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Semester in Review
Letter from the Editor

It’s finally December.
Or maybe it’s already December.
Either way, it’s been four months of late nights, breaking news and heartbreaking football games. (We don’t need to talk about that last one.)
We’ve spent those four months bringing you the news of the day every day. But in the event you missed a day — or two or 10 or all of them — we’ve compiled the biggest stories of the year for you to relive over the break.
Remember August? More than 1,600 girls went through formal recruitment in search of their place in sorority life. And established sororities welcomed Pi Beta Phi to campus, while they colonized their first pledge class at the beginning of the year. There were also several reported crimes at the end of the month, which Vice President of Student Affairs Dennis Pruitt later called “stories.” The new Darla Moore School of Business opened its doors to students for the first day of class, and according to Dean Peter Brews, students were calling it “sick” and “dope.” That’s high praise.
Before we knew it, it was September. It was announced that the people of Columbia would name the city’s new baseball team. GameDay set up shop on the Horseshoe for the seventh time, but the Gamecocks fell to Missouri. And at the end of the month, USC students put a decades-old rivalry on pause and held a vigil for Tucker Hipps, a Clemson student who was found dead.
I think we can all agree October snuck up on us. The Green Quad residence Hall turned 10. But Preston Residential College had a few years on the LEED-certified quad and celebrated the big 75. Student Government and USCPD unveiled USC’s safety app, Rave Guardian. And before we knew it, we were digging out our Halloween costumes and looking forward to Thanksgiving break.
And then there was November. Last month had perhaps the most breaking news, starting with election night, when the race was called for Gov. Nikki Haley one minute after polls closed. Second-year criminology student Diamoney Greene was found shot to death in the Copper Beech apartment complex, the result of what was deemed a murder-suicide. That same week, South Carolina’s same-sex marriage ban was ruled unconstitutional, effectively allowing same-sex marriages after Nov. 20.
December has just begun, but we slid one story from this month in for you — students marched from campus to the Statehouse steps last week, protesting the death of Michael Brown, who was shot to death in August by Officer Darren Wilson in Ferguson, Missouri.
Feel caught up? That’s what we’re here for. If you’re looking for more, head over to www.dailygamecock.com for the full stories and everything else we reported on this semester.
There’s some commencement information in here, too. If you’re on your way across the stage this December, grab a copy for your folks, so they’ll know where to park and when they can snap your picture on the big day.
If you’re leaving campus for the last time this month, congrats and good luck. And if you’re coming back in January, we’ll see you then — maybe it’ll actually be cold by then. (I mean, seriously. It was 75 degrees this week. What was up with that?)

— Hannah Jeffrey
Editor-in-chief of The Daily Gamecock
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August

Tears fell as potential new members ran to their sisters. Older members gave the girls shirts bearing the letters of their future homes during Bid Day 2014.

Greeks welcome new women, sorority

Over 1,000 go through recruitment in August; Pi Beta Phi comes to campus

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This August, 1,655 women began the sorority recruitment process, narrowing potential sisterhoods down through a mutual selection process.

The Pi Chis, members who disaffiliated from their chapters in the spring to guide potential new members through recruitment, announced the time remaining by shouting in unison: “Three minutes!”

The chanting and singing got louder as time inched forward. Potential new members (PNMs) watched in anticipation as the crowd continued to build behind the barriers.

“Two minutes!”

The singing and clapping escalated and the flocks of PNMs waited on one end of the Horseshoe, their futures waiting on the other.

“One minute!”

The time had come. Screaming intensified once again as the Pi Chis handed out shirts bearing the letters that represented the girls’ future homes.

As the T-shirts were unrolled and the sororities’ colors showed, the army of new sisters darted down the Horseshoe.

Tears fell as PNMs shed their potential and became new members.

This year, however, potential sorority members on campus now have a new option.

Pi Beta Phi recolonized on campus after being invited to become a part of the USC Greek community in February 2013. The sorority has a 54-year history at USC. The chapter joined campus for the first time in 1931, but relinquished their charter in 1985 due to low membership.

