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Irish for a day

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The skies may have been a bit gray Saturday, but Five Points was nothing but green, as thousands of people turned out — and up — for St. Patrick's Day.

Partygoers decked out in green hats, beads and boots packed the streets and queued up to get into the bars to celebrate the Irish for the 32nd annual St. Pat's in Five Points. Lines stretched out of the doors, onto the sidewalks and into the streets, which had been blocked off for the festivities.

Rows of green portable restrooms yielded lines comparable to those of the bars, and vendors peddling corn dogs, gyros and street meats drew their fair share of crowds as well.

The festivities started off at 7:30 a.m. with the Get to the Green 10K, 5K and Family Fun 1-Miler races. Festival gates opened at 9 a.m., and the parade kicked off an hour later. Four stages were set up to host more than 15 musical acts throughout the day, and the water in every fountain in Five Points was dyed green for the occasion.

But for those providing for the festival guests, there was no time to watch the parade, go to the concerts or even sit for a moment to

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Massive amounts of alcohol were sold Saturday at the 32nd annual St. Pat's in Five Points festival. Streets in Five Points were closed off to hold the thousands of people who came out to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Electronics stolen from stadium

Police patrolling Williams-Brice Stadium over spring break found six TVs and two video game consoles missing from a players' lounge.

USC police officers were walking through the stadium looking for the owner of a suspicious vehicle when they saw TVs missing from the walls, cords on the floor and cabinets opened in the football players' lounge.

A Sony PlayStation, Xbox 360 and six flat-screen TVs were gone, according to an incident report.

Police arrested 41-year-old Manwell Bookhart, of Blythewood, in connection with the burglary. The suspicious vehicle wasn't related to the theft.

He is charged with several counts

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Kelly replaces Santiago as chief

Interim chief steps down before next chief is chosen

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Interim Police Chief Ruben Santiago has resigned from the Columbia Police Department, City Manager Theresa Wilson announced in a statement Thursday evening. Santiago had been serving as interim chief for nearly a year, after then-chief Randy Scott resigned in April 2013.

Maj. Melron Kelly has been chosen to serve as acting police chief until the city chooses a permanent replacement. Kelly has been with the police

department since 1999 and has worked in drug and gang units.

Santiago's resignation comes after a tumultuous tenure, during which he was accused of concocting a plot to plant drugs and an illegal gun on a city official by a former Columbia police officer. The allegations were investigated by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, which found insufficient evidence to charge Santiago.

The city is in the process of selecting a new police chief.

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KELLY

Pizza man robbed on Barnwell

Police say a man delivering pizzas near campus was robbed at gunpoint early Saturday morning.

The man was about to get in his car on Barnwell Street around 1 a.m. Saturday when he was approached by a man who took his wallet and cellphone, police spokeswoman Jennifer Timmons said in an email.

Police patrolled the area around 806 Barnwell St., which is between Capstone House and Greene Street, afterwards and decided that the robber was not in the area.

A USC crime alert describes the robber as a black man wearing a black hoodie and dark pants. The robber's height and weight were listed as unknown.

ROBBERY • 3

Men's basketball reached the quarterfinals of last week's SEC Tournament by winning 2-straight games.

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IN BRIEF

Elections, voter boards to be separated

Now that Richland County lawmakers have moved to separate the merged elections and voter registration boards, they plan to ask the county to provide legal representation, according to The State.

After the 2011 law that joined the two offices was declared unconstitutional, the move would clarify how the offices should be set up.

“The delegation has made the decision that it is going to happen, and we’re moving to go to court to make sure it is done according to the way the court has required us to do,” state Rep. Joe Neal, D-Richland, said last Friday. “It’s my understanding we need a court order.”

There were two different boards when the two offices were separate from one another, but if they are re-established, it is unclear who would serve on which.

—Hannah Jeffrey, News Editor

Wofford, Coastal Carolina find out NCAA locations

The two S.C. colleges playing in the 2014 NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament have found out the locations of their matches, according to WLTX-TV.

Wofford College is the No. 15 seed in the Midwest Region and will play Michigan State University Thursday in Milwaukee, Wisc.

Coastal Carolina University, the 16th-seeded team in the East Region will play the No. 1 seed University of Virginia in Raleigh, N.C. Friday.

Wofford and Coastal Carolina are the only S.C. schools to competing in the tournament after both won their conferences’ tournaments.

—Hannah Jeffrey, News Editor

S.C. schools must choose between funding, freedom

S.C. schools are being forced to choose between state funding and academic freedom, according to The State.

