There are hundreds of student clubs, groups and organizations that apply to a wide spectrum of interests. From Student Government to intramural sports and more, any student can find their niche or something that interests them.

One of the fastest growing groups of organizations are those associated with the Multicultural Greek Board (MGB) and the National Pan-Hellenic Council Board (NPHC).

According to the 2014 US News report, there are over 500 fraternities and sororities at the University of South Carolina. These organizations hold annual intake or recruitment events to bring in new members.

On Monday night, both MGB and NPHC held their annual intake orientation at the Russell House ballroom. Hundreds of students from different backgrounds, all dressed in business attire, showed up to get involved.

In order to become a member of one of the five MGB or nine historically African-American organizations, undergraduates must complete at least one semester and be in good standing academically. Students must attend the intake orientation, attend the individual organization’s interest meeting and apply to become a member.

Third-year criminal justice student Zachary Driver said the Greek Village.

This weekend marks the beginning of formal fraternity recruitment at the University of South Carolina. The event is hosted by the Interfraternity Council. In the weeks leading up to formal recruitment event at the Convention Center. The move to the convention center was a big change from years past, as it was traditionally held in the Greek Village.

The Fraternity Council Vice President of Recruitment and third-year broadcast journalism student Zachary Driver said the reason for the move from Greek Village was due to poor weather conditions last year.

There was a thunderstorm so we had to cancel recruitment, and then a lot of chapters out of whack because they weren’t able to talk to our guys — because they had half one day and half the next,” Driver said. “Since half of the guys didn’t get to talk to them there [were] a lot of angry people on the PNM side as well as on the chapter side.”

The number of potential new members — some of whom will now sit in a recruitment “limbo” — that registered online is consistent with years past, at approximately 900 students.

Monday’s event is the only major formal fraternity recruitment that is put on by MGB, NPHC and organizations that apply to a wide spectrum of interests. From Student Government to intramural sports and more, any student can find their niche or something that interests them.
Heavy rains cause flooding in Lowcountry

WBTS reports that near-record-breaking rainfall in the Lowcountry caused flooding in some parts of Charleston on Monday. It was the fifth-wettest day in the city's history after receiving over six inches of rain in six hours.

Areas that were affected most by flooding include downtown Charleston, North Charleston, Mount Pleasant and Goose Creek.

The Charleston Police Department closed several roads in the downtown area and service from public transportation was temporarily suspended.

The highest daily rainfall ever recorded for the month of August was on Aug. 11, 1940 when Charleston received 7.88 inches.

—Patrick Ingraham, New Editor

Restaurant caught with live chickens during DHEC inspection

Kobe Japanese Steakhouse in Sumter, South Carolina had some trouble with their rating from the Department of Health and Environmental Control after several chickens were found in cages in the kitchen area, WLTX reported.

Restaurant owner Amy Zhao said she received the chickens from a friend and was keeping them in her restaurant until she could take them home to cook.

DHEC initially gave the restaurant a health inspection grade of ‘C’ but waited until Zhao removed the chickens and sanitized the kitchen area before changing their inspection grade to ‘A’.

Zhao and her family have owned and maintained the restaurant for more than a decade.

—Patrick Ingraham, New Editor

CORRECTIONS
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the fraternity council. However, Driver hopes to see a 10 percent increase of potential new members with bids, as well as an uptick in values during fraternity recruitment.

“it’s a tough thing to do,” Driver said. “you have to have these tough conversations, and i think we’ve done as best as we can to monitor it this year. but fraternities do have the option to do what they want.”

bid day is slated for Monday, Sept. 7. However with news of the suspension, speculation is that bid day will be postponed.

the Greek Conduct Board will begin meeting with fraternity leaders to discuss and investigate allegations in order to determine whether fraternities can resume recruitment and, if so, when.

Are we Ready?

Writing, photos, design — whatever you’re interested in, we have something for you. Come out to the Russell House to hear how you can get involved with this entirely independent student-run paper The Daily Gamecock.

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What colors will you wear on September 4th?