Pi Beta Phi was one of two sororities that will be joining the USC community based on the decisions of the extension committee. Alpha Xi Delta will come to campus in fall 2016, and Pi Beta Phi extended over 240 bids after recruitment in September.
Four in one: crimes on, near campus see spike in first week

Vice president of student affairs calls campus crime reports ‘stories’

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Tuesday. Thursday. Sunday. Tuesday.
In one week, USC saw a sudden uptick in crime on and around campus, with four incidents reported over a seven-day span.
The first came Aug. 19, when a man exposed himself to two female students at the intersection of Greene and Pickens streets, near the Women’s Quad.
An armed robbery was reported on the Horseshoe Aug. 21, after a man with a gun approached a student and demanded money. The man followed the student back to East Quad, where surveillance video shows him inside the residence hall with the student.
A Carolina Alert was issued to students early in the morning Aug. 24, warning about an armed subject carrying a pistol and heading toward Russell House.
Early Tuesday morning, students received another Carolina Alert about a second armed robbery, in which a victim was assaulted by a man with a baseball bat.
Arrests were made in two of the on-campus incidents by Aug. 27.
Lloyd Benjamin Hicks, 44, was arrested and charged with exposing himself to the two women, and Kevin Rick Oneal, 40, was arrested in connection to the Horseshoe robbery.
“None of us feels as safe as I would hope we would right now,” University President Harris Pastides said. “We had a bad week. What we don’t know is if we’re going to have a bad year.”
In a letter to students, faculty and staff on August 25, Pastides outlined safety enhancements the university began to implement, including more visible police officers — both uniformed and not — stationed on campus, as opposed to around or nearby.
In September, Vice President for Student Affairs Dennis Pruitt said that the four crimes reported over the last several weeks didn’t actually occur in a campus safety report for parents and students distributed during Parents Weekend.
“It’s important to note that many of these stories are just that: stories,” Pruitt wrote.

Moore School opens for business in August

New building features palmettos, 6 floors

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Walking up the steps of the new Darla Moore School of Business, which opened for the first time in August, the sunlight hits you first.
Once you reach the top step, you’re greeted by a courtyard full of palmetto trees swaying in the breeze. The building is shaded copper and green, the colors of South Carolina’s state tree.
“The building is] a natural element itself, coming out of the ground and embedded in the hillside,” building architect Andrea Lamberti said. “The colors that you see, the metal panels, the brown, the green you see are all intended to reflect to the palmetto [tree] as an inspiration.”
Aside from the palmettos, the Moore School is home to six floors of faculty areas, a 250-seat classroom, a 500-seat auditorium and study rooms built for group projects and collaboration.
The study rooms, which weren’t available in the old business building, give students a chance to work together on projects without leaving the classroom.
“I have to do group projects in four of my five classes, so it’s hard to find times to meet, let alone a location that is conducive to meet other than the library,” third-year international business and supply chain student Joshua Blackwood said. “Having that on-site at the school where we all take classes is going to be great.”
Peter Brews started off his first year as dean of the business school in August, while students started off the year in the new building.
Brews said students have welcomed the building exceptionally well, describing it as “sick” and “dope.”
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GameDay has visited USC seven different times, but this was only the third time their crew was permitted to set up on the historic Horseshoe on campus.

GameDay returns to USC’s ‘ideal backdrop’

Crew broadcasts from Horseshoe for South Carolina vs. Missouri football

Danny Garrison and Collyn Taylor
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The Horseshoe stands out: to students, to parents, to faculty and especially to ESPN’s College GameDay.

After seeing the buildings and the trees and the history associated with the grounds, the program bookmarked USC as a frequent destination to broadcast from.

The crew rolled up to the Horseshoe for the South Carolina v. Missouri game for what Senior Producer of College GameDay Lee Fitting said was “the ideal backdrop for GameDay.”

“The people, the energy is picture-perfect out there,” he said. “We travel around the country and I’ve been doing this for the past 11 years; people ask me what’s the ideal backdrop for GameDay and I always reference the Horseshoe. It’s sort of a movie set, it’s perfect.”

This marked the seventh time the GameDay crew came to Columbia, but it was just the third time they were allowed to set up on the Horseshoe.

GameDay selected Kenny Chesney as their celebrity picker to predict the outcomes of the week’s games.

Despite the loss, the atmosphere at Williams-Brice was still electric.

Just as it is every other week, and just as it’s always been.

