Clemson-Carolina Rivalry week kicked off on Monday with the 31st annual Clemson Clemson Blood Drive as well as a Carolina-Greeneville Drive. Both of those events gearing up the buzz this year not only give back to the community, but Clemson.

The Clemson-Carolina Blood Drive, going on from Nov. 16 to 20 at various locations around campus, encourages students to donate blood through the Red Cross. In the year the Carolina-Greeneville Programming Board organized it, but it is now transforming into a student organization.

The Blood Drive in association with the Red Cross also aids to educate students on the importance of donating blood.

Students who have donated in the past know the process can take up to an hour or more, but this year students have the option to speed up their donation time using RapidPass. This new technology allows donors to complete a portion of their health history questionnaire online at a home or work computer, potentially cutting up to 15 minutes from the donation time. There is a laptop set up on the Russell House dorm parking lot that donates can take advantage of RapidPass.

This week and next, students can also participate in CarolinaCan, which aims to collect canned goods and donations for the Harvest Hope Food Bank. This food drive not only serves as a fundraiser, but also serves as a way of cultivating awareness of the poverty issues in the state, but to beat give back to the community, not only giving and awareness between international students and America.

American Studies student and USC2020Vision member Karri Wells, the impetus behind the investigation has to do with how the officials have handled individual student cases. "(The) ways in which they are doing their job or ways in which the ways they have previously done their job has palpably affected students either directly or by virtue of things that have come out of their office," she said.

Prominent members of the group included Wells, third-year biology and psychology student Clarie Randall, second-year business student Nona Henderson, sixth-year music student Caleb Coker, third-year finance student Morgan Lewis and others. Coker signaled his distrust in the university has been a lot of dialogue, primarily rhetoric-based ways of moving forward. "So we have what we have had from the university there's a lot of lip service, a lot of consensus, a lot of panels, forums — those kinds of things," Coker said. "But we haven't seen any kind of change, any kind of actual change in policy, change in how the university functions."

At around 11:30 a.m., the protesters began to march silently in pairs up Sumter Street, across the Horseshoe, into the Osborne building. Wells and Randall led the protesters holding a sign proclaiming the university's motto "Learning humanizes character and does not permit to be cruel."

Upon the protesters' arrival at the Osborne administration building, three university officials — USC Provost Joan Gabel, Chief Diversity Officer John Dozier and Vice President for Student Affairs Dennis Pruitt — met them.

Gabel welcomed the protestors and explained that President Harris Pastides could not be present because he is currently representing USC in Indianapolis, Indiana in the 2015 annual meeting of the Association of Public & Land-Grant Universities.

She then invited them to speak and, one by one, representatives of USC2020Vision began to read their demands out loud, as the officials listened.

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After the protesters stated their demands, Gabel invited the student leaders of USC2020Vision into the administration building to discuss their demands and potential solutions as a smaller group. However, the consensus of the group was to reject Gabel's offer. One member said it was a method to "divide and conquer," which Gabel denied.

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According to USA Today, 23 governors requested means to prevent Syrian refugees from entering their respective states through executive order following the Friday, Nov. 13, terrorist attacks in Paris, France. The reasoning behind their action is due to fears about terrorism and threats to public safety, which has sparked national debate over whether individual states have the power to exclude people from their state based on national background. Twenty-two of the 23 governors are Republicans from mostly southern and Midwestern states, Gov. Maggie Hassan of New Hampshire is the only Democrat.

Compiled by Patrick Ingraham, News Editor

French President committed to stopping ISIS

BBC reported on Monday French President Francois Hollande announced that he planned to “destroy” the terrorist group ISIS that orchestrated the terrorist attacks in Paris, France last Friday. After announcing to suggest changes to the French constitution in order to avoid resorting to a state of emergency and several other measures including 5,000 extra police posts in the next two years and no cuts to the budget for national defense, speeding up the deportation process to foreigners who pose a threat to security and pushing for more European involvement in stopping arms traffickers.

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After addressing several questions from several student protesters, Wells proposed a town-hall forum hosted by Pastides upon his arrival in Columbia, something Gabel said could definitely be worked out.

“That we can absolutely commit to, is a town hall conversation that anyone who wants to participate in and represent their views on collectively, individually or otherwise, we’re very happy to do,” Gabel said.

Dozier also addressed questions and criticisms at length with the crowd and ensured the students that their voices were heard.

“I recognize that change has taken a long time for many of you. And change may not necessarily happen right around the corner — it may not happen tomorrow,” he said. “But there are things that we are already working on, that are in complete alignment with the requests that you’ve made.”

After the administrators and many of the students involved adjourned from the courtyard outside the Osborne building, members of the group including its leaders addressed members of the press.

Lewis believed that the protest sparked awareness for their cause.

“We hope this makes a statement,” she said. “We hope that we don’t lose this momentum. Our biggest thing with this is that we want everybody here to keep coming, and to tell your friends, and have more people coming, because these issues haven’t been addressed.”

Wells talked about what the following days might entail for the group and for their movement.

