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Former USC point guard LaKeisha Sutton remembers thinking it was weird South Carolina still flew the Confederate flag prominently, but the New Jersey native had a more animated reaction after hearing USC could not host because of it.

“My feeling was like, ‘Man, that sucks,’” Sutton said. “We wanted to play in the South. Columbia has great history, but it’s become a major issue in her present. We were Columbia eligible to host first- and second-round games last year and will host a Sweet 16 and Elite Eight site this year. If USC makes the Sweet 16, it would play at ODU.

“Our philosophy at ODU is we want to host as many NCAA championship events as we possibly can because it’s good for our team if they are fortunate enough to be participating and able to play on campus,” Selig said.

“It’s great for our fans who have been following the team or the sport all year long. We feel it’s good for our community because it brings a lot of economic impact to the area that would not otherwise occur.”

Selig said the NCAA gets the “lion’s share” of ticket revenue from host sites, though ODU usually breaks even or makes a small profit from hosting. But he doesn’t mind the NCAA taking a big cut from tickets because hosting allows ODU to enjoy visibility on a national scale.

Though USC’s women’s basketball team is most directly disadvantaged by the NCAA’s policy, sites in South Carolina suffer most from not being able to host games.

Executive officers, senators inaugurated

Amara Cope & Sarah Ellis

Student Body President Chase Mizell accepted his new position with his trademark humility and campaign catchphrase: Saying it would be impossible for him to succeed in his term without Treasurer Bailey and the other student leaders, Mizell vowed that his administration’s reach would go far beyond the walls of the student senate chambers.

“It’s important to me that we go beyond Student Government,” Mizell said at the Student Government inauguration ceremony. “I think it is important for us to do our job in a place that I choose to call home. It’s create an opportunity for us not to have (a NCAA Tournament game at home), then yes, I’m offended.”

Mizell: “It’s important that we go beyond Student Government”
Newberry students arrested for bomb threat

Two Newberry High School students have been charged with plotting to bomb a threat at their school on Monday, WIS-TV reported.

Tuesday afternoon, 17-year-old Dasha Kolber and Charla, 16, were taken into custody, and the Sheriff's Office says more arrests are possible.

The school received a bomb threat around 10:14 p.m. Monday. First responders, bomb searching dogs and spotlights actually worked on the building for about an hour before the bomb threat was determined.

A search of the school did not reveal any evidence of danger, according to sheriff's deputies. While officers said the threat was made over the phone, there was no bomb found.

Since the school was deemed all clear, it was reopened around 1:30 p.m., about two hours after it was evacuated.

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"I kind of always shake my head" Since 2012, Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill and Greensboro have hosted a combined nine times for the men's basketball tournament.

"There really hasn't been a measurable (negative) economic impact since," said Edwards.

But his department hasn't specifically tracked such data, so it's hard to say how much of an impact it would be too challenging, he said.

Edwards said areas in South Carolina that would be eligible to host the men's basketball tournament could see some economic benefit. He said states have purchased tickets from hotels, restaurants and shopping, and included in the Greenbrier Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Dayton, Ohio, made $4 million the year before its first and second rounds, the area enjoyed $14.5 million. That was discounted from hotels, restaurants and shopping, according to the Greenbrier Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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Brian Glynn, owner of the Village Pub and Bar at the Village East, said he makes 15 to 25 percent more money when USC hosts a basketball regional. He caters for visiting basketball teams during the season, so the state's inability to host events hit him as well.

Glenn said he hasn't seen tangible benefits from either local business owners or petitioners for removal of the flag. Specifically, he's never seen a measurable economic impact.

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Freedom to choose child's education crucial

Germany's familial policy allows asylum

denial offshoot to nation's ideals

For centuries America has been a safe haven for immigrants trying to escape turmoil at home. Now, in the 21st century, people come from all over the world in hopes of a better life. This is why the Romke family came to the United States.

Romke family's policy

The Romke family fled their homeland because they are evangelical Christians who wanted to homeschool their four children. But in Germany, homeschooling is illegal, so the family sought asylum in the United States so Germany would not take away their kids for refusing to send them to the public schools.

While the family was granted asylum here in 2010, the Department of Homeland Security has repeatedly tried to deport the family. The case is currently pending in court. Despite this, the Romkes are not the only family in the country to face this conflict. In fact, it is estimated that the number of such cases is growing.

