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Student Body Presidential Candidates

Riley Chambers
"Mr. President is kind of my nickname."

Aaron Greene
"Always be kind, but be genuine."

Jonathan Holt
"Strive every day to be accessible."

Jonathan Kaufman
"It’s not about me, it’s about the ideas."

Riley Chambers calls himself the underdog.

After all, he said, he hasn’t put as much time or funding into his campaign as his opponents. He isn’t a political science student, nor does he have prior Student Government experience, two things he said can come in handy when running for SG office. Aside from a few friends helping out when they can, the last few weeks have been him getting his own message out.

But he isn’t letting any of that put a damper on his campaign — he’s running as what he calls the “typical, average USC student.”

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Ever since Jonathan Holt was a child, he’s been enamored with politics. He loved to watch the news and learned the name of every senator. When his Sen. Elizabeth Dole came to visit his hometown in North Carolina, Holt was ecstatic. Holt was 14 years old, and he decided to walk into town to see her deliver her speech.

“She was here in my little town and cared about what people like me think,” he said.

When he returned home, he was in huge trouble — it took about an hour to walk into town, and the trip made him cross highways and intersections. Nonetheless, he was glad he made the trip.

If you saw Jonathan Kaufman standing in line at Carolina Cafe, chatting with two people he’s never met before about their biggest concerns on campus, you’d find it hard to believe he was pretty introverted in high school.

Nonetheless, he stood in line, asking two strangers, “What’s the most important thing to you? What can we fix on campus?”

It came as no surprise to him that they both complained about campus parking. He laughed as he pulls out his phone to show them USC Probs, the highlight of his platform.

The third-year Spanish and political...
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“Simpsonville woman charged with homicide by child abuse”

Kelli Smith-Durham, a Simpsonville, South Carolina resident, is charged with homicide by child abuse, according to WLTX. Smith-Durham was also charged with four counts of unlawful neglect of a child.

Smith-Durham’s 2-day-old child died in November and through a toxicology screening, it was found that the child had high levels of methamphetamine in her system. The woman also tested positive for the same drug. The Greenville County Sheriff’s Office investigated further and found Smith-Durham did not have in her possession any supplies to care for the health and safety of the infant.

Smith-Durham was living with her boyfriend, Shane Fuller, with children aged 2, 3 and 7. The other children were placed with an alternative caregiver through the Greenville County Department of Social Services.

— Lauren Shelby, News Editor

Stolen dog and car returned to owner

An Anderson County man’s stolen dog and car have officially been returned to him, according to WIS-TV. Terry Williams had his car started in his driveway to warm the interior when his dog Taco jumped inside. Williams returned to his residence to lock up, but when he returned, both the car and his dog were gone. Although Williams’ wallet, license and debit cards were also within the car, Williams was most concerned about his dog Taco.

Unfortunately for Williams, the dog was found sitting in a family member’s driveway, several blocks from his home. Williams took Taco home and gave him a week dinner after he was cleaned up. A few hours later, deputies called and said Williams’ car had been located on Highway 41. Williams said he was grateful to have his dog back and said that the return of his car was “just a bonus.”

— Lauren Shelby, News Editor

Protestors rally to keep SC State open

Over 1,000 supporters of SC State gathered to rally against legislature that would close the university for two years, according to The State. Lawmakers, ministers and activists were in attendance, promising to keep South Carolina’s only historically black public college open.

As SC State graduate, Rev. Joseph Darby, was in attendance and spoke to the crowd, urging government to give more support to the university. “The state of South Carolina has a sad and sorry history of only giving SC State enough to get by,” Darby said at the rally.

The university owes vendors $11 million and has received promised loans from the state. Both Darby and Rep. Joe Neal urged the crowd to donate to SC State. Neal assured the cheering crowd at the rally that SC State was “not going to close.”

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Brian Samples

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“The treasury is the position to level up. It is, however, part of his stepping stone for Goble — he doesn’t want to use them,” he said. “But I’m not going to leave them. That’s my job.”

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and see real-time results through the body.

"I feel like I know as many or more people than the other candidates," the third-year biology student said. He's formed his campaign goals with a typical USC student's grasp in mind. His platform is based on the improvements, from community service initiatives to campus safety and meal plan efficiency. For Chambers, the main priority of his intended office is to act as a representative and communicate students' needs to the Board of Trustees. Student body president doesn't have the power to make huge changes in infrastructure, he said, but he thinks he can get the message across to those who can.

