PhI Alpha Delta has sextupled its membership in the last semester and gained recognition from its international headquarters.

Fraternity gains members, notoriety

When Christie Severin and Paula Novacki took over the leadership of Phi Alpha Delta, they were only given a dusty list with plastic cups,/board and a scrapbook that wasn’t put together. Among the resources missing were a charter, an adviser and recognition as a university organization.

Severin and Novacki, the new law fraternity’s president and vice president respectively, scrambled the dying organization’s membership, building the group from 15 members to 65 members over the course of one semester.

“The sick thing is that even my freshman year when we had 15 members, I was still like, ‘This is the best fraternity ever,’” said Severin, a fourth-year criminal justice and political science student. “I was so like in awe of it, but I just wanted to make it better.”

Phi Alpha Delta is the largest international pre-law fraternity. It was founded at USC in 1990, but the chapter has gone back and forth between active periods and periods of low membership.

Severin has been a member of the fraternity since her freshman year after living in the pre-law living and learning community. Novacki joined at the beginning of her junior year after she saw a flyer for it on top of the trashcan.

“To be honest, when I joined freshman year I knew I wanted to be president because we had such a low attendance rate. I was like, ‘I want that to change,’” Severin said. “I don’t want people to be like me and hear about it on a chance.”

In transforming the fraternity, Severin and Novacki have added more of a social aspect. In addition to meetings twice a month, the organization also offers networking opportunities, law school visits, workshops and guest speakers.

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George S. and Margaret K. Finatek Senior Scholar in Scottish Literature

The University of South Carolina Library has added a rare treasure to their G. Ross Roy Collection of Robert Burns and Scottish literature. USC Libraries acquired a manuscript of the poem “Afton Burn,” commonly known by its first line as “Flow Gently Sweet Afton,” written in Burns’ own hand.

The G. Ross Roy Collection of Robert Burns at USC has been recognized as the largest collection of Scottish literature outside of the United Kingdom. The manuscript is the earliest known version of the poem and had never been on the market or known to scholars before because it was family-owned.

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**IN BRIEF**

**Statewide wildfire red flag alert lifted**

The statewide red flag alert against outdoor burning was lifted Sunday by South Carolina officials, according to The Associated Press. Officials implemented the alert Saturday because of high winds and low humidity, which are ideal conditions for wildfires to start.

The state Forestry Commission said Sunday that conditions had improved from the day before. According to the state Forestry Commission, 51 counties are still under the alert. It is still wildfire season in the Southeast, according to officials. Anyone burning anything outdoors has been advised to use caution. Those planning to conduct controlled burns are required by law to notify the state Forestry Commission in advance.

— Hannah Jeffrey, New Editor

**Local News**

**Charleston man charged in S.C. State shooting**

A Charleston man was charged with murder Saturday after shooting a fellow South Carolina State University student to death. The State reported.

Justin Bernard Singleton, 19, was arrested Saturday morning and detained at the Orangeburg County Regional Detention Center, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division reported. Singleton was allegedly arguing with 20-year-old Brandon Robinson outside of an on-campus dorm when he pulled out a gun and shot Robinson in the neck area.

A beloved member of our university family,” said Thomas J. Elisey, president of S.C. State, in a release.

“The senseless act of violence, which took too soon a life of a talented young man, has devastated our campus and community as we mourn the loss of a fellow student and member of the South Carolina State family,” Elisey said. According to the National Weather Service, chances of snow in the Midlands are between 80 and 100 percent. Should the forecast remain unchanged by Monday, school officials will need to make decisions regarding schedules for Tuesday and Wednesday. Meteorologists predict temperatures will fall by the 20s Monday evening and rise to the mid-30s by Tuesday morning.

— Hannah Jeffrey, New Editor

**CRIME BLOTTER**

The blotter comes from police reports released by the USC Division of Law Enforcement and doesn’t include crimes reported by city or county law enforcement.

