Greene and Pickens streets, The State reported. Lloyd Benjamin Hicks, 44, exposed himself to two women on the USC campus at around 2 p.m. Tuesday, while they were walking at the intersection of the two streets. The man drove by in a pick-up truck and exposed his genitalia to them before leaving the area. The women immediately left the scene and called police.

Investigation was unable to identify the man Friday after reviewing surveillance tapes of the area, according to a press release from Columbia Police Chief Skip Holbrook. The intersection of Greene and Pickens streets is near the center of USC’s campus, near Russell House and Women’s Quad.

— Davis Klabo, Assistant News Editor

USCPD unable to locate gunman on campus Sunday

Subject described as white man wearing all white, carrying pistol

Ramah Jeffery — ramahjeffery34@outlook.com

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Street. Several students in dorms on the Horseshoe reported seeing several police cars and officers throughout the night.

“The most accurate way to describe it was there was an unconfirmed report of an armed subject, and USC police responded, conducted a search and were unable to locate anyone who matched the description,” university spokesman Wes Hickman said Sunday morning.

According to Hickman, police ended the search early Sunday morning but students are encouraged to contact USCPD with any other information.

To report suspicious activity or request an escort home, students are encouraged to call USCPD at 803-777-4215. For more information about safety procedures, visit the Carolina Alert website.

Clare Randall contributed reporting
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After days of recruitment and anticipation, potential new members received the T-shirts bearing the letters of the panhellenic sorority that offered them a bid Sunday.

They stayed away serve as ambassadors between their own sisters and the PNM.

“In the end it is so worth it because the excitement that I feel right now is incredible, Pi Chi leader and public relations student Carla Keith said. “I’m so excited to be reunited with my sorority and to be with the girls.”

Pi Chis helped guide new members in narrowing down their top sororities and bonding with fellow recruitment leaders.

“It’s so much emotion bottled up right now,” Keith said, “and that’s why I think all of us are so anxious to get started.”

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Just as they were throughout recruitment, the Pi Chis were on standby to help guide new members and were just as excited for them to receive their shirts.

“It’s emotional,” Keith said. “These girls going through it may have one opinion about it or maybe think that if you don’t get one sorority it’s the end of the world. We need to be there for them so they can realize there’s more to it than the close-minded thoughts you had going into it and we want to be there to show you what you can be.”

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— Tessa McDonald
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Exercise science student
Zeta Tau Alpha

“Amazing”
— Candy Howell
Third-year
Accounting student
Alpha Chi Omega

New members

They were the center of attention Sunday. New members awaited anxiously at McKissick Museum, as the crowd converged to watch them run. PNM started cheering earlier this month, visiting sororities and narrowing them down to which one they wanted to join.

“The PNMs are facing the crowd as the time until the reveal got closer and each member was equally excited to get their shirt saying which sorority they were chosen for.

“I just want to get my T-shirt,” said EllenKearin, second-year exercise science student and Phi Mu new member. “I can’t wait to get it.”

First-year elementary education student and Alpha Chi Omega member Sarah Galloway said she visited the Alpha Chi house first and “knew this is where I wanted to be.”

“One minute!”

They saw their letters, and the newest sisters took off through the throng of people. And Galloway ran straight to AXO.

“I just ran as fast as I can with the girls in the same colored shirts and came to ADPi.”

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On any average day, people would have stopped and stared at Galloway and Elmertz, covered in glitter and hanging on to one another for dear life.

But it was Bid Day, and there’s nothing average about Bid Day.

Editor-in-Chief Hannah Jeffery contributed reporting.
Fellowships office helps students earn $2 million

Even though it has a long track record of success, the office is still working on improving their strategies and finding ways to better help students and expand to a wider range of students.

“Many institutions,” noted national fellowship advising is limited to one particular high-ability population, often housed within an honors program,” noted Mary Rose, director of fellowships and scholar programs. “At USC, national fellowship advising services are open to any high ability student — Honors, Capstone, undergraduate and graduate students. I believe this inclusive approach sets us apart.”

Out of all students who underwent fellowship application processes through the office, 98 percent said it was beneficial for them, whether it was the funding awarded or the self-discovery that comes with it.

And according to Rose, when students first go to the OFSP office, they often don’t see themselves as a competitive applicant.