“It’s crazy, because they stunk so bad, but the fans were so awesome,” said David Pollack, GameDay contributor and former Georgia defensive lineman. “It’s one of the best atmospheres in college football. People don’t talk about it enough.”
Community to name city’s new baseball team this year

Hardball Capital CEO announces competition

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When the Capital City Bombers left Columbia in 2004, all hope for a professional baseball team was lost — until now.

Columbia was home to a professional baseball team for 21 consecutive years and then they were without. But the tradition has been restored and a team is returning to the capital city in 2016.

Jason Freier, CEO of Hardball Capital, the owners of the Columbia team, announced in September that the company will let the people of Columbia pick the team’s name. The “Name Our Team” contest allowed residents to go online and submit a team name and logo.

Freier also said that Hardball Capital will be interviewing people and conducting research to decide on a mascot that is “local, unique and fun.”

“To us, it is extremely important that we have community involvement in this process,” Freier said. “We want to make sure that the name is by and from the community and one that will be embraced by the community.”

The winner of the contest will be revealed in the spring of 201 and will receive a prize pack and will throw the ceremonial first pitch Opening Night of the new ballpark.

Over 100 students sat on the steps of the State House wearing orange and paying tribute to their friend.

Students hold candlelight vigil for deceased Clemson fraternity student

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Gianna Lanz brought candles for everyone.

“If anyone didn’t get a candle or something to catch the wax, they’re going to be over here — just in case,” she said as she set the bag down on the sidewalk and turned back to a crowd of more than 100 students sitting on the steps of the State House.

She stood behind a podium in front of the stairs in a bright orange sweatshirt emblazoned with a big white tiger paw, a tribute to her friend Tucker Hipps, a second-year Clemson University student who was found dead on a Monday afternoon in September.

“It’s weird for us because we know he’s never coming back,” Lanz said. “I can’t imagine ever meeting someone like him again.”

His friends talked about his love of life. Lanz laughed when she told everyone how cocky he could be. More than once, his smile was described as “infectious” or “contagious” or “able to light up a room.”

Friend after friend came to the podium, each with a memory of when Hipps made them laugh or reminded them to live life to its fullest or to tell them that they had a friend.

“You could instantly connect with him.”

“He was everything a man wants to be.”

“I’m different from meeting Tucker Hipps.”

“People need to try to live their lives the way he did.”

One after another, they shared memories with a crowd of faces who had never met him.
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Class of 1984 and 1985 graduates Tom Sliker, Jed Seay, Alan Shealy and Tommy Johnson stood on the back porch of Preston College Sunday and remembered the memories they made and pranks they pulled when they lived in the residence hall.

For these four graduates, coming back to celebrate the 75th anniversary of their beloved residence hall in October was a no-brainer.

“Coming back together made it even better.

“We’re like brothers. We’re like family,” Johnson, a former Preston College president, said. “I stay in contact more with people from Preston than people I graduated with in my class.”

Preston College was built during the Great Depression using $300,000 from the New Deal administration. Back then, Russell House and Thomas Cooper Library didn’t exist, and the fountain was a football field.

It started out as an all-male, all-white dorm, but now it’s much more diverse. Its 145 rooms originally held 290 men.

Throughout its history, Preston has been the home to 75 classes of students, including football and basketball teams and members of the ROTC. Preston was the first dorm to have a live-in faculty member and was known for having the first experiment in hall government.

Preston is currently the only residence college in the state.

During the October celebration, alumni and current students alike gathered in their former or current home to share memories of what it was like when they lived there. Donaldson said it was a way “not only to celebrate the history, but also to remember the legacy of the students who have lived there before.”
Green Quad turns 10

LEED-certified residence hall catalyst for green thinking nationally

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When Gene Luna came to USC in 1992 as director of university housing, he knew he wanted to bring sustainability to the university. But he never expected how far that goal would take him.

Green Quad celebrated its 10th anniversary this October. The residence hall has been a catalyst for sustainability across campus, but that wasn’t a guarantee when it was first built.

When he was offered funds to create a design for USC’s first-ever green residence hall, Luna had no idea what a green building was. But after some research, he decided that he wanted the new residence hall to be certified with leadership in energy and environmental design (LEED). He also wanted the new residence to be created with the same budget as the last two residences built on campus.