**JAN. 10 TO JAN. 17**

**2** Larceny/Theft from building

**1** Drunkenness

**2** Vandalism/Destruction of property

**1** Fake/Other ID use

**1** Traffic/DUI

**2** Alcohol/Liquor law violation

**1** Suspicious activity

**1** Trespassing

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— An officer was dispatched to the Broom in reference to a fire alarm on Jan. 21, where a poster had been set on fire by an unknown person. The security officer on duty during the time of the incident was approximately five feet away from where the poster had been set on fire. According to reports, the security officer saw several people pass the area before the fire alarm sounded but did not see anyone set the fire. The Columbia Fire Department was dispatched to clear the building and reset the fire alarm. The burnt poster was kept as evidence.

— An officer was conducting a traffic stop with a green Honda Accord on Jan. 21 due to expired tags. The officer saw the driver was making a U-turn in an intersections. The officer pulled over the vehicle and observed the driver was wearing a white male wearing a dark jacket, khaki pants and dark shoes. The driver did not make eye contact with the officer when asked. When the officer asked what he was doing, the driver was concealing, the driver admitted to having an open can of Bud Light. The driver’s license had been suspended for cancellation of insurance, and when he exited the car, a razor blade fell from his lap. After searching the car, the officer found two pellet guns, one in the glove compartment and one on the floor under the passenger seat. The driver was placed under arrest, and the passenger was issued a citation.

— While on patrol in Richland County on Jan. 19, an officer arrived at the Clift Apartments in response to a report of vandalism, where he saw a white male wearing a dark jacket and khaki pants kicking a university trailer. When the officer asked the suspect what he was doing, he said he was trying to get into “the luxury” trailer because his friends had ditched him. The suspect was stirring his speech, smelled of alcohol and had a cut on the bridge of his nose, that he said was from a lacrosse practice earlier in the week. He was placed under arrest and charged possessing beer underage and malicious injury to personal property.

— Compiled by Hannah Jeffrey, New Editor

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**Monday, January 27, 2014**

**The Daily Gamecock**
wants to join can do. “We really took the time to filter through the people and really educate them about the values of Phi Alpha Delta and what the organization stood for,” Novacki said.

Severin and Novacki hoped to increase the fraternity’s visibility on campus significantly during this process, since other professional fraternities such as Delta Sigma Pi and Alpha Kappa Psi are already so well established.

The transformation story of USC’s Phi Alpha Delta has gotten attention worldwide. Other chapters have asked Severin and Novacki to advise them and network with them, and the fraternity’s international headquarters asked USC to write a magazine article on their transformation story, while their recruitment video won third place in a video competition out of more than 100 chapters.

USC’s Phi Alpha Delta started getting attention from international headquarters on almost a daily basis through social media after the fraternity’s membership experienced such a dramatic increase. By placing more of an emphasis on the social aspect of the fraternity, the entire atmosphere of the fraternity has changed since the beginning of the Fall 2013 semester.

“I think people just love to feel like they’re part of a close-knit community, where before you might not have known the person on [your] right and on [your] left,” Severin said.

And as the fraternity continues to grow, Severin and Novacki plan to add even more members to the organization and make the current participants even more active.

“You can sign up to be in an organization and have that on your resume, but if you don’t put in the time and the effort, then what’s the point?” Severin said. “You’re not getting anything out of it; the organization’s not getting anything out of you.”

so relevant and important to our collection,” said Elizabeth Sudduth, director of rare books and special collections. “I can’t think of anything as great of a tribute to him or as a better addition to our collection.”

Tom McNally, the Dean of the University Libraries, conducted extensive background research on the manuscript and decided to bid on the document as a memorial tribute to Roy, who died in February 2013 after devoting his life to the study of Scottish literature.

USC purchased the manuscript using only funds from private donors. Robert Burns is the national poet of Scotland, and he is among the most influential writers of his time. The manuscript arrives at USC with symbolic timing, as Burns’ birthday is celebrated internationally on Jan. 25.

USC houses more than 5,000 items about and belonging to Burns, from his porridge bowl and spoon to first and later editions of his poems and music. Roy, a professor born into a family of book collectors, acquired most of the items in USC’s collection, which dates back to life. The university acquired the collection in 1989, and the library continues to add to the internationally renowned collection. This collection has attracted scholars and visitors to Columbia from around the world for both individual research and for exhibitions and conferences.

The Robert Burns Association of North America will gather at USC for its annual conference in April. The Burns manuscript is on display in the Dorothy B. Smith Reading Room in the Ernest F. Hollings Special Collections Library.

