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After a year as a tobacco-free campus, Dennis Pruitt, vice president for student affairs and vice provost and dean of students, is planning to move into the assessment phase to see how this policy change has impacted the university community and to see “how our culture has changed.” This assessment phase will examine how many students and employees have taken advantage of smoking cessation and see if secondhand smoke has been reduced among other things. Healthy Carolina will be conducting a full survey of students, faculty and staff regarding the effects of the policy in 2015.

However, Jessica Johnston, director of Healthy Carolina, has already seen the impact of the change. In a spring 2014 wellness survey, 84 percent of faculty and staff members reported that they felt the policy has been effective.

“There has been an obvious reduction in the use of tobacco on campus from before the policy implementation January 2014 to now. This has come through person testimony, feedback from faculty, staff and students and from the monitoring of hot spots on campus where smokers would congregate,” Johnston said at the fall meeting. “The air is clearer at USC. We are also aware of many individuals who have quit smoking after the policy was implemented.”

It is common for people to continue smoking due to a lack of knowledge of the effects of smoking. This study was a way to see if the tobacco-free policy was effective in reducing smoking.

Global Café chef offers healthy options

Madeline Colkins

The Global Café is packed with students during lunchtime. The air is bustling with conversation and students stand in line, eager to get their food. Others sit at tables, eating their meals as they review notes and talk to friends. Stefan Winbush, the executive chef of the Global Café, smiles at the scene, proud of his establishment.

“A long time ago, I learned that you don’t cook for yourself, you cook for your client,” Winbush said. “With the students, you can see the immediate response. You can be interactive with the students. That’s why I chose higher education,” he said.

Last year, he applied for the position of executive chef at USC’s Global Café and got the position after a meeting in a musing of positions,” Winbush said. His experiences have shaped his culinary focus onto students. He loved that everyday he could see the difference he made in students in the long term. “The Global Café uses fresh fruit and healthy. The Global Café offers fresh fruit and vegetables from local farms and is conscious of what ingredients are put into meals. Winbush explained that the Global Café tailors his food to fit a healthy student lifestyle.

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Columbia plans for bike-share program

Columbia has plans to recommend a 10-year Walk Bike Columbia plan that will improve the city’s pedestrian and bicycle amenities and policies within the city, The State reported.

One of its perks is a bike-share program that suggests a bike share with 25 stations strategically placed around the city and suggests bike lanes with a physical barrier to act as a buffer between bikers and traffic.

The plan will attempt to work with already coordinated projects to save money and increase efficiency.

The recommendation plan will be shared with the public officially Thursday night. After adjustments, the plan will be presented to the city planning commission in order to obtain endorsement, and then will be passed along to the City Council for final approval later this spring.

— Lauren Sherry, Assistant News Editor

Morning shooting causes school lockdowns

A shooting occurred early Wednesday morning in Columbia. Two men approached a man exiting his mobile home on Patricia Drive just before 7 a.m., according to The State.

Shots were fired, hitting the victim in the lower body. According to the victim, the suspects fled the scene via car shortly thereafter. The victim was transported to Palmetto Health Richland and is expected to make a full recovery after sustaining non life-threatening injuries.

Four schools near the scene of the crime, Caughman Road Elementary School, Barwood Elementary School, Mill Creek Elementary School and Lower Richland High School, were placed on lockdown around 7:30 a.m. while the Richland County Sheriff’s deputies began searching for the suspects.

Deputies are continuing their search, but have not yet been able to locate the suspects.

— Lauren Sherry, Assistant News Editor

City considers implementing new parole officers in the upcoming year

A South Carolina House panel is considering whether to hire 44 new parole officers, according to The State.

The increase will cost taxpayers $2.6 million a year, and is being proposed in order to reduce caseloads for agents at South Carolina’s parole agency. The South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services originally requested for 75 new agents, but the number was brought down to 44 as a compromise.

The parole agency is the second department that has requested more officers on the coming year. It has requested a $3.2 million increase from its previous funding of $21.9 million.

The request is currently under review by a subcommittee, and the House is in the early stages of creating a budget for South Carolina’s fiscal year, which starts July 1.

— Madeleine Collins, Assistant News Editor

— The Daily Gamecock staff
“I feel that higher education gives me the most satisfaction,” Winbush said. With close interactions with the students, he can see how his cooking affects their lives. He spoke of last week, when he created a personalized menu for a student. She has severe dietary restrictions, and can barely eat anything on campus. While Winbush cannot do this for everyone, he seeks to make life easier for all students.

“Education is great because you see people at the epitome of their life, just starting out in the real world,” Winbush said. “You can cook for them and give them a sense of warmth and comfort.”

