New app Yeti shines light on social media anonymity

Kevin Smarr

If you hadn't heard, Monday was April 20, occasionally called “stoner day” (4/20). If you had forgotten this day, all you had to do was take a quick peek at Gamecock_snap and get a snapshot of your favorite students’ tattoos. USC students can tell their stories with a simple download of the app and a username for the gamecock_snap account. Anyone who knows the Gamecock_snap username can add the story onto the Snapchat story and yet another릇 to the Snapchat. Yeti shows pictures of what students are doing from all over.

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Senate Committee passes body camera bill

The Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously passed a bill that could require state and local police officers in South Carolina to wear body cameras, according to The State.

The bill will now go to the Senate floor for consideration. The bill must be passed by legislatures and approved by the governor before it would become a law.

It is passed, body cameras might start being implemented in state and local law agencies around the state sometime next year.

The bill has been on a fast track since the April 4 shooting involving a North Charleston police officer shooting an unarmed African-American man in the back.

—Kevin Smarr, Assistant News Editor

SLED is investigating a shooting in Lexington County

South Carolina Law Enforcement Division is investigating an early Tuesday morning shooting that involved a Lexington County police officer, according to The State.

59-year-old Kimber Key of Florida was shot by his brother’s home in Irmo. Key was visiting his brother, John Dale Key, 64, at the time of the incident. Deputies responded to the home after John Dale Key called operators saying his brother had a knife and was threatening to hurt himself.

Kimber Key was shot in the upper torso sometime after police arrived. Kimber Key was transported to a local hospital where he underwent surgery.

Both officers involved in the shooting have been placed on administrative leave.

—Kevin Smarr, Assistant News Editor

Sign at Williams Brice has been removed

The electronic sign at the corner of George Rogers Boulevard and Bluff Road has been removed, according to The State.

The sign was previously housed at the corner of Assembly and Blossom streets outside the Carolina Coliseum. The sign was removed from the corner in an effort to transform the parking lot around Williams-Brice Stadium.

The school has spent more than $50 million around the stadium on football facilities.

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If you find an error in today’s edition of The Daily Gamecock, let us know about it. Email editor@dailygamecock.com and we will print the correction in our next issue.
Body art is not only a form of artistic expression but also a way to tell a story. Mike Diaz, first-year dance student, agrees that in certain circumstances, it's important to cover up body art. Even though he has several tattoos, he admits that he can understand how some people can be offended by them. "Tattoos aren't a big deal, but if you have a copious amount of tattoos, it can get out of control," Diaz said. "Depending on where you work, you can possibly scare customers. Although in a workplace, there is no judgement, we can't stop society."

And unfortunately, society is still finding a way to judge body art. Despite the changing attitudes that most young people have regarding tattoos, sometimes body art is associated with negative attributes, such as delinquency and even gang affiliation. In fact, South Carolina law even prevents artists from giving tattoos above the collarbone. 

Star Jamison, Career Development Coach for the Schools of Mass Communication & Journalism, Education and Music, can appreciate the motive behind tattoos, but she explains that companies share the same freedoms. "I believe most everyone knows that body art is a form of expression, and everyone has the right to express themselves in this way if they choose to do so," Jamison wrote. "On that same note, organizations also have the right to make hiring decisions based upon company policies and norms as long as they do not impinge on employees' civil liberties."

She explained that the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission dictates that employers can't discriminate on the basis of race, religion, age or gender, but tattoos and piercings fall under the category of dress code, which is under the control of the employer. However, Diaz suggests that tattoos are just stories that are meant to be shared on your skin. "Tattoos are self-expression. They are a way that people get out frustration, like any art, and a way for you to tell a story in a different light," he said. "It's almost like you're using your body as a canvas that's being painted on by the different pieces of your life."

And if you have a story to tell, it's not hard to find someone who will rent it into art. Within a 10-mile radius of USC's campus, there are more than a handful of tattoo shops. Divine Street Tattoo, which opened about six years ago, is a fairly large shop with very versatile artists. Bryan Spencer, one of the shop's talented tattoo artists, says he's given tattoos to all demographics. "I've tattooed everyone from ex-cons to doctors, lawyers, cops and teachers," Spencer said. Once, he even inked four generations of a family in one sitting — that just goes to show that body art isn't always the best place to show off these characteristics. As you make the transition to the rest of your life — whether you're a teacher, a doctor, or even a cop — body art can tell your story, your struggles, your frustration, like any art, and a way for you to take your story in a different light."