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Alternative rockers Louis Vecchio (drums), David Boyd (lead vocals) and Søren Hansen (guitar) moved to America from Denmark in 2009 to sign with RCA Records. After three successful American tours and one world tour as an opening band, New Politics recently started their first headlining tour.

Made up of Louis Vecchio, David Boyd, and Søren Hansen, New Politics moved to America to sign with RCA Records in 2009. Under RCA, they released their only two albums to date, “New Politics” in 2010 and “A Bad Girl in Harlem” in 2011. Before the release of their second album, they toured as openers for Twenty One Pilots, Fall Out Boy, Pink, Florence and The Machine.

With the popularity of their most recent single, “Harlem,” New Politics got the chance to travel on their own headlining tour sponsored by Music Farm Productions. Prior to signing with RCA, Hansen and Boyd moved to Brooklyn, New York in search of American fame.

“It was like a ‘childhood dream,’ Hansen said. “It was something we had always wanted to do.” In New York they met their drummer Vecchio and started recording together. Through their connections and hard work, the band managed to get signed to RCA with a year long contract. Their self-titled album featured their hit single “Sahara/York” and became popular enough to be featured on the MTV Artists to Watch tour with Five Knives and Twenty One Pilots. The tour brought them through the venue where they fell in love in Charleston, N.C., for the first time and, eight months later, they have returned to headline their own show.

“It’s surreal,” Boyd said, “to be back here and see a line out the door waiting for us.”

With the explosive popularity of their song “Harlem,” tickets for their Harlem USA Tour quickly sold out for every venue. On Thursday, January 23, patrons lined up outside Amos’ for over four hours waiting to get front row spots for the show. Fans waited by the buses, hoping to get a glimpse of the three men inside. The sudden burst of support seemed to have come as a shock to the band.

“We wrote this music in a bedroom,” Hansen said, “and now we play it live and we see people singing along and dancing.”

Inside Amos’, it seemed fans knew every word as they sang along to each song on the set list. New Politics fans, self-named “newps,” can not only sing along but dance along with David Boyd, who is known for his droll comedy set in the Midwest. Woody has a late night fall in a hotel room, David makes a stop in Woody’s docile town, especially when Woody’s family and his old business partner Ed talk about anyone. She doesn’t just make rude comments about the townswell and her own family, she blurt them out as if there is no reason to hold back. In one particularly memorable scene in a graveyard, she looks down at the headstones for each of Woody’s townsfolk and her own family, she blurt them out as if there is no reason to hold back.

In Nebraska, Kate loves her husband, but the casual observer would never know that. She speaks her mind at every moment and rarely has anything nice or constructive to say about anyone. She doesn’t just make rude comments about the townswell and her own family, she blurt them out as if there is no reason to hold back.

“The writing is very funny and sharp — a comedy where one chokes on the laughs. All of the characters are flawed, but there is great humanity and decency in them. Some of the funniest scenes in the film are simple static shots of the family talking with each other or in front of the television set. Another reason to cherish the film is the acting. Character actor Bruce Dern, who received the second Oscar nomination of his career for his lead role, is perfection because he never seems to be acting. The crochety old man, with his wavy, frazzled white hair, ramshackle wardrobe and belabored gate goes about his businesses as he please, just like he has his whole life. He is a seemingly selfish man whose hidden kindness is revealed slowly throughout the film. Kate loves her husband, but the casual observer would never know that. She speaks her mind at every moment and rarely has anything nice or constructive to say about anyone. She doesn’t just make rude comments about the townswell and her own family, she blurt them out as if there is no reason to hold back.
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South Carolina drops first match of season to Memphis, earns win against Harvard

Sophomore guard Tiffany Mitchell hit two big shots in the final minute to lift the Gamecocks past Commodores.

Women’s basketball wins at Vanderbilt

The Gamecocks (3-1) travel to Georgia Tech on Friday and look to rebound from the team’s first loss of the season.

Men still trying for first SEC win after 0-6 start

Despite a slow start to Saturday’s game, South Carolina men’s basketball made a real run at their first SEC win of the season.

Coach Garcia

The Gamecocks will continue to push their first for SEC win Wednesday when they take on Texas A&M at home, a team that South Carolina narrowly lost to earlier in the season.