#CollegeColors

Wear Yours 2015

National Championship Arizona 2016

Enter for a chance to win tickets at

CollegeColorsChallenge.com

No purchase necessary. See official rules for details.
This fall, a not-so-new organization made its debut on Greene Street at the Student Organization Fair. IRIS, formerly known as BGLSA, is an acronym for Individuals Respecting Identities and Sexualities. IRIS, formerly known as BGLSA, is an acronym for Individuals Respecting Identities and Sexualities.

The term changed name, BGLSAs (Bisexual Gay Lesbian Straight Alliance) name only included a small part of the queer community and, according to the IRIS Communications Director and fourth-year music student Caleb Coker, the organization has not been inclusive of the trans community as it could be.

“IRIS was the Greek Goddess of Rainbows. As if it weren’t easy enough to plug in an app can produce MLA, APA and more citations to make payments easier. This is perfect for breaking the bank.

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Every year I have been on the [BGLSA] board, we have discussed changing the name,” IRIS President and fourth-year political science student Devon Sherrell said. “We want the name to be more inclusive to our trans members, our intersex members, our gender non-conformist members and basically anyone who doesn’t fit the B, G, L or S in our name.”

IRIS stands for Individuals Respecting Identities and Sexualities. Sherrell said he came up with the name after discovering that Iris was the Greek Goddess of Rainbows.

According to Sherrell, one of the coolest things is trying to help people recognize their organization. Until they get that, they can’t even request for student government funds, so we are just trying to provide them with any opportunities to grow and develop.

Sherrell said that the name change shows them that they are an essential part of the organization. “I think that maybe trans and gender nonconformist students didn’t fit under our umbrella before and maybe when they saw the name they thought, ’Well I’m not a woman here and this group doesn’t include me.’” Sherrell said. “Hopefully now, when they see Individuals Respecting Identities and Sexualities, we know that if they want to include and welcome them, that we have a name prepared for them and that they are valued in our community.”

IRIS meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in room 107 of Carroll College and always has free food.

Choosing a smaller-sized drink at Starbucks can help save calories.

The easiest way to save calories is to try a smaller size. Don’t worry, caffeine addicts, it is still possible to get your caffeine fix, conquer the heat and avoid the freshman 15.

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8. Dropbox
With Dropbox, it’s easy to share files with professors and classmates. This app allows you to upload documents, pictures and videos to the cloud so that you can access them from anywhere. You can even access it on a computer, so you don’t have to worry about forgetting an important paper or project at home.

9. Sunrise Calendar
This calendar app is one of the best out there. It connects the calendars and events of all your favorite accounts (like Facebook and Evernote) and helps you manage all the things you have to do and places you have to be. You can schedule meetings, figure out the weather at specific locations and even keep up with your favorite sports teams, all organized on a gorgeous interface.

10. CalcMadeEasy
You could spend $100 on a top-quality scientific calculator... or you could just download this app, available for free (or $1.99 for Pro). With all the functions of a scientific calculator, you can do all your math homework without ever having to worry about forgetting your clunky TI-84.

Watch Out for The Weekender’s
Football Preview

Dropbox, Sunrise Calendar and Google Drive sync all your information in one place.

Courtesy of Mint, EasyBib.
Kanye West has neither presidential ambitions nor an interest in music. (Oh, and the music industry might also have a problem with systemic racism)