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The committee wanted students to rethink their need to drive to campus, so students who traveled to and from campus Tuesday via bike, off-campus shuttle or carpool were eligible to participate in a scavenger hunt where they could win prizes. USC also offered a limited number of reserved parking spots for carpoolers all around campus for the event. The Bike Advisory Committee also wanted people to realize that biking can be a great way to avoid campus traffic and parking headaches. Stamp cards for a scavenger hunt were given out from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the student surface lot behind the Coliseum, the Russell House bike rack and the shuttle stop on the Horseshoe. Participating in the scavenger hunt involved people taking their card to the main office of parking services in Pendleton garage, Sustainable Carolina in Green Quad or outdoor recreation's bike shop located in the Blatt Physical Education Center. People were then asked to take their stamped cards to the Healthy Carolina table at the farmers market on Greene Street to be entered into the raffle.

“Traveling light reduces traffic congestion, limits environmental pollution and provides a way to incorporate more physical activity into your day,” said Shaena Rouse, Healthy Carolina coordinator. “Overall, I would say that Travel Lightly Day was a success. Through our campus partnerships we were able to reach over 400 students!”

This is one of many events that Healthy Carolina has helped sponsor this year. Their next event will be Tuesday, April 28 for Farmers Market Appreciation Day.
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where nearly every moment can be captured on a smartphone, students should be aware of their behaviors and act accordingly.

Even posts from anonymous applications can make their way to other social media networks. Two weeks ago, a picture of a girl appearing to have written a racial slur on a whiteboard appeared on Snapchat and within hours the picture had been shared on other social media platforms multiple times.

This example, along with others, shows an unfortunate trend of a lack of awareness.

“Students should be careful with what they post on social media. Snapdragon, Instagram, everything they post could be accessible to any viewer once it is posted,” Casie Slaughter, a fourth year advertising major. “Nothing is private. What they post may seem to be funny or humorous but could be hurtful to others.”

“Whether or not someone somewhere can manipulate what you put up, at the end of the day social media can be manipulated and taking out of context, so you have to be very careful about anything you post,” Rupp said.

"Just because the papers were free didn’t mean ‘take them all so other people can’t have them,'” SPLC Director Frank LoMonte said in an email.

Papers also went missing in Columbia Hall, Honors Residence, Thomas Cooper Library, Petigru, Davis, Sumwalt, and LeConte. Tuesday’s print edition can be viewed online on ISSUU.

"Suppose someone breaks into the Salvation Army and takes all the winter coats,” LoMonte said. “Is that not a crime because the coats were going to be given away free to the homeless?"
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vegetables from Gamecock Bio Soap sold at the farmer’s market, there were chances selling popcorn, cotton candy and homemade products.

Members also worked to arrange interactive opportunities for students to participate in health and wellness activities such as Yoga on Davis Field.

Last year student Courtney Cooper, who organized the free yoga class, and about 15 people came to do the class, and throughout the event people were stopping to watch, taking pictures and even joining the class.

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‘Player King’ makes tribute to Hamlet

Kana Hendi ef

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Though there is more to this play than just the basic story — “The Player King” has a number of colorful characters that are all multidimensional and also have selfish pursuits of their own. The language isn’t as dry as “Hamlet” either, as the play weaves between styles of verse.

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“We wanted to make this event accessible to everyone,” Cooper said. “No matter what level of yoga experience you have, you could participate in this.”

One of the Grassroots Yoga participants, Olivia Sullivan, said she doesn’t have a lot of yoga experience, but says the class is at a workable level.

“It is an easy pace,” Sullivan said. “If you’re skilled in it, you still get the same effect as if it were your first day.”

Sullivan began taking classes with Cooper at Sustainable Carolina at Green Quad during the week.

“Sustainable Carolina” offers free yoga classes almost every single day of the week, Cooper said. “I just started a lot of the yoga stuff for Sustainable Carolina. When the weather is really nice, we will take the classes outside.”

Earth Jam also hosted live musical performances throughout the entire festival. First-year Annie Prentice performed acoustic versions of “Pumped Up Kicks,” “Electric Feel” and “Locked Out of Heaven.”

Ryan says they wanted Earth Jam to be as bohemian as possible.

“We were throwing ideas off of each other at our first meeting,” Ryan said. “We wanted to make it like Coachella and Bonanza, so we were thinking flower crowns and all that stuff. But then after we talked through it we thought we should just do the music and ties-dye.”

As an umbrella organization for everything sustainable on campus, Ryan said Sustainable Carolina hopes to unify all organizations on campus and have them participate in ecological activities. They even had Carolina Productions come out to host an event.

“We focus on wellness and eco-friendly practices. Throughout the year, we have gardening at Green Quad and also offer an internship program and a chance to earn volunteer hours,” Ryan said. “In the fall, we host Reclaimed Runway, where all of the outfits are made out of recycled materials.”

Ryan thinks participating in events through Sustainable Carolina like Earth Jam is a great opportunity for people to get involved and make a real difference. She thanks everyone at Sustainable Carolina for putting on the event and teaching her about sustainability.