“The direct next step is to take that link on the diversity and inclusion website and flood it with every single one of our concerns,” Wells said. “Even just on Twitter now, we are getting bombarded with hatred essentially and for no other reason than the fact that we want to stand up and say that we pay the exact same amount to attend this university as everyone else and deserve to have the same rights and opportunities that everyone has.”

Library and information science professor Michelle Martin participated in the and stressed that the problems pointed out by the protesters are relevant to faculty as well as students.

“The fact that we have 70-80% (black) faculty on campus and we’ve lost eight in the last two years tells me that all is not well for us either,” Martin said. “And I know from having heard from at least half of those that it’s because of inequity issues and being on a campus where the rhetoric about valuing diversity does not match the actions or the funding decisions.”

In his absence, Pastides issued a tweet commending the way the protest was conducted.

University spokesman Wes Hickman said that some of the immediate steps the university is taking to address the protesters’ concerns, many of which were included in Pastides’ letter sent to the student body Nov. 13.

“Provost Gabel and Dr. Dozier are incorporating diversity and inclusiveness as part of our measurable campus progress,” Hickman said. “We are creating a new leadership distinction in social justice to encourage individual and societal efforts to improve the lives of all. The Social Compact Task Force that has been meeting this semester is addressing many of these issues as well, and a full report and recommendation is expected in the spring semester.”

Despite these and other promises, Lewis made one thing clear: “If there is more conversation, we have to see where that conversation goes. If there is no conversation, we’ll be back.”
Students connect through poetry

Sarah Nichols

On Wednesday, the Russell House Ballroom will be filled with students, silenced and captivated by the words of their peers — those who attend will be encouraged to step away from their usual routines and lose sight of the horizon behind them.

“Regardless of whether or not you write poetry, or even thought you liked poetry, being a witness to other students expressing themselves in the platform of spoken word is a blast,” Caroline Westberg, fourth-year international studies student, said.

The Poetry Slam, organized by Carolina Productions, will begin at 8 p.m. hosted by poet Summer Neal. Rather, and reaffirm what you value individually,” Luke Jennings, second-year journalism student and accounting student, said.

A night of poetry is not what it is often stereotyped to be — an overly romanticized and inappropriate use of florished language. Rather, the poems in this showcase will delve into current events and other moral questions using a unique platform.

“I think that inspires me most is observation. I just naturally pay attention to people and things,” Autumn Smith, first-year journalism student and author, said. “I feel like when I get to perform, my words have more attention. In light of recent world events, this experience of listening to it. This selective audition process. To enter the competition, poets must submit a poem that's been lit and carry a musical torch that's been lit. It's counterintuitive, but Sylvan Esso is a...
are able to listen to the thoughts in my head, and for me that’s comforting.”

Poetry Slam allows attendees to think about both worldly and mundane experiences on a deeper level, regardless of religious, moral or social views, while gaining insight from the perspectives of a diverse group of talented poets and peers.

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Sander’s surge turns to winter of discontent

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The 2016 primary race is beginning to shape up as the Clinton campaign had imagined when they began. After a few early victories on Super Tuesday, a couple strong debates have helped Hillary establish herself as the ready-for-the-presidency candidate. To this point, her main opposition had been the ghost of the Joe Biden campaign and Bernie Sanders. With Biden’s ghost dispatched, Sen. Sanders is the last point of true opposition — and he’s faltering.

Saturday’s debate in Des Moines demonstrated a key point: Bernie Sanders is weak on policy points outside of the economy. Before the attacks on Paris, his lack of weakness on foreign policy wasn’t a pressing issue for the primaries. But the game has changed. When pressed to make strong statements on ISIS or economic policy, Sanders campaign has shown that Clinton’s platform is more solid. With debate behind him, Sanders must step up or face a formidable opponent.

Sanders has already shown that he isn’t afraid to make heartfelt personal appeals. He can talk about how his socialist agenda has captured the imagination of millions, but his focus needs to go beyond the economy. This is a field in which Sanders has experience, the foreign policy questions are not going away. The Sanders campaign has had success hammering away on corruption and other candidates on economical issues. But his socialistic agenda has captured the imagination of millions, he has been vulnerable to this reality.

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Sanders' weak stance on guns and foreign terrorism — which will resonate more with seniors and veterans, who were the focus of the Paris attack — is a fatal flaw for any politician who wants to keep distorting herself in the polls, until the nomination is all but wrapped up.

I was a believer in the Bernie Sanders surge. The momentum behind the Senator from Vermont’s summer campaign was overwhelming, and the Clinton campaign was facing issues across the board. Recent is the threat of Joe Biden dispatched and Clinton seemingly-off the hook for her emails, the Sanders campaign has lost horsepower. As the primary campaign shifts now from the economy into international affairs, it seems as if the Sanders campaign will not be able to keep up.

Was Saturday’s debate Sanders’ last stand? Certainly not. Perhaps the Clinton campaign will be able to put Sanders or Sanders will be able to master some foreign policy merit. While there is still plenty of time for Sanders to recuperate some momentum, it will require a quick shift in strategy and a clear stance on foreign policy. If Sanders campaign fails to switch gears, the last resistance to a Clinton presidential bid is all but over.