Being able to choose what kind of schooling for your children is a basic parental right. In the United States, approximately one to two million children are homeschooled each year. But in Germany, this option is not available to all. The Romkes' case demonstrates that the right to choose education is not a right enjoyed by all children in all countries.
Summer music festivals: A guide

All the tips and tricks you’ll need to enhance your experience

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Summer is rapidly approaching, and the weather is getting warmer. This creates the opportunity to enjoy various music festivals coming to the South, like the Wipeout Tour and Festival of Nations. Rebellion, but, most importantly, Bonnaroo. They are extravagant and exciting opportunities for summer fun, as long as you avoid some of the typical pitfalls. Here are a few reasonable ways to prepare for music festivals and have a stress-free experience.

1. Get over yourself.
You’re there to have your own idea of a great time and get a more-than-memorable experience, but you will have to accept that each event comes with its own annoyances. Just face the fact that you’ll have to embrace the following nuances: your personal space being violated, your standards for personal behavior slipping a little, paying more for every bottle of water or souvenir and seeing at least one sweaty, old hippie with his shirt off.

2. Watch the sun.
Most of the concerts you’ll attend this summer take place outside when the sun is blazing. This means you’ll probably be really hot during the performance, especially if you decide to dance. To avoid any health difficulties, two things you should do are drink a gallon — no, two gallons — of water in the 24 hours before the concert and wear plenty of sunscreen.

3. Chase your clothing wisely.
It is one thing to know about summers in the South, it’s another to be hot in the afternoon, but after the sun goes down you may be cold. So, it’s best to bring a couple of layers. Also, make sure you don’t wear your most expensive tank in your pocket. The last random debris you have will translate to a faster turnaround time. Trust me on this: It’s best you don’t have any valuables, wallets or lighters in your pants when you’re dancing around or throwing in a mosh pit at a rock concert.

4. Settle in.
The best and biggest festivals, like Bonnaroo, always involve camping. But put aside any ideas you may have about waking to fresh groggyness and the sound of birds singing. Festival camping brings no resemblance to ordinary camping; besides the fact that you’ll be sleeping in a tent and sleeping bag. To make this camping trip stress-free, be sure to arrive early for the best choice of pitches, especially these far away from the terrible solos possible.

5. Watch your drinking.
Alcohol will most likely be available for purchase at these festivals, even though it’s overpriced and the lines to obtain it will be long. Because of this, attendees usually try to sneak in their own drinks combined with a variety of clear mixers. Considering that, it’s important to be cautious of those you accept alcohol from, otherwise you’ll wake up in a tent that’s not yours with a nasty hangover. Take it slow, and keep the head-banging on the stage rather than in your head.

Of course, you’ll want to take pictures and share them with your friends online. But walking around with that pricey camera is asking for a theft. It will be much smarter to take a pair of cheap disposable cameras. Don’t take anything more than what you actually need, and keep anything too valuable to lose with you at all times.

7. Be considerate.
There’ll always going to be that guy who shows up un-apologetically, gets up on your face when you’re doing something he doesn’t like or crowd surfs with his beer spilling everywhere. Plain and simple. Don’t be that guy.

In addition, here are some tips on what to take and what not to take.

Do take: Cheap sunglasses, hand sanitizer, comfortable but expendable shoes, a blanket, chairs and suncream.

Do not take: Too much stuff, high heels because you’ll be doing a lot of standing and pet e.

“Tomb Raider” delves into dark roots

New reboot traces beginnings of 9th guindling heroine

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“Tomb Raider” is a reboot that promises to take players on a journey of Lara Croft’s dark and traumatic origin story. Yes, Lara Croft, the over-the-top ‘90s video game character that’s one part Indiana Jones, one part James Bond and all parts womanly sex appeal. "Tomb Raider" starts off brilliantly.

However, the first time Lara is forced to kill one of the island’s many defiled cultists, all of the gritty survival game promise goes out the window. The game wastes little time in treating out the familiar “high intensity” combat one expects from a third-person shooter-style game. As the game progresses, it descends into generic action tropes. From caves to pagodas, everything — planes, cargo ships, helicopters — explodes during Lara’s crazy escapades on the misty Japanese isle of horrom. It almost reaches a point where the game borders on total lunacy. This strange tone makes it difficult for players to get invested in the action or Lara’s story.