“I didn’t really know anything about it when I came here,” Ryan said. “But I have learned so much, and I have made great friends and I am really thankful for all of them.”

The play makes references to literature and theater in a comedic and modern way.

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being behind the scenes is more his forte.
Stevens would also like viewers to know that “this whole project was all just a big love letter to theater and art in general, and that it comes from a place of admiration for the arts.”

“The Player King” will be playing at the Lab Theater in Booker T. Washington from Thursday until Sunday at 8 p.m.

Attendees at Tuesday’s Earth Jam participated in tie-dying, yoga, and recycling.

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South Carolina has made 20 consecutive NCAA appearances. The selection show will begin on April 28 at 5 p.m. on NCAA.com.

With tournament play beginning in only a week, Epley wants his team to continue to focus on winning.

“We just got to get back and focus on the tournament and get back to training,” he said.

have been chronicled by persistent roster turnover and a collection of eccentric personalities whom have failed to mesh into one single unit. Dallas allowed the linchpin of its defense — Tyson Chandler — to walk in 2011, banking on attracting marquee free agents like Dwight Howard and Deron Williams.

On a quest to attract superstar talent, Dallas elected to sign a cast of players to short deals, which has made it hard to develop cohesiveness.

Then the front office admitted defeat last summer by reacquiring Chandler via trade, signing small forward Chandler Parsons to an absurd maximum contract and acquiring Rajon Rondo in a mid-season trade that abolished the slightest bit of team chemistry Dallas had going.

The result? Squaring off against a weak seventh seed facing James Harden, Dwight Howard and the “drive n’ kick” Houston Rockets.

Aside from a brief spurt in the second quarter of Game 1, the Mavericks followed up an underwhelming regular season with a horrid opening game. The spacing was a disaster, perimeter defense was atrocious and unsurprisingly, Amar'e Stoudemire is still one of the worst defenders in NBA history. This is the first sign of the inevitable death of the 2014-15 Dallas Mavericks.
College's increasing tuition due to “free” activities

Ross Abbott

Graduation is almost upon us, a time when hundreds of college seniors across the country will remember fondly the friends they made and the trials and triumphs in the collegiate arena. They’ll celebrate their trials, and triumphs of the collegiate arena. As a student, you can get up to 10 free GMAT practice test or get free online tutoring for select classes. If you have any computer problems or the board of trustees to reach for their wallets any time soon. I don’t mean to insult the work that not everyone can be pleased all the time. But there’s a better way to show your disagreement than stealing our newspapers: write a letter to the editor so everyone knows how you really feel. Although this hurts us in a number of ways, one of the worst parts of this is the effect on you, the reader. If the opportunity to reflect on the student body is what we can do, then maybe only we were robbed of our papers — you were robbed of your right to know the news.

Stolen newspapers harm everyone

Hannah Abbott

We noticed a peculiar thing Tuesday morning — many of the on-campus newspaper racks were empty. We are obviously anguished over this unfortunate event. The few seconds it took to set up, load and throw them away to prevent others from reading them or to band them off negated the hours of work that our staff collectively put into producing that day’s paper. A lot of effort goes into our papers, but that effort is only worth it if people have a chance to read them.

Our paper is free to students in large part due to money that comes in through advertising. When advertisers buy an ad, they expect the paper to be available. We want to add to that, to give them that assurance. While the paper is free to students, it is certainly not free to produce. There are significant printing costs, and that money is wasted if students don’t have a chance to read the finished product. Also, those who distribute the paper to the racks don’t deserve to have their hard work devalued by a newspaper handle.

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Taurus
Move quickly to take advantage of a profitable opportunity. Pride leads. Today’s work pays long-lasting benefits. Rake in the bucks! The no one puts you into your project, the higher the value. Get a special treat.

Gemini
The spotlight shines on you — this is the moment you’ve been preparing your dress. Dress up the part, and do your stuff! Your reputation is rising, and someone influential is watching. Exceed expectations. Good news comes from far away. Create something brand new.

Cancer
Good news travels far. Let this surprise you. Savour beauty, enhance your spirit. Meditation and time in nature restore your spirit. Enjoy nurturing, healthy food, and consider big questions, and make even more discoveries. Make a soul connection.

Leo
Collaborate with friends for astonishing results. Your network has a much wider reach than you imagined. Get the word out about something you care about. Express your love and grow. This could get profitable. Celebrate together.

Virgo
Advertisements and promotions communications go the distance today. Launch a share and push your message out. Put in extra effort. Sensational results are possible. Apply what you’ve recently learned to your work. This could be your lucky break.

Libra
Try out a new idea. Make a brilliant discovery in a subject you’ve never touched before. The truth is revealed. Listen carefully to other opinions. Imagine perfect perfection. Invest in your education. Learn from a master.

