On Your Time focus of 12th Carolina Day

Last year, Carolina Day was all about the tuition timeout. But when USC lobbyists took to the Statehouse Wednesday, they had their eyes on a different prize.

USC administrators asked state legislators last week for $3 million to fund the On Your Time initiative, which would re-engineer the academic calendar to help students graduate sooner with less debt. And this week, hundreds of students, alumni and faculty members joined them at the Statehouse for the 12th annual Carolina Day.

"It serves students who are a little behind to catch up and graduate on time, thereby saving a lot of money, and other students, especially those with AP credits, to consider graduating a year or even two years early," USC President Harris Pastides said. "We believe, on behalf of the student body, that this is necessary as four years, but as 120 credits."

"We let them compete with the players who are here when they come in," head coach Steve Spurrier said, "and then if they're a freshman and it doesn't look like they're going to play very much time as early as next season."

"We're going to play very much out of the 46 students Sen. Ian Shannon heard from — though he admitted his poll was biased toward business students — eight people wanted the gates closed at all times, and all eight lived on campus. Based on this information, he suggested that there might be a divide among the student body on the issue, based on whether students live on or off-campus.

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"We believe, on behalf of the student body, that a lot of debt has occurred because people aren't graduating on time," Student Body President Lindsey Richardson said. "It will allow you to take those internships — allow you to get out early so you can earn that income."

"Governor Haley seemed very open," Richardson said. "She was very friendly. She encouraged that she's been supportive of education and that she's trying to work with the house to get better support for it as well.

And for first-year risk management and finance student Heather Puoya, Carolina Day was a mystery before she arrived at the Statehouse, but she quickly joined the ranks of the hopeful lobbyists.

"I didn't really know what I was going to do," Puoya said, "but it was a good experience."
Clemson chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon suspended for 5 years

Clemson University officials have suspended Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity for five years, The State reported.

In fall of 2014, the fraternity was temporarily suspended from the national council after sophomore member Tucker Hipps was found dead in the shallow water of Lake Hartwell. Hipps went missing after a morning run with other pledges earlier in the day.

Police began investigations after anonymous allegations of hazing spread through social media, and with the support of the fraternity’s national council, Clemson chose to suspend Sigma Phi Epsilon’s suspension at least until the investigation of Hipps’ death is completed.

Greek organizations on campus at Clemson have been under investigation since 2010, mainly regarding hazing and underage drinking.

Police said the investigation of Hipps’ death is ongoing, and no new information will be released until its completion.

— Madeline Collins, News Editor

Newberry man arrested for impersonating police officer

John Earl Herbert Jr. was arrested Tuesday and charged with impersonating a police officer, The State reported.

The Newberry County Sheriff’s Office released an advisory Wednesday explaining the situation. According to the advisory, in November 2014, Herbert pulled over two men on I-26 and showed them a badge. He demanded money and threatened to arrest and deport the men if they did not comply. The men went to an ATM at a convenience store close by and gave Herbert $200. Herbert quickly fled the scene.

The incident was not reported until January of 2015, though the event occurred a few months earlier. The men said they were afraid to come forward with the information after Herbert’s threat.

Herbert was taken to Newberry County Detention Center Tuesday, and his bond was set to $46,500 Wednesday.

— Madeline Collins, News Editor

FBI takes over Allendale train wreck investigation

Federal investigators are working to determine whether an Allendale train wreck was linked to criminal activity, according to The State. Wednesday, authorities announced a $10,000 reward for the arrest of anyone responsible for the crash.

On Jan. 27, a CSX train ran off of its track and crashed into a parked train across the tracks. The crash split open the train’s tanker cars, spilling 19,000 gallons of hydrochloric acid, as well as 4,000 gallons of diesel fuel.

The incident is similar to another crash in Graniteville 10 years ago, when chlorine was spilled. The wrench that controls the tracks could have been tampered with, causing the train to crash in Allendale. The FBI and the Federal Railroad Administration have taken over the investigation.

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we'll say, "Hey let's go ahead and redshirt them." We encourage every player coming in to compete for playing time."

Also, four of the eight defensive line prospects earned four stars coming out of either high school or junior college, meaning not only that they can come in and play, but also that they can come in and play at a high level.

Defensive line coach Deke Adams sees promise at the position that crippled the Gamecocks’ defense so often last season — even in two-star defensive end Devante Covington, the lowest-rated player in South Carolina’s class.