From this vision, Green Quad was born.

“I was convinced that this was going to be the way of the future,” Luna said. “This was not going to be a fad. This was going to be our lifestyle in the future for a long, long time.”

After a year and a half of construction, Green Quad opened in 2004. Luna said its mission was to act as a “beacon for sustainability for the campus and even across the community.”

When the building opened its doors for students, Green Quad was the second green residence on a college campus and the largest green building in the country.
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Second-year criminology and criminal justice student Diamoney Greene was identified as one of the two people found shot to death in the Copper Beech Townhouse Community in November.

Greene was shot to death by Brandon Early, who then turned the gun on himself in Greene's Copper Beech unit.

Early, 21, and Greene, 20, were found in unit 2106 Tuesday around 7 p.m. Nov. 11. A roommate called police when they couldn’t get into the house because one of the bodies was blocking the front door.

Both Early and Greene were found with gunshot wounds to the head and died on the scene, according to Richland County Coroner Gary Watts.

According to Watts, the incident appeared to have been a murder-suicide that happened days before.

Greene transferred to USC from South Carolina State University, where she appears to have been a cheerleader, according to her Twitter account.

Juliana Lee, a leasing agent and Copper Beech resident, said the complex’s management was working in full cooperation with the sheriff’s department and that their thoughts are with the families.

“It didn’t really have anything to do with security here,” Lee said. “It was an internal situation, and the investigation is ongoing.”

Copper Beech residents received an email from the complex’s management Nov. 12 around 6 p.m. notifying them of the incident.

“Because the investigation is ongoing, we do not have additional information to share at this time,” the email, which was signed Copper Beech Townhomes, said. “As details surface we will do our best to keep you informed ... Your safety is our top priority.”

University President Harris Pastides released a statement following the autopsy results, offering his condolences to Greene's family.

“Patricia and I are deeply saddened by the tragic death of Diamoney Greene, a member of our Carolina family,” Pastides said. “Our heartfelt prayers are with Diamoney’s family and friends during this difficult time. As our campus grieves the loss of a promising young life, USC will make counseling and support services available to our Carolina community.”

Copper Beech is located just over four miles from USC’s campus.
Haley wins 4 more years

Race called for incumbent 1 minute after polls close

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Governor Nikki Haley emerged with Lieutenant Governor Henry McMaster in tow at 10 p.m. on the dot to the tune of supporters chanting “four more years.”

It was “a great day in South Carolina,” she said. Not only had she been elected to a second term, but her son had also made his school’s basketball team.

“You took a chance on me the first time when it really didn’t make sense. All I had was words. All I had was a vision,” Haley said. “If you look at what we’ve done, it really is something to celebrate.”

A few hours earlier and a few blocks away, Marvin Gaye’s “Ain’t No Mountain High Enough” played over the loudspeaker in the Marriott ballroom, but the democrats were in a pretty low valley.

It was 7:29 p.m., and The Associated Press had called the race in favor of Vincent Sheheen’s opponent nearly half an hour earlier, just one minute after the polls closed.

“I mean, I don’t want to say it was expected,” said College Democrats President Mathieu Erramuzpe, “but it was expected.”

His eyes strayed from the TV screen in the hotel lobby and Erramuzpe took a pause when asked if he felt as though they’d made a difference. The race was called immediately after the polls had closed. The ballroom booked for the democrats “victory party” was sparse, and it didn’t seem to be filling quickly.

The College Democrats weren’t solely focusing on the gubernatorial election, Erramuzpe said. They traveled to Raleigh to support Kay Hagan and Charleston to campaign for Mary Tinkler. The battle for governor wasn’t the only one they were fighting.

But it was the battle that Haley had won.

“She has stood every test. She has mastered every challenge,” McMaster said. “To quote that great philosopher Tim McGraw, ‘We like it. We love it. We want some more of it.’”

South Carolina’s ban on gay marriage was ruled unconstitutional in November by U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel, effectively allowing gay marriages in the state after noon on Nov. 20.

Gergel issued a stay on his decision through Nov. 20 to give time for an appeal from State Attorney General Alan Wilson, who announced hours after the ruling that he plans to do so.