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for her, beauty is more than skin deep. "Tomb Raider’s" design is basically an amalgamation of other action adventure titles. In a very "Uncharted" style, "Tomb Raider's" rickety bridges and platforms frequently explode into hundreds of particle effects as Lara falls over and over again into impending doom. Yet, for all their impressions of Naughty Dog, Crystal Dynamics rarely matches them for drama. However, unlike the rail-driven "Uncharted" series, "Tomb Raider" occasionally opens up its map to wider, more complex environments, such that the player is given a sense of exploration and agency in the world. These areas are cluttered with numerous collectibles and optional puzzles to solve, which provide a nice reprieve to break up the action. In these moments, when "Tomb Raider" breaks down in linear constraints, it becomes the most satisfying. Even more fulfilling still are the game’s stealth segments, which manage to find a great balance between empowering the player and forcing them to plan out their movements carefully. Sadly, relatively little time is spent expanding on that game play, which could have made for a more interesting and truer survival action game. Instead, more stuff blows up and Lara jumps off a crumbling platform somewhere. Make no mistake, there are great moments in "Tomb Raider," but across its 10-plus-hour, single-player game play, they are too few and far between, and they never really mesh into a memorable experience. Combat is fast and fluid, and Lara’s new bow is especially exciting to use. Graphically, the game is beautiful and its animation is solid. Not to mention it’s great to see a video game character who has long been an embarrassingly juvenile sex symbol be treated with the respect she deserves. Unfortunately for Lara, the new her is a bit too derivative and not quite as daring as her wild ponytail and fancy new bow would have you believe.
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Koch consistent for men's tennis

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Sophomore won 2 singles, 2 doubles matches last weekend

Kashid Dennis

As one of the Co-AgSouth Athletes of the Week, sophomore Koch had a big weekend that made him the underdog to watch out for on the men's tennis team.

Koch won two singles and two doubles matches against the university's top teams.

Coach Josh Goffi said that Koch has been a steady player for the team since he joined.

“Everything is starting to come together for Kyle. He's probably the hardest-working guy on the team,” Goffi said. “He perseveres through losses, which is very tough to do, and losses hurt, and that kind of fuels the fire for him to get better.”

In a competitive matchup against No. 3 Georgia Sunday, Koch managed to score his first win over a ranked opponent in his career with a comeback victory over Henry Pamies. In addition, he and Harry Manley make up the No. 2 doubles team, which earned a second straight win over a ranked opponent.

But USC lost to Georgia, 5-2, after losing to No. 6 Tennessee 4-1 Friday. As the Gamecocks travel to Alabama this week, Goffi hopes to use the players showcase everything they’ve practiced to better their play.

“Each guy has a very specific set of tools that we implement a very specific game plan for, so they just have to go out and execute it,” Goffi said. “According to Goffi, the team needs to work on winning doubles points, which he says the team lacked in previous matches. If the players can improve on this, they will be put in a better position to win.

“Once the match starts, it’s on them, and it’s on them at that point to have the will to win,” Koch said. “We can’t really instill that in them, and the focus is necessary, ultimately, in order to accomplish that goal.”

As an individual, Koch seeks to be the best in all that he does and wants to help his team out as much as he possibly can by just simply playing his best.

“Just put a lot of time on the court, preparing mentally and physically,” Koch said. “It’s a really big weekend for us, and this weekend could really set us up for a great year.”

Bandy off to strong start

Junior sprinter places in 3 events at 1st outdoor meet of season

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Junior Vashti Bandy got involved with track and field in seventh grade after a nudge from her mother, who ran track in seventh grade after a nudge from a distant relative.

“I’ve always been a fast runner, and I liked it,” Bandy said.

Bandy’s outstanding career at Lugoff-Elgin includes being named an All-American three times. She was also named on a strong note last weekend at the Hurricane Invitational. Miami, taking fifth place in the 100-meter dash. The junior was also part of the 4x100, which took first place, and the 4x40 relay, which finished second.

Bandy said she was “pretty happy” with her performance in the Hurricane Invitational.

“That was actually the best opener I’ve had for the outdoor season,” Bandy said. “It made me excited for the season. I know there’s nowhere to go but up.”

The junior has goals she would like to accomplish in the final years of her collegiate career, including qualifying for regional or national meets.

“It would be great to make it to nationals and start to win regions, first,” Bandy said. She also said she would like to make it to nationals as a member of a relay team.

Bandy is working on improving her chance of placing at Nationals this year with some of the increasing strength on the team.

“The winning 4x100 team included two freshmen, Alexis Munphy and Tyler Brookland. Murphy also took sixth place in the 200-meter dash and took fourth place in the 100 hurdles.

Junior Vashti Bandy said she was pretty happy with her performance in the Hurricane Invitational last weekend, where she was part of a winning relay.