"[Covington] does a great job, plays with a high motor," Adams said. "He's a very quiet kid who's all about business. I'm excited about what he's going to bring. I think he's going to help us immediately getting pressure off the edge. We look forward to getting him on campus soon."

Covington has the size to be an effective pass rusher despite the low rating and general lack of interest from other schools. At 6-foot-4, 235 pounds, his features favor Houston Texan J.J. Watt, who Spurrier alluded to at his annual signing day press conference.

"As you know, those three stars, four stars and five stars are just left up there on television," Spurrier said. "[J.J.] Watt ... he was a [two-star] recruit coming out of high school. They were saying he was a [two-star], the best player in the NFL last year."

"Watt, who won his second AP NFL Defensive Player of the Year award in 2014, favored Covington at 6-foot-4, 230 pounds coming out of high school. In total, South Carolina signed one quarterback, two running backs, four wide receivers, two tight ends, five offensive linemen, four linebackers, five defensive backs, one kicker and one punter to accompany the seven defensive linemen that were signed Wednesday.

Spurrier also addressed rumors that South Carolina has hired Jon Hoke to oversee its defense.

"Tomorrow we will talk about the additional coach," he said. "I have not made it any secret that I hope to add a coach next year. Today we’ll talk about these guys, and tomorrow we’ll talk potentially a coach coming in and helping us.

Hoke served as defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach under Spurrier at Florida from 1999 until 2001. More recently, Hoke has been the defensive backs coach for the Chicago Bears since 2009.

Spurrier has noted several times that he does not plan on letting any coaches go, even if that means relegating a coach to an off-field position.
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Kid Ink goes wide with ‘Full Speed’

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His solo project, “Displaced,” formed during an artistic residency in Columbia, is on display until Feb. 22 at 701 CCA on Whaley Street.

Poor spent three months exploring the indigenous architecture of South Carolina and recreating the structures from memories and photographs. He uses wood and digital printing to create the sleek structures that represent the difference between what we remember and what actually exists.

“We take what we see for granted, and I don’t think we look at it very carefully,” he said. “The process of making these buildings is a moment to look very carefully at them.”

Frank Poor’s “Displaced” examines the malleability of memory through architecture.

Small crowd gets hyped for DJ duel

Booming bass and record scratching echoed throughout the Russell House University Union Wednesday night, bringing in the occasional curious passerby.

The beats were courtesy of DJ Digs and Manos, two DJs based in Colorado, for Carolina Production’s new Dueling DJs event. But it wasn’t their first time here at USC.

“They did Dance Marathon in 2013, and that’s why they’re back,” said Jeni Adamo, the concert coordinator for Carolina Productions. “Back by popular demand.”

But the audience in the Russell House ballroom was sparse — the rave-style dance party may have been too much for Gamecocks to handle in the middle of the week. Aside from a few energetic dancers, the audience consisted mostly of staff.

That’s not to say the DJs themselves were unentertained. They knew how to keep their motivation even for a small crowd, mashing up a few old favorites and some new beats. In fact, Digs and Manos have strong reputations as DJs.

Those who did attend seemed into it. The highlight of the evening was probably an intense dance battle that incorporated all 25 people in attendance.

Carolina Productions President Rachel Scola knows that the more popular events are stand-up comedians, but CP is always trying to mix things up, she said.

Regardless of the night’s low turnout, Scola seemed optimistic about the semester’s upcoming events.

“Comedy usually does well, but we don’t want to get into a corner and always bring that event,” Scola said. “We always want to be innovative. We’ll always do comedy, but we’re bringing in improv shows, which is a little bit different.”
melodies and outdoing his verses with catchy hooks that dominate the entire song. "Full Speed" holds on to some Kid Ink trademarks, like unusual wordplay, indistinct rhyme scheme and conservative melodies. However, this album's melody change embraces the dance-rap craze that has dominated the hip-hop scene for the past year. The more mainstream songs allow for broader appeal, while still letting Kid Ink keep rapping in his signature style. In '90s dance-step inspired song "About Mine" ft. Trey Songz, produced by DJ Mustard, and "Dolo" ft. R. Kelly, Kid Ink embraces a cool, calm and collected throwback feel where his listeners can reminisce on the good ol’ days.