The ruling came on the case Condon v. Haley, in which same-sex couple Colleen Condon and Ann Bleckley filed suit against South Carolina in October when they were not issued a marriage license after they applied and paid the filing fee. Gergel ordered Charleston County Probate Judge Irvin Condon (distantly related to Colleen Condon) to grant a marriage license to the couple after the Nov. 20 stay expires.

Gergel’s ruling said the ban was unconstitutional based on the 14th Amendment’s due process and equal protection clauses.

Gergel’s ruling prohibits enforcing laws or policies that “seek to prohibit the marriage of same sex couples,” interference with Condon and Bleckley’s receipt of a marriage license or the right to marry and refusal to issue the couple a marriage license.

“While this is a victory for the community, it’s important to realize that marriage equality is not the most pressing issue facing our community,” USC BGLSA President Devon Sherrell said in an email. “So while we will be celebrating this victory, we are looking ahead to the future of the cause with optimism and preparedness.”

Two other cases regarding same-sex marriage were brought to the U.S. District Court that week, both regarding changing names on South Carolina drivers’ licenses for same-sex couples in the same way heterosexual couples do.
About 200 students — black, white, male, female — marched from Greene Street to the State House in a line that stretched a city block the first week of December. They started in complete silence, but as they drew closer, they began their simple, four-word chant: “Hands up, don’t shoot.”

They were protesting the recent events in Ferguson, Missouri, in which Michael Brown, a black man, was killed by Darren Wilson, a white police officer. An interest group composed of members of between 30 to 40 student organizations organized the march, which followed a forum on the incident.

When the group reached their destination on the State House steps, they listened to poems, read names of black people killed by police since summer 2014 and had a four and a half minute silence for the four and a half hours Brown lay dead in the street.

Jon McClary, event organizer and third-year public health student, simply pointed behind him to the 200 students that had come out when asked if he thought the forum and protest had been successful.

“We have reached and pulled so many areas of campus that it was bound to be successful,” he said. “I think it’s a good stepping point in the right direction and shows that people are really excited about change.”

The protest ended with Courtland Thomas, another organizer of the event, encouraging the protestors to use the pain they were experiencing positively.

“Tonight we should leave here determined, educated, aware, empowered,” Thomas said. “It’s up to us to turn the pain that we’re feeling from all the lives that have been lost, turn that pain into promise for the future.”
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There will also be a professional photographer available to take posed cap and gown photographs of the degree candidates with family members and guests. Photographs may be taken before or after the commencement exercises. This photographer will be located on the Concourse Atrium level of the Colonial Life Arena.

A UNIVERSITY TRADITION
Commencements are a time-honored tradition in academia and they honor the achievements, learning and rigorous work of undergraduate and graduate students. USC held its first commencement ceremony in December 1807 in Rutledge College, the University’s first building, which currently serves as the University’s chapel on the historic Horseshoe.

USC President Harris Pastides will preside at each of the commencement exercises. The commencement exercises will include the University’s traditional ceremony, a ceremony whose style stretches back to the earliest origin of the University of South Carolina, honoring each degree candidate individually. The President will join the dean of each college or school to greet each candidate individually as his/her name is called.

The ceremonies will begin with a series of academic processions including representatives of the University faculties, University officials and deans, members of the Board of Trustees and distinguished guests.

THE UNIVERSITY SEAL
The USC seal quotes the Latin poet Ovid, “Emollit Mores Nec Sinit Esse Feros,” which is translated, “Learning humanizes character and does not permit it to be cruel.” Beneath this motto on the University seal stand the figures of Liberty and Minerva, the goddess of Wisdom. Though clothed for battle, they hold their weapons at rest and shake hands. Liberty and wisdom share common ground. The University must be that special place where students can together pursue truth and strengthen both character and intellect.

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South Carolina opened the year as the No. 9 team in the nation and the favorite to win the SEC East, but the season opener against Texas A&M offered the Gamecocks a glimpse into what 2014 would eventually become.

Led by 1st-year starter Kenny Hill’s school-record 511 passing yards, the Aggies demolished South Carolina by a final score of 52-28. The Gamecocks’ 18-game home winning streak was snapped and they found themselves facing a steep climb back into the SEC conversation.

South Carolina’s week three meeting with Georgia was, by all accounts, a must-win if the Gamecocks wanted to make anything of the 2014 season. But Georgia wasn’t going to let that happen easily.