State House members voted to not restore funding taken from two colleges for assigning books with LGBT themes to incoming freshmen. Though it was later withdrawn, one lawmaker proposed keeping \$1 million from public schools in S.C. until they banned “pornographic content.”

After the College of Charleston assigned “Fun Home,” a novel that discusses the author’s sexual orientation, State Rep. Stephen Goldfinch, R-Georgetown, supported removing \$52,000 from the school budget for next year.

“There are times either side can trample on freedoms of anybody,” Goldfinch said. “This book trampled on freedom of conservatives.”

—Hannah Jeffrey, News Editor

CRIME BLOTTER

MARCH 1 TO MARCH 14

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- 1 Trespass

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

— While on patrol, an officer saw two women squatting behind a car, both with their pants around their ankles. The ground below the women was wet with what the officer assumed was urine and both appeared to be drunk. One woman told the officer she did not have a drivers license and resisted and pulled away from the officer when he tried to put her in handcuffs. She was cited for providing false information to police and resisting arrest. Both women were cited for disorderly conduct.

— An officer was dispatched to The Roost in response to a fight between two roommates. When the officer arrived, the roommate in the room was “highly emotional, angry and distraught” and had various

marks and abrasions on her face hands and head, according to the police report. She said the two were fighting and things turned physical when she shoved the other and the other pushed back, prompting her to bite the other. Both roommates declined to be taken to the hospital. The first roommate was taken into custody for assault.

— An officer arrived at Bates House in response to a fake ID that was used to check someone in to the building. When the officer went to the room, he found four men and smelled marijuana. The officer searched the apartment and found a one liter bottle of whiskey and a glass bong, both of which one of the students living there claimed ownership of. In another room

in the apartment, the officer found a grinder, four glass jars that smelled like marijuana, three empty prescription bottles that smelled like marijuana and a glass bong. The student living in that room said it all belonged to him.

— Compiled by Hannah Jeffrey, News Editor

Due to spring break, this week’s blotter includes incidents from the last two weeks. Briefs don’t include every incident from the last two weeks, and suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty. Information could change as investigations continue.

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Festival-goers wore anything and everything Irish Saturday, donning kilts, green top hats and bowties.

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take it all in.

This year was Troy Davis’ first St. Patrick’s day in Five Points as manager of Sharky’s, and he said planning for the day was nothing short of a headache.

“I basically had to get enough alcohol for a whole month for one day,” he said. “The orders were ridiculous.”

In an average week, Davis said he shells out around \$5,000 for alcohol to provide for his customers. But for St. Patrick’s Day, he spent around \$15,000 on liquor and another \$15,000 on beer, totaling out to \$30,000 for just one Saturday.

Davis’ staff was working around the clock between serving the usual Friday night crowds and keeping up with the masses of people Saturday, not to mention gearing up for Saturday night’s clientele.

“Since we were open last night, they probably only got around four hours [of] sleep before they had to come back this morning,” he said. “My staff is pretty much running on [empty].”

Ryan Kay, the owner of Pinch, also worked a long day. After 20 hours of serving customers, he spent Sunday catching up on the sleep he missed out on during the festival.

But unlike Davis, Kay is a St. Pat’s in Five Points veteran, with three years under his belt.

“At this point, I’m kind of prepared for it, or at least have a general idea of what’s going to happen.”

Kay said he spent around \$10,000 on alcohol for Saturday, triple what he spends in an average week. Plus, he had to bring in outside hires, including extra security guards and barbacks, to keep up with the masses. At any given time on Saturday, there

were between 10 and 12 people working at Pinch, compared to the usual five.

Pink bands declaring the wearers were 21 years old could be seen dangling from the wrists of many, as shots were sold on the streets and beers were handed out of trucks and across counters.

With the thousands of people packed into just a few streets and alcohol available around every corner, the day was not without incidents; according to Columbia Police Department spokeswoman Jennifer Timmons, between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, there were 59 charges against 39 people.

No major incidents were reported, and most of the charges were for drunkenness, public disorderly conduct and possession of alcohol by those under 21 years old, Timmons said.

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of burglary, larceny and malicious injury to property. Bookhart was being held Sunday at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center on bonds totaling \$300,000.
—Thad Moore, Editor-in-Chief

ROBBERY • Cont. from 1

He was last seen heading toward Five Points. No one was hurt in the robbery.
The incident punctuates an otherwise quiet year for crime around campus. The USC Division of Law Enforcement and Safety hadn't posted an alert about an armed robbery since February 2013, when there were two such incidents.
—Thad Moore, Editor-in-Chief

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Santiago applied for the job, but was not among the five finalists. That list has been whittled down to two after two candidates withdrew. The two finalists have not been announced out of the three still in pursuit of the job.