“It’s not unusual for students to start out thinking that they aren’t anything special, but when we work with them on completing the application they gain a new appreciation for the changes they have done and the goals that they have,” Rose said. “It can be hard to think of yourself as extraordinary when your own experiences are all you have known.”

And even if students do not come out as a winner in the competition, many of them find the process rewarding.

“Faculty find it rewarding to help students because they want to see them succeed, and they love learning about students’ passions,” Rose said. “Every faculty member was once a college student. They understand the need for support, as well as the large impact support can have on students.”
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First days on campus bring new students fears and fun as they settle in for their first semester on campus

Going to college for the first time can be like entering a whole new world. Freshmen give a unique perspective on what Columbia and USC are like for the first time. Here are some thoughts from a few first-year students had on their first few days at a Gamecock.

Troy Galan — Broadcast journalism
“The first night I ended up having to walk a friend back home. We actually ended up walking all the way around campus because we didn’t know there was a bridge over to Bates House residence. I was a little worried — Columbia isn’t the safest place at 2:30.”

Jordyn Barham — Business
“I’m actually on the swim team, so that’s been most of what we’ve been doing for the first couple days. We had to do a stadium run yesterday when it was like 102 degrees and then take a cold ice bath.”

Nic Crisanto — Mechanical engineering
“Despite what people say, I really like living in the dorms. One day, my RM and I just went around to each floor knocking on doors to try to get people to play a pick-up football game. We ended up getting a game together and it was pretty great.”

Rose Guza — History
“Well, after the Carolina Alert and everything and having someone walk into our room [at West Quad], we all started sleeping with kitchen knives under our pillows ... I do like all the free stuff people keep handing out at Russell House.”

Sam Barnhart — Sports and Entertainment Management
“The first night I got stuck in the elevator with like 15 other people. It was hot and a long time in a small space. But it was with my whole floor [from Bates House], so I guess we bonded.”

First-year students remember day 1

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Police should increase visibility after incidents

As an open campus, one of the overarching goals of the university is student safety. The flashing blue Emergency Call Button dotted around the grounds, USCSPD preventive police escorts and the Walk Home Carolina student initiative address this concern. More or less, timely Carolina Alerts tell students if there is a potential danger on campus at the moment, advising them accordingly depending on the situation.

It clearly that both USCSPD and the student body are taking this seriously, especially in response to this past Thursday night and around Fox Points last year.

So why is it, in the first four days of classes attended, two separate men with guns have managed to transpire across campus, one robbing a student, the other cutting a student? The simple fact is that crime is always going to happen on such a large campus. Sometimes the lack of quick response, sometimes he or she cannot. The onus is on us to create an environment so that, when people threaten the safety of students, those students are aware of what they are being told to do to help with the situation.

The most notable problem is that there is still more to police on campus.

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There’s nothing to suggest that these two incidents are related, but their combined effect is that there is still more to police on campus.

**Relativism acknowledges practice by ignoring it**

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Not so with FGM. Read the history of it and you find that it actually gone through that horror and pain for generations, and for Ali. What right-thinking person would dare to refute her words as Western propaganda? As I write this now, I am trying to find anything resembling a genuine argument for it. What is it? Is there even an argument for it? There is a definite lack of uniformed police officers visible on campus after dark. Unless one disturbs a call of some sort of mode, which isn’t always possible depending on the situation, their immediate presence is almost nil.

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Tanner Abel
Viewpoints Editor
You might see fourth-year public relations student Elizabeth Scarborough walking around campus and note that she bears a striking resemblance to a certain country and pop superstar. And if you hear her sing, you might be even more confused.

But hearing about her similarities to Taylor Swift is nothing new to Scarborough.

**A SWIFT START**

People tell her all the time about how much she looks like Swift. She's performed as Swift at birthday parties. Once, had a drunken fraternity member convinced that she really was the chart-topping celebrity.

Scarborough first heard Swift's music went to an all girls' school growing up, where she first heard Swift's music.

"It was wildly popular, especially at an all girls' school. Just like all of my friends, I was singing her songs," Scarborough said. "We were super into it, and then people started being like, 'Hey, you kind of look like her.' And I sort of started believing it."

When it came time for the school's Halloween Carnival, her principal asked her to come dressed as Swift for the younger students. And soon after that, moms were hiring her to perform at birthday parties.