His collaborators are given a lot of the credit for the spotlight, but to ignore Kid Ink's own role in his strategic climb to the top charts would be unfair. "Full Speed" has a good balance of nightlife tracks and more serious topics. His more lyrical cuts, "What It Feels Like" and stoner angled cut "Blunted," feature more personal expression and snappier rhyme schemes than in the past. He's switching up his style to something outside of his comfort — Kid Ink is slowly building his regional recognition up to a more national level. If he keeps it up, Ink can truly bring cool back, like he suggests in his cut "Cool Back."

Cody Scoggins
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Though Poor lives in the North, he finds himself drawn to the landscapes of the South.

The show’s title is an expression of the strong connection Poor feels with the South and the physical distance that separates him from the Carolina region.

"I've been up here [in Rhode Island] for 25 years, almost," he said. "I am sort of displaced from that location, but still drawn to it."

Poor’s solo exhibit raises the question of memory and reality. One of Poor’s sculptures, the church steeple, is an image that he has made over and over again in different ways, playing with the delicacy of the physical structure and the memory of small experience in his childhood.

"The things we remember from our childhood and the things we see don't really match, but we always look for things that rhyme," Poor said. "Look at things more carefully and consider the relationship between the world we live and the way we remember it."

No matter how long Poor lives in Rhode Island, he knows he’ll never be a "yankee." After growing up in Woodstock, Georgia, Poor moved to Rhode Island to earn his masters in fine arts at the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence. And 25 years later, he’s still in Rhode Island, living with his family and teaching at Rhode Island College in Providence.

But his ties to the South are as strong as ever. "That’s where I grew up, and certain things make sense to me down there," Poor said. "I miss the landscape, the cotton fields and the peach orchards and the way that the people are slowed down a little bit."

But Poor won’t be away from the South for long. He is returning to Columbia to speak at the show’s closing at 3 p.m. on Feb. 22.
The annual spectacle of students and faculty descending on the Statehouse to advocate for more funding, known as Carolina Day, has subsided. We feel that Carolina Day has limited potential for effecting real change. While it’s great to have our students and administration interacting with legislators, we need for those interactions to have an impact. Rather than an event with the feel of bringing your kid to work day, we need to get tough with a legislature that has abandoned our school of much-needed money.

Let’s start writing letters, holding protests and calling out legislators for shameful statistics. South Carolina’s spending on higher education funding is down by more than 40 percent from five years ago. Despite the well-intentioned and dedicated efforts of many people on many Carolina Days, the legislature has clearly headed in the opposite direction.

Although we wish a positive, constructive dialogue could be achieved on higher education funding, catching more flies with honey than vinegar has not worked for us so far. Even backing off a tuition freeze request may not necessarily lead to more funding. It’s time to hold politicians’ feet to the fire and to make sure that they appropriately fund our university.

Also, poring the efforts of the student body into one day of the year leaves our message lacking the other 364. It’s like Christmas Eve, but Santa never comes.

There are student organizations that lobby the Statehouse on our behalf, but if we want the legislature to reverse the trends of decreased state funding and increased tuition, we need broader and more aggressive campaigning.

Carolina Day is epitomized by politicians like Nikki Haley offering placating promises on their constituents’ right to education. Without a more sustained campaign of protest, lobbying and action, the Statehouse will continue to fail our government’s flagship university.

Time to decommit from NCAA rules

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Gemini
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Cancer
Things are starting to taste water on obvious wrinkles in the plan. An individual offers useful information. Don't speculate or spout. You're entering a learning phase.

Leo
Bring in the money over the next two days. Your gaining wisdom along with your pay. Friends offer good advice. Set priorities. Provide a practical perspective. Have you honed a profitable venture.

Virgo
Things work to go your way over the next two days. You can find what you're looking for. Reject a far fetched scheme in favor of practical solutions. Confirm plans for a job. Go for the gold.

Libra
Take time for peaceful contemplation. Confide with your team confidentially. Offer peacemaker skills. Be sensitive to another's. Your office comfort and companionship (especially to yourself). Rest and relax.

Scorpio
Your team inspires you today and tomorrow. Heal a customary person. Waiting to get something in a project moving. Talk over all the angles first. Associates provide vital input (at least your time) in a professional opportunity.

Sagittarius
Watch out for bizarre requests. Stick to basics that keep communication channels flowing. Clear your desk of clutter and file papers. Keep your office uncluttered. They add up. Don't hit the next step. Express your opinions.

Capricorn
Get into planning a vacation or trip today and tomorrow. Allow time to reduce transportation costs. Research the best bargains, and get what you want. Review the budget before committing to expenses.