Scorpio
Unexpected funds appear, and you know how to do with the money. Make a commitment. Communication will go faster and earn more. Extra effort wins a bonus. Pay debts and save the rest. Surprise your partner.

Sagittarius
Reveal your heart to the object of your affections. Words and actions align. Share your love and it expands. Pay your money where your mouth is. Show up for your work. Open a new chapter in a romance.

Capricorn
You’re gaining momentum, reaping a far-reaching opportunity appears. Beautify your work, and space it up. Intuition is your creative guide. Word of what you’re up to travels farther than you imagined possible. Celebrate with a splash.

Aquarius
Your talents reach new heights. The game is really getting fun! Word of your latest exploits sets off a ripple. Love triumphs. Share your passion. Family and friends celebrate with you. Enjoy the fringe benefits.

PISCES
A fabulous surprise at home spreads like wildfire. Your secret idea pays off. Communication with family leads to unexpected results. Love and money provide, beautiful results with long-lasting benefits. Share your domestic tricks and recipes.

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**Gamecock offense struggles in Greenville**

**Will Helms**

Comming off an astonishing series win against No. 5 Vanderbilt, South Carolina looked to keep the momentum in a series against former Gamecock Guy Faust at Furman in Greenville Tuesday. However, the Gamecocks continued their struggles at the plate and fell to the Paladins at Fluor Field for the second time in the last three years, 2-1. The Gamecocks have struggled with consistency at the plate all season in what is shaping up to be a disappointing year. In the past eight games, the Gamecocks have totaled just 25 runs, giving just 2-6-2 in that span.

Neither team recorded a hit until a Furman single in the bottom of the third inning, as both pitchers shined. The Gamecocks struck first as sophomore center fielder Gene Cone scored on a sacrifice fly by junior third baseman Davin Andrews in the top of the fourth inning.

Cone had two of South Carolina's four hits, including a fourth-inning run. Sophomore pitcher Scott Pitch was stellar for the Gamecocks, giving up just two runs in 4.1 innings but still taking the loss. Sophomore reliever Bubba Renfro gave up two hits in the fifth inning and gave up just three hits in 3.2 innings of work.

"We pitched well, pitched great defense," head coach Chad Holbrook said. "(Our) pitchers were terrific, did all we could to ask them to do against a really good South Carolina team. We didn't do enough offensively, very disappointing performance by our position players from a standpoint of hit location. We pitched well enough to win." Tuesday was the first time all season the Gamecocks gave up just two runs and still lost. While the South Carolina offense has gotten production from its top batters even as the rest of the offense struggles, the top three Gamecock hitters led the team down Tuesday.

"Ammon Ellett and Kyle Martin have led the team all year. Junior Max Schrock has hit well, too," Holbrook continued. "Today the trio looked lost. The three combined to go 0-3 with six strikeouts against pitcher Gage Qualls and Elliott Wade.

In the top of the ninth inning, sophomore SS Taylor Atchison drew a walk, moved to second on a wild pitch and then moved to third on a passed ball. However, Wade struck out Schrock, Martin and Caldwell in order to end the game. The Gamecocks will be back in action another setback in an up-and-down year for the Gamecocks.

South Carolina will travel to Knoxville to face Tennessee this week, in a two-game series beginning Friday at 6 p.m.

**Joseph Carder**

The NBA Playoffs are finally upon us, and there was certainly's time to take away from the first weekend of the NBA Playoffs.

When general manager Danny Ainge traded away franchise legends Paul Pierce, Al Jefferson and Deron Williams, it was largely expected that the Boston Celtics would be rolling just in time for the first round of the playoffs.

But the Boston Celtics were more of a collection of misfits into a team facing King James and the Cleveland Cavaliers in the first-round of the playoffs.

The Celtics are the feel-good story of the 2014-15 season, transforming a team amongst the worst in the whole NBA into contenders. The team remains one of the most beloved in the NBA, with some of the most passionate fans of any team.

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**Sarah Stone**

Fanatic Sports' National Championship on the line. I had to go to the library last night and pull an all-nighter for studying. It was hard to focus with that much on your mind.

TDG: Can you describe what you're working on out training?

PW: Honestly, it's almost like a fantasy for fishing. You just meet so many good guys that all love fishing. They all have the same thing in common. That week was just fishing from sunrise to sundown every single day. It was just a wear and tear on you. It was a strenuous week of fishing, but in the end it all paid off.

TDG: How nerve-wracking was that final weight in and can you describe what the feeling was like when you realized you had won?

PW: It's hard to even put into words how nerve-wracking it was. Because we knew we were four ounces back going into it and when we got to the check-in, the full weight-in, we had asked if they had any fish and they said they had four good ones and then when we were sitting in the weigh-in line, I asked them, "Can I see your fish?" and he opened his bag and the only fish I could see was sitting on top with that seven-pound difference. So it was real nerve-wracking then we weren't even done.