The Bulldogs had just dismantled Clemson in their first game of the season, and South Carolina looked like the next victim with an unconvincing 1-1 record.

The Gamecocks, however, went ahead and shocked the college football world with a 38-35 win over the Bulldogs.

Redshirt senior quarterback Dylan Thompson’s fourth-and-one plunge for a first down iced the game for South Carolina in the fourth quarter and vaulted them back into the role of favorite to win the East.

Heading into South Carolina’s late-september game against Missouri, the Gamecocks had already come back from the dead once after losing to Texas A&M and upsetting Georgia.

ESPN’s College Gameday was in town for what was billed as one of the deciding contests in the SEC East, and the Gamecocks looked well on their way to a convincing win three quarters through the game itself.

The fourth quarter of that game, however, can be isolated as the point in time when South Carolina’s season took a nosedive.

The Gamecocks allowed two touchdowns in the final quarter to give the Tigers a 21-20 victory.
As if South Carolina's late collapse against Missouri wasn't devastating enough for the Gamecocks, the team took its struggles to another level in the following weeks.

South Carolina lost three more SEC contests in a row against Kentucky, Auburn and Tennessee in the same inexplicable fashion as the debacle against the Tigers.

By the time the Gamecocks had completed their horrific overtime collapse against Tennessee, they were firmly out of the SEC race and, at 4-5, facing an uphill battle just to become bowl eligible.

In Steve Spurrier's fifth trip back to Gainesville, Florida, South Carolina was able to salvage some of its dignity to earn its first SEC win since September.

By this point in the season, the Gamecocks had become famous for choking away leads late in games. But they were on the winning side of a fourth-quarter battle.

A Dylan Thompson rushing touchdown in overtime capped off South Carolina's rally and gave the Gamecocks their fifth win of the season, setting them up for a win over South Alabama the following week to become bowl eligible.

The South Carolina men's soccer team was highly unpredictable in 2014, finishing with a 10-10 record and a total of 11 overtime periods played.

But the Gamecocks closed out their season on a higher note than expected with a 1-0 win over No. 21 UAB to advance to the Conference USA tournament finals.

South Carolina was a long-shot to even reach the title game, but the team put up a valiant effort against eventual conference champion Old Dominion.

The contest, and South Carolina's season, ended in a 2-1 loss to the Monarchs that saw a comeback effort from the Gamecocks fall just short.
The 2014 season ended as the most successful in history for the South Carolina women’s soccer team. After earning a No. 3 seed in the NCAA tournament, the Gamecocks went down to the wire in both of their first meetings. It took penalty kicks to advance South Carolina past both Clemson and Seattle and earn the Gamecocks a shot at second-seeded North Carolina. Behind a clean sheet from freshman goalkeeper Abbey Crider, South Carolina pulled off the 1-0 upset over the Tar Heels to reach the program’s first-ever Elite Eight. But that’s where the book would close on the Gamecocks.

In a season full of disappointments, South Carolina saved the most devastating for last in 2014. The Gamecocks carried their five-game winning streak over Clemson into this year’s meeting in Death Valley and promptly lost by a final score of 35-17. In the game, Dylan Thompson eclipsed the school record for passing yards in a season and finished with 3,280 yards on the year. South Carolina now awaits a possible bowl invitation with a 6-6 record at the end of the regular season.

The South Carolina women’s basketball team entered the 2014-15 season with a No. 2 ranking and higher expectations than ever. But on Nov. 24, the ante was upped even higher when the Gamecocks claimed their first-ever No. 1 national ranking. Reigning SEC Player of the Year Tiffany Mitchell is up to her old tricks, leading South Carolina in both scoring and assists. Freshman phenom A’ja Wilson has also lived up to her billing, following Mitchell as the Gamecocks second-leading scorer.

It’s the third year of the Frank Martin era for South Carolina men’s basketball, and things look to be on track for the Gamecocks. South Carolina has amassed a winning record at 4-3, and the team is fresh off a 18-point road win over Marshall. The Gamecocks will have a chance to earn a signature win in Martin’s time in Columbia when they square off against Oklahoma State Saturday at home.
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By The Mepham Group 12/05/14

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42 Governess Jane in a Bronte novel
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