The act felt so natural to Scarborough that she decided to do it professionally when she came to college. She made a Facebook page, Instagram and Twitter for her alter-persona.

About a month after posting the social media pages, a manager from Legends in Concert called her and asked her to come audition.

She spent the summer performing as Swift's tribute artist with the Legends in Concert Tour, giving nine performances each week.

"We are tribute artists, and we are paying tribute to our artists onstage every night," she said, "and that's an incredible thing to do."

**DOING IT FOR THE FANS**

Although the tour takes her to tons of exciting places, Scarborough is focused on staying in character and performing to the best of her ability.

"I don't like to be rushed, so I make sure I gave myself ample time just for vocal warm-ups and preparation," she said. "At this point in the game, I've been doing it for two months now, so I don't have to think as heavily about, 'What am I going to say in between songs?'"

Despite her extensive performance experience from birthday parties, but she faced a huge adjustment as...
she took her show from the backyard to the big stage. “The hardest part for me, I think, is I’ve never done anything like this before, so I think it was like developing a presence on stage to be able to effectively communicate to 600 people every night,” she said. But the preparation appears to have paid off, since concert-goers seem to think she’s done a great job with the adjustment though.

“I really love your show! I am writing to ask for Ms. Elizabeth Scarborough’s autograph, the one lady who performs as Taylor Swift,” one fan letter read from June 16. “I would love to have it if she has a fan club. Also, I would love to ask what her favorite snack is.”

Another family who came to see the show in June brought their six-year-old grandson, who couldn’t stop singing “I Knew You Were Trouble” after the concert.

“Thank you, Elizabeth, for your professionalism but most importantly for your love and compassion,” the family wrote to Scarborough. “It was a night that we will not soon forget.”

SHE GROWS WITH HER

Though Scarborough is confident about being Swift, she doesn’t know what she would do if she ever met her. “I hope that I would be calm and cool and collected, but I think the inner geek fan in me would freak out and maybe cry a little,” she said. “It would be really cool. I have a lot of questions. I have a lot of nice things to say to her, and I have a big thank you for providing me with this opportunity to be a tribute artist and to be in the music world in one way or another.”

With the announcement of her Swift’s new album “1989,” Scarborough was especially excited about what the future has in store for her as a tribute artist. She’s already started looking at the chords for Swift’s new single “Shake it Off.” “I think her new album comes out in two years.” She’s not at all surprised about the reported ‘80s pop theme of the album and said she has always expected her look-alike to move away from country. She’s excited to see how what’s next for herself and Swift.

“I think she’s really letting her music evolve. Taylor’s not changing who she is, she’s just growing and evolving. And with that her music is growing and evolving,” Scarborough said. “Clearly, the sky is her limit.”

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Flix Picks: TV comedies to binge-watch

Goodhearted shows available on Netflix instant streaming

Erika Ryan
FALL, 2015

TV comedies to binge-watch

June
Sunny, there are a lot of distractions in college, but why not unwind with some good TV? Netflix has become the go-to for watching time, considering the seemingly endless list of full series and movies at your fingertips. There’s a lot to choose from, so here’s a list of some of the best, good-hearted comedy TV shows available to you instantly.

‘Freaks and Geeks’
Through only one season and six episodes, “Freaks and Geeks” is a cult comedy. It focuses on high school student Lindsay, played by Linda Cardellini and her younger brother Sam, portrayed by John Francis Daley.

This show, set in 1980, tells an engaging coming-of-age story, exploring the life of a typical teen growing with the changing world around them.

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To further that goal, the event featured four community leaders from the Wassamassaw, Santee, Cheraw and community leaders from the Museum.

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The McKissick Museum’s mission statement is “telling the story of Southern life: community, culture, and the environment.” The museum accomplishes this by honing in on different Southeastern traditional cultures and then showing how various parts of the stories intersect.

FOLKFabulous, a family-friendly event that featured performances and speeches from all walks of modern Native-American life, marked the beginning of this year’s McKissick focus on Southeastern Native-American culture.

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The “Traditions, Change and Celebrations: Native Artists of the Brockton History of Pomeary Nursery,” an exhibition on the Pomaria Nursery, a botanical laboratory that adapted a wide range of trees and plants to the southern climate.

The fruits of the Summer family’s labor are all around, shown in a map in McKissick that loosely shows where each type of tree and plant ended up.