"He may not have student senate or Freedom Conference experience, but he's a Carolina Scholar who sings in Cockapella and served on the Globe Med board his freshman year." Chambers decided to file for SG's top office last year due to his background in student government and his interest in making a run for student body president.

"His platform is more assistance for students," the student said. "It's about helping people ... wherever I'm needed, I'll do it." The service part of public service is important to Greene, and it's rooted as well in his leadership role. The biggest problem he encountered was choosing a job to help out on the board, and when what he would do if he lost the race, he was almost surprised it was a question. "If you win, I would say, 'Hey, do you want me to serve on your campaign?'

"He's a very approachable person, a little bit of everything, from vice president of the Carolina Homeless Student Senate, to campus filled with vitality. It seems to have energy to spare. Still, it all comes back to people. USC has a seat on the Alumni Association, and a major part of his platform is more assistance for USC graduates. That means more internships, more jobs and putting alumni in contact with students to get them interested.

"One of my key questions is ... what do you want me to serve on your campaign?" Holt said. "It does you that we all have these different visions in our lives, and they all possible."
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Drake drops slow, lyric-centered album without a single standout track.

Drake's latest album, "If You're Reading This It's Too Late," is a hodgepodge of styles, and it's difficult to find a standout track. The album is raw and lyric-centered, but it's not the kind of rawness that Drake is known for. Instead, it's a collection of songs that don't quite gel together.

"If You're Reading This It's Too Late" is 18 tracks long, and it's clear that Drake is trying to do too many things at once. The album features a mix of slow, acoustic tracks and more upbeat, fast-paced tunes. Some of the songs are catchy and fun, while others are more of a mess.

Drake's lyrics are still strong, but they're not as good as they used to be. His flow is still on point, but his wordplay is lacking. The album is also littered with autotune, which is a trend that's started to get old.

Overall, "If You're Reading This It's Too Late" is a disappointment. Drake has been one of the biggest names in hip-hop for years, but this album doesn't live up to his previous work. It's a shame, because he has the potential to do so much more.

"If You're Reading This It's Too Late" is out now, and it's available on all major music websites. If you're a Drake fan, you might want to give it a listen, but don't expect too much.
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Virgo
Consider all possibilities. The next month is good for travel, with Venus in Taurus. It’s coming up close. Class convenes and studies get interesting. Make long range plans. Set up your space to facilitate workflow.

Libra
Balance work and play. Making money can be fun. Expect expenditures. Find a way to live sweet deal. Go over the numbers this next month, with Venus in Taurus. Save and increase your assets. Share enthusiasm with someone who can buy.

Scorpio
Partnerships flow with greater ease over the next month, with Venus in Taurus. Form new bonds, and remove old ones. Compromise comes easier. Enjoy your feminine side. Put your practical penny-pincher approach to keeping household expenses.

Sagittarius
There’s more work coming in over the next month — the kind you like — with Venus in Taurus. Clean and beautify your work space. It’s getting fun and profitable. Upgrade infrastructure to provide necessary support. Finish what you started.

Capricorn
You’ve already sunk in games and romance over the next month, with Venus in Taurus. Attractive efforts work in your favor. Keep playing to increase your skills. Learn from mistakes, especially financial mistakes. Play with young people.

Aquarius
Make your home your love nest over the next month, with Venus in Taurus. Household chores and improvements are more enjoyable over the next month, with Venus in Taurus. Focus on home and family, and settle into some domestic bliss. Get what you want following your heart to lead you. Savor this time. Take it easy.

Cancer
You’re especially popular over the next three weeks and a half months, with Venus in Taurus. Social activities go well. Get out in public and start some action. Social activities benefit your career. Pay attention to details.

Leo
Focus on your breathing to counter stress. Get busy making money over the next three weeks, with Venus in Taurus. Rake in the numbers. There’s more work coming in over the next month — the kind you like — with Venus in Taurus. Clean and beautify your work space. It’s getting fun and profitable. Upgrade infrastructure to provide necessary support. Finish what you started.

PISCES
Take care. Trust your heart to lead you. Savor what you’re learning over the next month, with Venus in Taurus. Your research gets fascinating. Explore in a free and inspiring cause.