One night, while I was dallying slow and savoring the litmeraria for something that might scuttle my mind, I found a video of an advertisement for Vladimir Putin giving a speech. If you go and find this video and watch any of it kind, you will notice something. No, it is not how he uses emotional pleats that are utterly devoid of proper logic to pull his audience in — although that is telling its own right — rather it is what happens after the speech, when the audience begins to applaud. At first it is as human and sounds like any applause at the end of any meaningful political speech filling in bursting with rousing nationalist fervor. The clapping is erratic, nothing more than white noise. Yet, a moment, and the sound begins to alter over so slightly. The sea of hands change pace, motion and fading. It becomes more deliberate, more unified, and if you listen closely you can no longer hear the white noise that typically comes with a rousing applause. Instead, you hear a pulsating noise, the sound of a mass moving as one. You hear the sound of a disciplined mad running into step with mill. Over the last decade and a half that Putin has been in power, the Russian Federation has evolved (or devolved) into a nation that has been made, and continues to be, in the image of the old USSR. Gone are the chaotic days of Russian experimentation with one-on- found freedom at the early 1990s. While the Putin government may claim that the Russian state is a free democracy, the reality of the current (or even previous) iteration could not be further from the truth. Almost every news organization in the country is controlled directly by the Kremlin, and they continuously spread forth nothing but nationalist fervor — largely devoid of all fact and reason — into the airways and through the press. The free press has been virtually eliminated, by fear or by anonymous court orders. The legislature has lost a considerable amount of political sway. It currently counts a present prime minister and a former tennis champion among its ranks, making it more akin to a regularly rotating theater troupe than anything resembling a competent parliament. This has been a theme in Russia, where celebrity has come to outweigh substance. Even as the economy falls apart around him, Putin’s government may claim that the Russian people are as good, kind and curious as any on this earth. We must never forget that the people of a nation and a nation’s government are one and the same, especially when the government in question is as rigid and as out of touch as the government of Putin. Yet a people can be silenced, so long as a government is willing. The Russian government is willing and certainly able. The Russian people are being forced to fall into step behind the government just as they were during World War II and just as they were on the hottest days of the Cold War. Their government continues to see the Western world as the enemy at the gate and as the great threat to the survival of the Russian state. All who question this insinuation are now on the chopping block. The dogma and the dogs are portrayed as little more than pests.

Public and open debate — the very fabric of democracy — has left Russia, and now, if nothing is done to impede this flight, the capacity for reasoned individual thought surely will follow it out the door. For a nation that has enough energy left to power to destroy our Earth a hundred times, this one seems timid. — C.R. Jones III, fourth-year political science student

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America got the candidates it deserves
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On Sunday, at the end of a long, rambling speech at the MTV Video Music Awards, the audience briefly added a thousand-word suffix to his campaign. “I have decided in 2020 to run for president,” he said. Now, it’s easy to dismiss this as Kanye being Kanye. Perhaps he has already set his sights on certain candidates such as Deez Nuts and Waka Flocka Flame doing damage at this campaign style.

But if Donald Trump can run for president and be taken seriously, why not Kanye?

Politics still is no longer being taken seriously. The candidates and the campaign are mere verbiage rather than real ideas. I wonder what kind of attack ads we’ll see leveled against Donald Trump now that he’s running for president.

Past this trend is that Americans are fed up with their politicians. With their canned statements, fake public personae and corrupt dealings, reality television has transformed the public’s leaders to public enemy number one. Recent poll shows that the two leading candidates for president in the first Republican primary were non-politicians. At least Dr. Ben Carson is a retired, world-renowned neurosurgeon. All Trump seems to do is put his name on buildings.

The darker side of this trend is that we are becoming a society bent on instant gratification, clipped by short attention spans and willing to reduce to the lowest common denominator. How else can you explain the Trump phenomenon?

So go ahead, Kanye. Run for president. When you run for president, like you did when you addressed institutional racism after Katrina, Or you could just be Trump’s vice presidential candidate for clarity, style and grammar.
Customer Service Representative

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Cancer

Cancer needs a break. Watch the budget as costs run higher than expected. Align your efforts with your heart and physical energy toward an area of passion. Pursue your goals persistently, going for speed rather than speed.

Taurus

Taurus suggests new action, although the strategy may need refining. Are there common resources you can use? Maybe someone else would be willing to share. Review options again. Keep calm, even when passions intervene. Give thanks.

Gemini

Don’t dash off headlines. Keep your observations brief. The competition is tough. Encourage others’ creativity. Expect surprises, personal distractions. Start with the most difficult task. Reward yourself with special time with someone beloved.

Scorpio


Sagittarius

Sagittarius is working on a problem from a new angle. Prepare for a test. Keep an open mind, which could spark into unpredictable or misunderstood actions. Patiently listen. More study is required before making decisions. Correct lines are there for you.

Capricorn

Your heart pulls you to take action. Check reality first. Fantasy clashes with facts. Don’t consult resources to a false hope. Figure out what you want. Investigate hidden values. Work together with someone who shares your goals.

Aquarius

Things could get hot, either with romance or conflict, as passions run high. Stay focused, be ready, and sparkantly easy. Anticipate some disagreement. You can’t afford to buy everything everybody wants. Frugality is encouraged. Encourage a bold decision.