Aquarius
Set long-term goals for the next couple of days. Plan for upcoming expenses and revise the budget to suit. Notice the limitations under which we've been laboring. Just talking really does help.

Pisces
Comprise or negotiate a situation that works for everyone involved. Let's not definitely more at this time. Some fantasies will have to go. Plan an upcoming gathering. Go for simple elegance.

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ACROSS
1. Scopel, at NASA
3. 15 Big base of a... hard
5. 13 Soud the way to your favorite tv? 20.
7. Dian (HIPPO)
9. 12 Bird that builds a nest
22. 15 Small fish
23. 11 Fish on... 24.
25. 18 Botanist
31. 1 It may not completely... a bit more... 32.
34. It may make exquisite 興 may... 35.
37. Review the budget before...1.
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40. 14 Guest in a library
41. 12 Bird that builds a nest
42. 11 Fine-tuned
43. 10 Twice three
44. 9 Baseball feature
45. 8 Name on many compacts
46. 7 Birds
47. 6 Name on many compacts
48. 5 Old Gremlin
49. 4 Tributes in verse
50. 3 Heredity source
51. 2 Unoriginal
52. 19 Big blast
53. 16 Like the cap worn
54. 15 Zipped through
55. Nine-digit fig.

DOWN
1. 58 Picked out of a...1.
2. 56 "Ciao!"
3. 48 "Moreover..."
4. 45 Becomes
5. 43 Hard to read
6. 41 Gives kudos
7. 40 A passel
8. 39 A... to sell
9. 38 "...app!
10. 37 Gives off...2.
11. 36 Give a...3.
12. 35 Briefs not seen in...4.
13. 34 Italian Baroque
14. 33 Tiny colonist
15. 32 Painter known for
16. 31 Patted down
17. 30 Q's neighbor
18. 29 Patted down
19. 28 Tennis player known for
20. 27 Short...4.
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Blue won 18 games as a freshman in the 2014 season and wanted no time making a name for herself as the leading NCAA with seven home runs and was named to the SEC-All-Freshman Team. Sophomore first baseman Kaylee Snaer is also another player to watch, as she was also named to the SEC-All-Freshman Team after hitting five home runs during league games. Snaer’s eight home runs in 2014 were the seventh-most by a South Carolina player in a single season.

Most Intriguing: Lorenzo Nunez
Nearly all of South Carolina’s signees had decided to become Gamecocks before National Signing Day, but cornerback Rashad Fenton didn’t make his decision until Wednesday morning. A native of Miami, Florida, Fenton is one of the four defensive backs in the class. Fenton picked South Carolina over Florida and Louisville.

Latest Addition: Rashad Fenton
Fenton signed with South Carolina on Wednesday, but many quarterbacks have played much as a true freshman and definitely compete with Orth and Mitch. While not possessing was experience, and the Gamecocks now lấyed to the SEC All-Freshman Team. Another guy who could see the field early is defensive and Dante Sawyer, who played this past season at East Mississippi Community College and picked the Gamecocks over Missouri.

The one that got away: Ardes Key
Those who follow South Carolina recruiting have known about defensive end Ardes Key since 2013 and soon learned that his constant changes of heart mirrored that of a soap opera character. In less than a two-year span, Key verbally committed to South Carolina and then decommitted on two different occasions. Even after opening his recruitment back up at the beginning of the month, the Gamecocks were one of the few schools keeping out Ardes Key. But Key would eventually spurn the Gamecocks and sign with LSU. While offensive and defensive linemen usually take the longest to get acclimated to the college game, Key definitely would have had a great opportunity to play immediately for South Carolina and could have been on defense that gave up over 40 yards per game last season.

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Coming off their best season since 2010, the Gamecocks are looking to build on last year’s success.

Previously coached under Joyce Compton, the team made several NCAA appearances and won the SEC Championship in 2000. Many believe that status can be achieved again under head coach Brady Smith, who arrived in 2011 and led the team to back-to-back NCAA appearances in the past two seasons.

The team hit the ground running with fresh legs after winter break, and South had the Gamecocks start spring practice on Jan. 6. Classes started before getting the girls a few days to, “focus solely on softball.”

South Carolina will return to the field this season with seven primary starters and two pitchers in the 2015 season, including sophomore Nicole Blu.

Smith again challenged tradition when she did away with a traditional game day, giving Blue a chance to prove herself her freshman season.