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The South Carolina Gamecocks hold the overall record against the Furman Paladins 111-54-2 in series history.

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Another chance to bounce back from a tough loss presents itself this week for the South Carolina softball team (South Carolina 12-12, 3-9 SEC) will head to Athens, Georgia to face the Bulldogs (16-8, 7-5 SEC) for the second time this season.

In their previous meeting in March, South Carolina struggled offensively and couldn’t shake Kentucky’s offensive attack. Hand coach Frank Martin was disappointed with the outcome on Saturday, but said he knew his team had such a tough time.

"They out hit us four runs, out rebounded us, out screened us, out hustled us, so if we didn’t win there, I’d be a little bit concerned because we’ve got to be up for a good fight today," Martin said.

As for the Bulldogs, they recently lost at home to Arkansas in heartbreaking 48-46 game. With the close of a loss, Georgia will look to bounce back while also looking to seek revenge against South Carolina, a team it lost to earlier in the season.

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Softball finds victory in invitational

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The Gamecocks softball team managed to grab the win in their weekend performance against last Series at College of Charleston. South Carolina went into the game with a overall record of one win and sweep on Saturday with a 3-0 win over College of Charleston.

The Gamecocks (8-2) defence held the Paladins to one hit and scored four runs in the fifth inning. South Carolina’s senior catcher Lauren Mouton had a three-run double and went on to grab two RBIs. The Gamecocks took the lead with an RBI single by redshirt sophomore second baseman Lauren Mouton. The Gamecocks then held the lead for the rest of the game.

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After first inning troubles, Gamecocks redshirt senior pitcher Julie Sarratt was able to regain her composure and come back to pitch a complete game. She allowed only one hit and one walk in the remaining six innings of the game to take home the win and improve South Carolina’s record to 3-2. Sarratt struck out six.

Head coach Beverly Smith is at the helm for the Gamecocks and in her fourth season. In 2014, for the second consecutive season, the Gamecocks to the NCAA Super Regionals going 36-22 for the season. Gamecocks in the Southeastern Conference this season have an overall record of 39-19-9 and is the second Gamecock softball head coach to make the Super Regionals.

The Gamecocks will be tested on Thursday at the Mary Nutter Coliseum Classic in Cathedral City, California against LIU Brooklyn.

Brennan Doherty

After winning two out of three games in its season-opening series against No. 25 College of Charleston last weekend, South Carolina now turns its attention to another in-state foe.

The Gamecocks (2-1) face the Paladins (2-0) on Saturday in their first mid-week game of the season.

South Carolina opened up 2015 with a 6-1 loss to College of Charleston last Friday, but bounced back with two wins against the Cougars (5-2, 8-6) on Saturday’s doubleheader.

Senior catcher Krystan Williams started the year off at home against Akron, losing twice in the three-game series.

Since Chad Holbrook took over as South Carolina head coach beginning in the 2013 season, the Gamecocks are 4-1 against Furman.

The Gamecocks came up with just four hits and three runs on opening day but South Carolina’s offense came alive and scored 15 runs and had 20 hits over the course of Saturday’s doubleheader.

South Carolina’s most productive hitters against College of Charleston was senior first baseman Kyle Martin. The Greenville, South Carolina native was a hitting a team-high .444 through nine at-bats. Junior second baseman Max Schrock also found himself on the basepaths frequently against the Cougars thanks to his patience at the plate. Schrock walked five times against College of Charleston and has an on-base percentage of .771.

Meanwhile, Furman’s pitchers struggled against Akron and gave up 13 runs during the first three innings of the game. The Gamecocks will look to improve and seek more consistency at the plate while trying to capitalize off of the Paladins’ early-season struggles on the mound.

I don’t think we collectively as a group are over the hump yet. We still struggle with not enough runs,” Furman said.

Part of Furman’s problem of giving up large amounts of runs through its first series can be contributed to its defense. The Paladins committed seven errors last weekend against Akron.

South Carolina’s defense was solid and did not give up a ton of extra bases.

The Gamecocks salary to expect to get its fair share of work in the series. Schrock hit five times last weekend and that one run for two runs.

While Furman is facing fans, South Carolina opens up a three-game series against Northeastern on Friday, Feb. 10 at Carolina Stadium.

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