The exhibit is about interaction with the concrete results of science, which is no mistake.

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Saturday, the event featured Native-American cultural traditions, such as: pottery, beadwork, dancing, fashion and music.
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direction in a home project. The intense

work week of the last few weeks ends in a

beautiful renovation and practical piece of

infrastructure. Friends have good news. Get family involved.

Cancer

With both Sun and New Moon in Virgo, bring

a new phase in personal communications. Creative

beauty takes you by surprise. It could get

profitable, too. Tap into

new revenue, with the

Sun and New Moon in Virgo. Its
emotion versus reason,

Consider repercussions and consequences before committing to actions.

Help reconcile differences between others.

Scorpio

Begin a new adventure with the Sun and New Moon in Virgo. Adjust

travel plans to suit. Check out an interesting

visit. Friends, an unusual name pops

goriusly is done.

Libra

Enter an interactive new

phase in your creative life with both Sun and New Moon in Virgo.

Apply dedicated action to action and express

for unexpected benefits.

Focus on the practical applications of your

discoveries.

Sagittarius

Find power through

communications with
greatness.

Tell your story out. Use your artistry and flair,

while still captivating your

audience. Your performance could mark a
turning point or level. Take concrete, practical

steps.

Capricorn

Travel and adventure call.

New Moon in Virgo illuminates a new

phase in educational discovery. Plan for

unexpected expenses.

You can easily persuade someone special to come along.

Aquarius

Spend a little extra on

better ingredients. An

unexpected windfall could lead to a new

phase in family finances.

Keep organized, and

divorces to savings.

Consider repercussions and consequences.

Pisces

Sensitivities become

keen. A new phase in partnership arises with the

Sun and New Moon in Virgo. Kindle up an

interesting connection.

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You wouldn’t have known it was scrimmage had you looked into the crowd and gauged the mood of people who all turned out to support the Garnet & Black volleyball teams.

The annual Garnet and Black game featured a bevy of fresh faces and impact players that could help the Gamecocks reach new heights this season in the SEC. After going down in the first set, the Garnet team rallied to win three straight sets to claim a 3-1 victory. Leading the way for the Garnet team was freshman outside hitter Taylr McNeil, who had a team-high 18 kills on the afternoon, along with sophomores Koko Ana-Williams, who added 16 kills and 11 digs, junior middle blocker Darian Dozier also had a big day, especially on the defensive end, totaling eight blocks in addition to her 12 kills. Head coach Scott Swanson spoke highly of a few players today who he thought made a valuable impact. “I thought Taylr McNeil, for a freshmen, came out and played exactly like we needed her to play; she passed, she played defense, she served the ball in, she got a lot of kills,” Swanson said. “I thought both of our setters played great. We’re in great hands, literally, with both of those kids. I thought Sarah Blomgren played smart, hit the ball in when it wasn’t good. I was pleased with a lot of different performances but those kids really stood out to me.”

Swanson also spoke at great lengths about Dozier. Dozier is expected one of the leaders for this Gamecock team and act as a beacon of consistency for many younger teammates. After the game, Swanson was quick to point out the junior’s impressive performance. “Darian played really, really well today both offensively and defensively. Her blocking was lights-out,” Swanson said. “She’s been nominated and voted to be one of our captains and she’s very involved in what we’re doing. She’s gone through a couple tough seasons where we were either nursing injuries or not good enough to be where we wanted to be in the SEC, but now she’s her junior year. It’s kind of her time and I think she’s fully committed to doing everything she can, not only for herself but getting her teammates on the same page with what we’ve got going on.”

As for her own expectations of herself moving forward, Swanson said that the team has already started to focus less on simple fundamentals and more on strategy and individual position to which is a good sign at this point in the season. “Everyone knows where to be on the court,” Swanson said. “They know what to do, we know what to say. I think we’re going to surprise some people in the conference this year and I think that if we play well, we can have a winning season, and I’m definitely expecting that and this girls are too.”

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No. 14 Gamecocks knock off East Carolina, Samford

DALLAS ABEL

Balanced scoring and senior leadership were at the heart of a record-breaking season for the South Carolina women’s soccer team in 2013. The formula appears to be the same early in 2014, as the Gamecocks swept their opening weekend with consecutive 2-0 victories.