Sun Tzu, the ancient Chinese philosopher known for his immortal work “The Art of War,” stressed the importance of patience and timing in conflict while emphasizing the need to seize opportunities. Our current conflict with the enemy presents them. This opportunity has recently arisen in the Pacific, in the aftermath of the Paris tragedy. Once again, President Obama’s administration is finding itself in the midst of the challenges facing its signature “pivot to Asia,” introduced shortly after his emerging office. Given the chaos and instability in the Middle East, the policy cannot ever be fulfilled and its failure leaves less than optimal

Slacktivism only benefits corporations

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Massive terrorist attacks took place in Paris last Saturday. My eyes were glued to the TV in horror as the events unfolded. But I knew, even in that moment, exactly what kind of obscenity will follow on social media. As expected, people started shooting status updates and tweets all over the Internet. Hashtags emerged, followed by a trending graphic and ultimately a Facebook filter.

This was easy to predict as it has been going on for a while now. The Facebook filters and the hashtags promoting peace have become a pattern whenever a globally important event unfolded. It probably started on a global scale with the “Kony 2012” campaign. Since then, it has been replicated domestically and internationally over clickbait and a new Facebook hashtag every single day.

Some recent viral outbursts of such kind were the Rainbow Pride filter, Digital India filter and even the France flag filter. Mark Zuckerberg’s controversial pictures on Facebook has bathed itself in more filters than an Instagram album.

The only objective in this sort of slacktivism is to achieve a sense of moral self-completeness. The reality is, it behooves us to follow this trend otherwise we will be categorized as uncaring or ironic. It makes no difference to the mother of a young boy who lost his life in the recent attack. Her pain cannot be put into words, but let’s change our profiteering with the new Facebook filter app because if we wouldn’t, it would be deemed by society as cruel and heartless. A majority of people don’t do this out of the goodness of their hearts, but only as a catalyst to boost their presence on social media. What will probably happen? Facebook and Twitter will collect a massive amount of data about which people are using these filters and hashtags. This data will ultimately be used to create different categories like location, age, etc. It will then be factored into the companies’ algorithm and prediction models, which optimize the objective of an advertisement reaching a target demographic. For instance, a person in Canada who changed his profile picture just a day after the incident is more likely to click on an ad about European hardwoods. Our online purchases will be transformed into economic gains for major corporations.

Elusive slacktivism gained nothing. The only process that can bring about change is the slacktivism that turns into activism. The most successful campaign on social media so far was the ALS campaign. Even though it exhibited high traces of slacktivism, it managed to transform that into raising money for the cause. The only thing that the other instances of slacktivism achieved is inflating your some of pride, and losing you into believing that you contributed.

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When I think of the typical college basketball game, I think of passionate fans cheering literally feet from the court. However, the sections typically reserved for students at most about college basketball, the large number of students cheering literally feet away from the action as they pile up in the lower bowl of the arena will no longer be available to students. This year, it seems like “The Roost” will be forced to locate sections 110 to 112 and 217 to 219 for the women’s basketball season, which are the sections typically reserved for students on the lower level of the arena being part student section and reserve seating. The ticketing office issued the following statement regarding the change: “Because of the growth of the program’s fan base leading to so much of the lower bowl being reserved seating, it is operationally challenging to have some sections, such as 111, be part reserved and part general admission. It can lead to confusion and fan experience in the lower fans, so in an effort to meet the demand, we eliminated as many vital purpose sections as possible.” One more reason for the change of seating locations for students at the ticketing office was to “create a better atmosphere.” The ticketing office put it like this: “Our ticketing policies are constantly evolving in response to the growth of our team and fans. We have made changes over the last few seasons, using historical data and projections for demand in the season ahead. Historically, students have not claimed all of the seats in the rows of Section 113 reserved for them, leaving them in a critical part of the court. With these moves, the number of student tickets will stay the same, but the sections will be farther from the court.” However, many students believe this move will take the atmosphere the student section creates by moving the students away from the courtside section. “I hate that they moved the section on us, and I think it’s unfair for the students to (no) longer be able to sit courtside for the third-year sport and entertainment management student Chris Young. “Most students pay $7,500 a year and are trying to support one of the last basketball programs in the nation.” Young was not the only one who believes the students should still keep the courtside seats. “I think that the student section doesn’t make sense to move a student section that’s been the same for 13 years,” senior guard Marcus Stroman said. “Dozier is the only starter held without the ball over once. Kaila, one of the ball.”

Column: Moving ‘The Roost’ hurts atmosphere

When you are forced to stop a tradition that has been in place for years, there is sure to be considerable backlash. The students will still come out to support the Gamecocks — especially with huge games being played at home this season — but they won’t like how they were forced to have their courtside seats and be stuck in the corner of the arena. “I think that those of us, like me, who have come to every college game since freshman year just won’t go to enjoy it as much anymore,” Wright said. Sadly, the ticketing office reserves the right to make any seating changes. Students are upset because they’ll have to move “The Roost” from its traditional position. I don’t think this will necessarily hurt attendance, but the change can hurt the atmosphere at Colonial Life. That is especially true given the difference for a team that needs as much support down the stretch.