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"We hope for everyone volunteering during our Days of Service to really make an impact of Stewardship for our community," Sierra said. "We also want this day to impact the lives of every one of our volunteers in one way or another. Whether this is their first time serving or their 20th, it is our goal for these Days of Service to plant seeds among those serving and inspire lifelong volunteerism." After they served on Monday, students had the opportunity to hear from US Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez. The rest of the week also has a focus on Martin Luther King Jr. In the spirit of King and social activism, USC NACOP is hosting an event titled "Building Our Beloved Community: What’s Next?" on Tuesday. They invite students to "join us as we talk about creating a plan of action that we as Carolinians can use to solve some of the issues that exist in society today."

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Gamecocks take on Volunteers at home

The Gamecocks are home for the week, but will find no rest.

Coming back to Columbia after a victory is one thing, but after losing to an SEC school, the coming home factor does not have the same effect. South Carolina will quickly have to turn around to play in its next game.

Housed by Auburn (10-7, 2-4 SEC), South Carolina (10-6, 1-4 SEC) could not finish the game strong and lost to the Tigers 79-68.

In the first half the Gamecocks were already down 39-29, and according to head coach Frank Martin, they were not playing their best to take on the Tigers.

“We read, and we turned it over way too much in the first half,” Martin said. “We just didn’t play strong enough in the first half.”

By the second half the Gamecocks came out strong, scoring 39 points compared to the Tigers who only scored 32 points.

Sophomore guard Sindarius Thornwell, commented on the team’s playing ability in the first half of the game.

“I think it was more us being careless and having lazy passes,” said Thornwell. “I’m not saying it was necessarily tough, we just didn’t do what we needed to do. They wanted it more than we did, and that’s what it comes down to.”

Auburn is known for scoring well, averaging 67 points per game and for having a crowd at home cheering them on. South Carolina saw the amount of fans that came out support the Tigers and believes it had a lot to do with the loss.

“There is a reason they won today. That right there (the support from fans) had a lot to do with it. We got rattled coming out on the stretch,” said Martin. “Winning on the road is hard because of that right there.”

Even though the Gamecocks could not bring home a victory, Thornwell said he knows they will learn from this loss and move on to the next game against the Tennessee Volunteers.

“It helps us overcome adversity. We learn from our mistakes and down the stretch we know what to do and what not to do, and we just get better from it,” said Thornwell.

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Police officer suspended without pay after video of him punching a man is posted on social media

Investigator Tyrone Pugh of the Columbia Police was suspended without pay after a video was posted on social media showing him punching a man on the ground outside a concert early Sunday morning. The State reported.

In the 11-second video, Pugh is in uniform kneeling on a man on the ground, who is laying on his side. He strikes the man in the head area at least five times. According to Columbia Police Chief Skip Hollbrook, the officer has no previous disciplinary record within the record.

The man on the ground, whose name has not been released, was not arrested, a Columbia police spokesman said. Two other 23-year-old men were arrested and charged for fighting.

— Natalie Pita, News Editor

Corporation funds project to clean, find historical artifacts in the Congaree River

SCANA Corporation is investing in a $18.5 million project to remove 40,000 tons of black tar found several years ago in the Congaree River, The State reported.

The project, which will last about three years, serves both an environmental cleanup and a historical endeavor. After removing the tar, which was discharged by a power plant that has been closed for six decades, the corporation will likely find Confederate objects that were dumped into the river by Union troops 150 years ago.

The project will be surrounded by 2,100 feet of fencing, 210 warning signs, security guards and a prefabricated bridge to protect a city sewer line.

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High school student fatally stab as classmate

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The accused student was visiting his girlfriend on Sunday night when he saw that Cavanaugh had sent a message to his girlfriend on Snapchat. The suspect replied to 17-year-old Cavanaugh during that exchange.

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examination of a recently discovered FBI “suicide note” to King, as well as
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Throughout the week is the second
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FROM WALKY

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One of the hardest parts of the
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New Minor Flex Plan
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**“American Sniper”**

*The story of Navy SEAL Chris Kyle’s innumerable patriotism and selflessness destroyed his office records, surprising audiences with its depth and relatability. “American Sniper,” based off Kyle’s autobiography, is a heartbreaking tale of bravery and sheds light on the internal struggles of countless service men and women. Not only does the movie highlight Kyle’s four tours in Iraq, an extended flashback helps viewers piece together his past, his country Christian upbringing, lessons learned from his father and his childhood dreams of being a Texas cowboy all play their part in his eventual decision to join the military. From there, his life story unfurls, showing dramatic highs and lows in the life of a man who sacrificed so much for his country, eventually becoming the deadliest sniper in American military history.*

**Cast and Crew**

**Director:** Clint Eastwood

**Starring:** Bradley Cooper

**Rated:** B+

**Released:** Jan. 16

**Duration:** 132 minutes

The Festival of Healing and Spiritual Awareness uses methods of meditation and alternative healing to help its patrons get closer in touch with their own inner beings.

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Justin Blackburn is an Intuitive Inner Healer, whose intention is to pinpoint and remove any blockages keeping you from the powerful soul truth of the divine beauty that you are, was one of the energy readers featured at the festival. He discovered this ability when he attended USC and has been exploring it for the past nine years.