Pisces

You’re on the edge of the storm. A dream provokes its response, for today. Having a meticulous partner helps keep you in sync. Take a leap of faith, after researching. Consider the consequences. Make a choice, and clean it later.

What are you doing this weekend?

Aries

Aries suggests upcoming moves, including regarding romance. A surprising development in a group setting spices things up. Professional advice comes in handy now. Go for what you want, and take it slow to avoid breaking.

Leo

Leo is an unusual yet fascinating professional option appears. All is not as it appears. Don’t take anything for granted. Rest respondents to spend frivolously or waste time. Passion colors your thinking. Carefully consider the options before taking risk.

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al East: Toronto Blue Jays. Toronto’s trade deadline acquisitions of David Price and Troy Tulowitzki have evidently fueled the Blue Jays to manifest into a potential World Series Contender. The team has surged atop the AL East, winning over 70% of their 27 games in the month of August. Adding Price solidified a somewhat shaky pitching rotation, as the ace has showcased his talents with five brilliant outings in August. Toronto’s pitching still isn’t perfect; ranking just 12th in team ERA, but it continues to dominate on the offensive end, leading the MLB in total runs, home runs, doubles, RBIs and OPS. Raring a massive collapse, the New York Yankees simply are not built to eclipse the Jays for the AL East tilt.

AL Central: Kansas City Royals. The Kansas City Royals are the epitome of team baseball. In a spot of wildly overpaid supersstars with long contracts, the Royals have managed to remain relevant without paying a single player more than $20 million. The pitching has been a big factor in this. The team has the skills to carry its way through the playoffs. Kansas City boasts a healthy rotation, which ranks second in the MLB in ERA.

AL West: Oakland Athletics. The Houston Astros deserve a tremendous amount of respect for evolving into a bona fide powerhouse after suffering four years as the league’s pitching lag. Houston is still a year or two away from crisis mode, but its top-three pitching staff is in place to go. In the AL West, the Athletics are the only team truly competing for the postseason. In two of the past three years, the Athletics have found some consistency in their play as the regular season dwindled down. The sample size says no, but this consistent lineup of solid performers and inexperienced youngsters has barely edged into a potentially first-round matchup. Consistency, however, has propelled New York from gaining any real momentum from injuries (CC Sabathia and Matt Harvey) to Alex Rodriguez’s recent hitting slump. When the Yankees are fulfilling their full potential, they can compete among the best. Choosing between the Rangers and the Minnesota Twins to be the final Wild Card spot was a difficult decision until Tuesday’s doubleheader.

NL East: Colorado Rockies. Since Ervin “Magic” Johnson’s group of investors purchased the Dodgers organization in 2012 for $2 billion, management has lost its way down the wrong path. In fact, the Dodgers have endured such a spending binge that the team’s payroll exceeded $300 million this year, which is nearly $90 million more than the Yankees.

NL Central: St. Louis Cardinals. The Cardinals have the skills to carry them as the NL West favorite. The team has surged in tandem with its pitching that has carried this team as an NL team,.booking the Cardinals with his goal in the 86th. After an Eagle player crossed the ball into box, Iroquois Christian Duncan almost headed the ball into the right corner, but instead the ball hit off the plumbing and cleared by the Gamecocks.

Criminals that the Pirates and Cubs will have to duel it out in a single-elimination Wild Card game, frankly because of weakness — they are fan teams to watch. Pittsburgh’s hitting has been shaky throughout the season and overall team defense seems worrisome, but its pitching staff is simply outstanding. Similarly, the Cubs’ bats have nearly been nonexistent this season, ranking last in team batting average, but once again it’s the pitching that has carried this franchise to a near playoff birth. The Joe Maddon coached Cubs are outstanding to post years because they have an identity and charisma that is necessary to extend the season into October.

MLB Playoff Predictions

National League

American League

World Series Prediction: St. Louis Cardinals vs. Toronto Blue Jays

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Shorthly after, in the 57th minute, the Eagles almost scored a goal. Eagles take the lead. After an Eagle player crossed the ball into box, Iroquois Christian Duncan almost headed the ball into the right corner, but instead the ball hit off the plumbing and cleared by the Gamecocks.

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