Taylor Leach had her head — literally and figuratively — in the second half of Friday night’s contest to propel No. 14 South Carolina past East Carolina. After a slow first half that featured minimal chances, Leach scored on a header off of a free kick from senior Annie Romness.

The senior defender recorded the first multi-goal game of her career with another header off a corner kick from sophomore midfielder Chelsea Drennan. Leach attributed the breakthrough performance to tunnel vision on set pieces.

“It was something we emphasize at practice,” Leach said. “[Head Coach] Shelley Smith talked to me about keeping my run perfectly so it was good to capitalize on those.”

Sunday’s home opening victory against Samford was a dominating performance in every facet of the game. The Gamecocks controlled possession from the opening kick and outshot the Bulldogs 19-1, despite being field scoreless in the first half for the second consecutive game.

Second half goals by junior forward Raina Johnson and sophomore defender Paige Bendell lifted South Carolina, but the numerous near-misses left Smith seeking a little more selflessness out her players.

“We’ve talked in our forwards about that, and I think we did a better job of that,” Smith said. “But I want them to look for some longer range shots and good opportunities if a team doesn’t step up.”

The Gamecocks outshot their opponents 27-3 this weekend, an effort that helped senior goalkeeper Sabrina D’Angelo pick up the 20th and 21st shutouts of her career.

Leach, the anchor of the defense in front of D’Angelo, has an unwavering confidence in a unit that allowed .61 goals per game in 2013.

Johnson expects her team’s execution to improve.

“Once South Carolina rounds into midseason form, we’re talking and moving properly, nothing really gets by us.”

“With our timing my run perfectly so it was good to capitalize on those.”

But for opening weekend, I feel like it went pretty well.” Smith said.

Questions regarding the team’s offensive presence surfaced following a 2-0 defeat at the hands of Duke in friendly last week. A 2-0 start to the season had Smith feeling much better.

“I’m happy to come out with two wins, two shutouts,” Smith said. “We scored goals that we had trouble doing in the preseason. I’m happy with where we are and what we can build on.”

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It’s officially game week in Columbia. Head coach Steve Spurrier’s first weekly press conference of the season served as an unofficial ribbon-cutting to open the ninth-ranked Gamecocks’ preparation for Thursday’s season opener against No. 20/21 Texas A&M. And with three days before kick-off, things are starting to fall into place.

Depth Chart

After a number of offseason position battles around the South Carolina team, the official depth chart for the season opener was unveiled Sunday.

Senior Dylan Thompson has had the starting quarterback position secured since Connor Shaw threw his last pass in January’s Capital One Bowl victory, but throughout the spring and summer, the second-string QB role has been a point of uncertainty.

With redshirt sophomore Perry Orth and redshirt freshman Connor Mitch jostling for the distinction of backup QB, it doesn’t look as though Spurrier will make a decision until he absolutely has to.

“When we’re coaching them up every day out there,” he said. “We’re still hoping one of them will step forward, and we can say, ‘Hey, you’re going in second if something happens.’”

According to Spurrier, until that moment when one of the two quarterbacks wins over the coaching staff the depth chart will still read Perry Orth or Connor Mitch.

On the other side of the ball, South Carolina’s defensive line will be a family affair. Half brothers Gerald Dixon and Gerald Dixon Jr. have both earned starting positions on the defensive line.

Williams-Brice Stadium Updates

For anyone driving past South Carolina’s football stadium this weekend, it was hard to miss the new 35-by-80 foot banner being draped down the side west side of Williams-Brice.

The sign is one of several improvements that has been made to the exterior of the venue in preparation for Thursday’s clash with the Aggies.

“We’re trying to get our place amongst the best in the country, trying to beautify it and so forth,” Spurrier said.

After practicing Sunday evening following Spurrier’s session with the media, the Gamecocks will continue their game week preparation with practice at 4:15 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and a 3:45 p.m. Wednesday to iron out the final game plan for Thursday’s main event.

No. 2 QB spot still up for grabs

Brothers Dixon Jr., Dixon set to start on defensive line, Spurrier banner unveiled on side of Williams-Brice

Danny Garrison

Redshirt sophomore Perry Orth (above) and redshirt freshman Connor Mitch (below) are firmly entrenched in a battle to be No. 9 South Carolina’s backup quarterback.
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