Winbush looks forward to his career at USC. “Down here, the students are friendly. They give you feedback. Most of it’s positive, but I welcome negative feedback also, because it helps us to improve.”

Everyday, he works to make his clients, the students of USC, happy.

Although USC was a late adopter to the program, they are working with other universities to encourage some of the same changes.

Tobacco’s treatment program, Carolina’s Tobacco Treatment Program, which provides one-on-one coaching. According to Campus Wellness director Michael Crowley, the program is “designed to assess an individual’s readiness to quit and provide them with the skills and resources to do so successfully.”

The pharmacy in Student Health Services also offers over-the-counter and prescription nicotine replacement options.

USC has also worked to encourage other campuses to make the same policy change, and has assisted other universities, including other USC regional campuses, to become tobacco-free. In October 2011, 31 colleges and universities attended the SC Tobacco-Free College and University Summit hosted by USC.

Johnston said that universities should consider this policy because health is directly linked to academic success and should have an emphasis on preparing students for the workforce, where she said individuals are incentivized for healthy lifestyles. According to Pruitt, USC was actually “a late adopter of this practice,” and many other universities have already recognized the potential benefits.

“The more communities that are tobacco-free the easier it is to change the social norm to one that eliminates second hand smoke and encourages tobacco users to quit,” Johnston said. “Universities have an opportunity to create an environment that promotes health and teaches students about healthy lifestyles.”
Riff Raff coming to Music Farm

{\text{Erika Ryan, aka Erika Ryan}}

Originally from Houston, Riff Raff's Internet fame brought him straight to Hollywood — and now Columbia. After releasing his debut album "Neon Icon," Riff Raff is making his way across the country as part of his Neon Icon Tour, including Music Farm in the Vivo in Thursday. The Columbia show on Jan. 22 will feature the opener Dylan Duckay, a South Carolina-based EDM DJ and producer. If you don't know who Riff Raff is, you're clearly been avoiding social media. Under the also JDIR HIGHTROLLIER on Twitter and RIFF RAFF on Vine, each of his accounts has accumulated around one million followers.

When he's not promoting his music, Riff Raff is usually posting pictures of his puppy Jody Husky (featured on the cover of "Neon Icon," tweeting off-the-wall pictures of his puppy Jody Husky, and posting pictures of his puppy Jody Husky. Most recently, he started training with Hulk Hogan to be a WWE wrestler and giving his followers updates on his progress. Naturally, the Internet adores him.

But it hasn't always been that way. Even though he's been making music since 2009, Riff stayed under the radar until his fan base skyrocketed during the last two years. He got a significant amount of attention for James Franco's character in "Spring Breakers" was a little too close to Raff's signature tattooed, cornrowed persona. On "Neon Icon" Raff also caught a lot of attention with featured artists such as Childish Gambino, Mac Miller. Even though "Tip Toe With My Heart" is the most popular track, the album as a whole got plenty of attention as well. "Neon Icon" stretches across a surprisingly broad spectrum — it's a rap album but it also features rock-esque songs like "Kokayne" along with gentle electronic tunes like "VIP Pass To My Heart." Raff has definitively created a memorable image for himself, and that's helping sell out his shows, including his concert Jan. 21 at Music Farm in Charleston. With doors at 9 p.m., Thursday's 18-and-up concert tickets start at $20 for general admission and up to $250 for "The Neon Experience," which includes a meet, greet and soundcheck with Riff Raff. Hip hop artist Riff Raff has garnered an unconventional reputation.

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himself as “17 and terminally fey,” it’s hard to not feel like you’re finally seeing the real Meloy. While The Decemberists’ new Americana streak leaves a few of the songs on the album as generic, twanging singalongs, it also gives the album some of its standouts. “Till The Water’s All Long Gone” is bluesy new ground for the band, an album highlight that’s just as atmospheric as any old Decemberists ballad. Songs like this one make “What A Terrible World” feel like an evolution and improvement and not just a poppy throwaway. “What A Terrible World, What A Beautiful World” could stand to be a few songs shorter, but it’s a great synthesis of new and old Decemberists charm. Don’t come in expecting anything as crazy as a rock opera concept album ("Hazards of Love," for anyone intrigued by that description), but "What A Terrible World" is a worthy entry into The Decemberists’ discography and an accessible one to boot.