“I had a roommate who was psychic,” Blackburn said. “All these people started coming to my apartment to get readings from him, and I didn’t really care that much about it at the time. Then, one day, he gave me a reading and told me I am psychic too.”

From that point on, Blackburn decided to learn more about how to use this talent. Over time, he has learned to use his intuition and perceptiveness to tap into the client’s energy.

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that or not. I can still feel the good things about them, but now I know that they have a wall up, and there is something that is stopping them from enjoying that aspect about themselves." Blackburn says there are many misunderstandings about what psychics really do. He says the common person and even some psychics tend to misinterpret the idea that all psychics are kind of "hokey" and can tell you the future. "I don’t go into the future with people," Blackburn said. "I go into right now. The future is not certain. You are creating your future." Blackburn says it is really easy for people’s idea of a psychic to get misconstrued when they don’t know what it is about. He says he thinks it is important for people to know what these abilities really are and where they come from.

"People like to make it into this special thing, but in reality, everybody has it," Blackburn said. “Everyone is intuitive. Everyone has this gift." This is a common theme that many of the healers made a point to stress at the festival. Spiritual healers make it their job to use their gifts to help other people realize the depth to perception. Many of these festival-goers were completely new to these ideas and relied solely on having an open mind for understanding.

"A lot of people come here, and they want answers," Blackburn said. "I use other psychics doing that, but you learn more about the answers when you get more real with yourself. All that stuff can be helpful, but it’s not the ultimate helpfulness. It’s more helpful to find a balance of analyzing and learning to yourself." Blackburn says that is his true motive for his psychic abilities. By helping others realize their own power within, he can help people seek true happiness without telling them their future. Many of the workshops focused the hour on teaching similar self-actualizing ideals to help people recognize their full potential as humans.

"The first work is you, then everything else falls into place," Blackburn said. “Once you feel really good about who you are, nothing else really matters. That’s something that no one can really take away from you.”

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In 2007, he won the South Carolina Poetry Book Prize for “Signals,” his poem compilation and has been very active in pushing for LGBT rights. (He, along with his partner Bert Easter, have been driving the fight for same sex marriage.) Besides prose, Ros Manous, and Kay White have created laureate positions of their own. Additionally, and perhaps most importantly, receiving a gift in this way helps contribute to the narrative that Columbia is a city that prides both difference and perspective. Finally, the duty of the laureate is to help publicize the art of poetry methods to create permanent signatures between a city and its art. Citizens, like Ros Manous, and Kay White have created creative positions of their own. That is, unless the Public Service Commission has some say in the It should come as little surprise, then, that Uber is the most well-known company in the new business of ride sharing. In simplistic terms, Uber is the most well-known company in the new business of ride sharing. It is not an entirely new concept, but it is more widely available and an oligopoly (like a monopoly, but instead of only one provider there are a few working together) throughout the state, and they have a vested interest in keeping Uber out of the city of Columbia.

I agree with Haley that “restricting our citizens’ rights to options and economic opportunities is massively detrimental to South Carolina.” I want to see the state have the same rights to options and economic opportunities that are being given to the state of South Carolina.

I'm not usually a big fan of Gov. Nikki Haley, but she’s on the right side of history. When it comes to a poem having a deeper meaning, the answer is maybe. It’s not exactly a right or wrong answer if you can justify it. Look into the poem, and leave no stone unturned because there are so many possibilities when it comes to finding the meaning of a poem. As long as there is a poem in the text and you’re confident enough, any simple poem can have that hidden meaning.

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Aries
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projects that inspire
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and the Sun and New Moon
in Aquarius, Uranus, and
Ophiuchus, to dream
about. Study and get your
passion done first. The
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Leo
A dream is within reach,
if you work together.

Sagittarius
You have arrived.
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Two key players to watch for with the Volunteers are senior Josh Richardson and junior Kevin Punter who score an average of 15.9 and 10.2 points per game, respectively.

This week (Jan. 19-25) marks the Coaches vs. Cancer Suits and Sneakers Week that helps bring awareness to the fight against cancer. Martin and his assistant coaches will take part in this event by wearing sneakers in both home games.

The Gamecocks take on the Tennessee Volunteers Tuesday at 9 p.m. in the Colonial Life Arena.

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hoping tomorrow we can play real hockey.”

Both teams went into Saturday’s game with a fresh mindset. The Gamecocks came out strong, but Liberty played harder. Intensity was still high, penalties continued to rack up and both teams played solid offense and defense. South Carolina had plenty of opportunities, taking 30 shots, but Liberty goalie Pat Cormack made save after save, only allowing two goals.

Senior Mike Foster and junior Mike Kochenash scored late in the third period for an attempted comeback, but it wasn’t enough for the win.

“Today, we gave it everything we had,” Dipaolo said. “Their goalie had just an unbelievable game.”

South Carolina also had good defense, with goalie John Musciano saving 27 of Liberty’s 31 shots on goal.

Lee was more satisfied with his team after Saturday’s game than the night before.

“We definitely played better hockey tonight,” Lee said. “We played much straighter than last night, but at the end of the day, the penalties still killed us.”

The Gamecocks worked hard, but spent too much time in the penalty box. With SEC opponent Florida coming up this weekend, the team needs to play more disciplined.

“At this point, it’s more about discipline,” Lee said. “We solved one problem, we just need to solve the other. We need to get to practice, work hard and get ready for the next game.”

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