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simpler in subject matter. “A New Wave” deals with self-reliance, self-discovery as well as an overlying theme of individualism. The lyric prose to be gripping in imagery, as is apparent in "Fangless." A lot of the tracks end abruptly, which is classic Sleater-Kinney. "No Cities to Love" sometimes seems more concentrated in the instrumentals, which is refreshing. Perhaps the most iconic track of this album is one of the lead singles, "Surface Envy." The chromatic guitar riff is powerful. The vocals are piercing, yet pleasant to the ear. This power ballad could easily be your next night on the town anthem, especially with the lyrics: "We win, we lose/Only together will we break the rules." The titular track, "No Cities to Love", is one of the slower tracks but still jam packed and slightly reminiscent of Blondie. Sleater-Kinney’s "No Cities to Love" is definitely out there but not inaccessible. It is rock and roll, after all.

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Numerous news outlets have recently announced that scientists have improved technology to read Greek scrolls using medical X-rays. This is not entirely new; over the last decade, scholars have recovered several books of Greek philosophy from the libraries of Herculaneum, a close commune near Pompeii on the River Nocera. Ever since the same eruption of Vesuvius that preserved the more famous city in 79 C.E. Unlike Pompeii, which was destroyed by a flood of molten rock and volcanic ash, Herculaneum was covered in an avalanche of mud.

Thus, in addition to protecting some of the most vibrantly colored frescoes we have from antiquity, also encased a whole library of scrolls contained in the library of Philodemus. Now no more than blocks of charcoal, numerous scrolls were burnt for heat during the original excavations of the city in the late nineteenth century. It was not until much later that archaeologists realized they were texts that could possibly be deciphered.

In addition to the information contained in the texts themselves, the very surviving of Philodemus' library is itself a phenomenon we can apply to the context of our current situation.

Firstly, it illustrates how tenuous our relationship to "the past" actually is. Rather than being a solid, deeply-rooted narrative off of which we may pick the fruits of heritage, ancient history is no more than a series of texts, some well-kept, others called in volcanic mud.

Furthermore, the distance between us and the Greek writings of the char-rolls puts memory itself in perspective. The ancients fetishized memorialization; the goal of the Homeric hero was to be virtuous and excellent enough to attain klos phation: "unwiling glory." That unwilling glory, the Ilid makes clear, is the Ilid itself (indeed, Homer is that meta); Romans had a similar conception, only they sought fame. We the readers and scholars of Homer and Cicero are assured that "what's left," his Mermisions, and the great cities of Rome keep hold of that glorious fame, both in our generation and in the generation of our students.

It is hardly an accident of history that Homer survived — his texts were faithfully copied and read throughout western history. However, no author’s kleos has been so well cultivated.

For example, the adherents of Epicurean philosophy, a Hellenistic school that taught materialism and criticize the notion of an afterlife were all but forgotten during the medieval period since their philosophy conflicted with the teachings of the church. Only recently have the texts of Epicureans, and it was not the copying program of the medieval that preserved him, but a natural disaster and a flood of hot mud.

The Epicureans did not strive for kleos, they embraced their mortality and chose rather to focus on cultivating virtue than on only social and rich friendships. I find it to be an elegant instance of poetry that these Epicureans also chose not to pick the fruits of heritage, to focus not on cultivating the past, but on cultivating the future.

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Assessing tobacco-free USC a year later

**ISSUE** USC planning tobacco-free campus nationwide.

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This semester marks one year since USC ostensibly became a tobacco-free campus. With the news that the administration is examining the impact of the policy with a survey of students, we're likely to throw in our two cents.

We feel that enforcement of the policy, while strong in the beginning, has fallen off dramatically to where there is no deterrent to keep the public accountable. The tobacco-promotional campaign has all but ceased, leaving students wondering if new students are even aware of the program.

With the removal of ashtrays, cigarette butts now litter the campus in certain areas, serving as reminders of students' willingness to flout the rules. Perhaps this survey will confirm that the program has dramatically cut smoking rates, but the anecdotal evidence that Healthy Carolina cites seems to do just the opposite.

"What began as a well-intentioned but misguided program has faded into a forgotten policy."

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Coming off a rough start to its spring season, South Carolina has averaged 10 points per game in its last seven games and is looking to bounce back in New Mexico, according to a recent article in The Daily Gamecock.

In the last week of December and the early part of the month, the Gamecocks went on a seven-game winning streak, dropping 17 points to 62 points in their last game against Tennessee. Coach Frank Martin is not pleased with his team's focus and energy. Thornwell said, "We continue to slide, instead of grow, and we've missed parts throughout the course of last season due to the fact that it begins after a long holiday break, and you're never quite sure how conditioned the team is."

The Gamecocks possess a high amount of competitive energy, which they hope they can translate into their matches this weekend.

Sophomore Caroline Daley and her Gamecock teammates will travel to New Mexico this weekend.

South Carolina head coach Frank Martin is not pleased with his team's focus, and energy. Thornwell said, "I have to go back to the drawing board, and we have to do what we have to do to get ourselves back to where we were before conference play."