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Santiago’s departure needlessly chaotic

ISSUE
Ruben Santiago resigned as interim police chief last week.

OUR STANCE
His actions are both childish and unnecessary.

If nothing else, Columbia was treated to a prime example last week that some people simply can’t (or don’t feel the need to) grow out of high school.

Last Thursday, the city was treated to a “I’m not fired, I quit” response from our former interim police chief, Ruben Santiago. The city is currently finalizing its pick in police chief, which means that Santiago would have effectively given up his role as an interim officer.

Instead, mere days before the transition would be put into effect, he quits.

In usual circumstances, his stepping down would be an end to a overlong term spotted with

needless scandals, almost all of them instigated by Santiago himself. (Threatening to personally arrest liberal-minded Facebook users isn’t exactly what we were looking for in our law enforcement officials.)

Additionally, Santiago’s public sideshow forced Columbia to find another acting police chief to preside over the few days until a final police chief is decided upon.

“Instead of holding his position for the rest of his allotted time, he has caused needless disruption in an organization that needs as much stability as it can get.”

Santiago’s actions are a disservice to the city he was sworn to serve.

Instead of holding his position for the rest of his allotted time, he has caused needless disruption in an organization that needs as much stability as it can get.

Inconsistent leadership isn’t a great sign when it comes to public image, as well.

This uncertainty in structure sends an uncomfortable and unwelcome message: “We don’t know what we’re doing.”

After the smoke clears in the next few days, all we’re hoping is to see the city choose a stable police chief who carries out the extent of their office in a reasonable and effective manner.

Consistency and competency are the two most important concepts when it comes to police chief. Let’s hope the city chooses the right person for the job.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Being gay has basis in history, science

Undoubtedly, the greatest civil rights issue of the millennial generation is that of equal rights for the LGBT community, following in the same vein as the struggles for equality of both women and African Americans in the 20th century. Julian Bond, National Chair of the NAACP, said recently reaffirmed his belief that “marriage is a civil right,” and that the movements are coupled by a defense of immutable characteristics: “and you cannot be discriminated in this country for who you are. To be certain, large strides have been made across the world, and in the United States with 17 states and the District of Columbia legalizing same-sex marriage, along with four (highly conservative) states having their unconstitutional laws stayed by federal judges under precedent set by *Kitchen v. Herbert*, in which the Supreme Court held that Utah’s ban on same-sex marriage was unconstitutional, upholding stays by the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah by reaffirming their 1996 ruling in *Romer v. Evans* that “the Constitution protects individuals from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.”

To this point, the scientific community has held firm in their rulings since 1993, when a team of geneticists with the National Cancer Institute led by Dr. Dean Hamer found that a gene for homosexuality is found on the Xq28 strand of the X chromosome. In his report for this finding, Hamer states that he has found with “99.5% certainty that there is a gene (or genes) in this area of the X chromosome that predisposes a male to become a heterosexual.”

I understand if one study done

two decades ago is not enough empirical, scientific evidence for the hereditary passage of homosexuality. As recently as two months ago, scientists have been further proving Hamer’s point. In February, at the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Chicago, Dr. Michael Bailey of Northwestern University presented research based on the DNA of 409 homosexual men, finding that “sexual orientation has nothing to do with choice. Our findings suggest there may be genes at play and we found evidence for two sets that affect whether a man is gay or straight.” Dr. Bailey’s study has also found a region on chromosome eight to play a role in male sexual orientation.

It is obvious that the study does not conclusively determine heterosexuality or homosexuality, as the finding of a “gay gene” is an oversimplification of the issue at hand. A colleague of Dr. Bailey, Dr. Alan Sanders, stated at the meeting in Chicago, “There’s more than one gene, and genetics is not the whole story. Whatever gene contributes to sexual orientation, you can think of it as much as contributing to heterosexuality as much as you can think of it contributing to homosexuality. It contributes to a variation in the trait.”

The scientific criticism has a similar thought. Even while stating that Bailey’s studies only account for about 40 percent of homosexual traits, Qazi Rahman of King’s College London says that the rest of the findings can be found through scientific means, and that “historically, the persecution and awful treatment of LGBT groups has been because politicians, religious leaders and societies have

viewed sexual orientation as ‘choice’ or due to poor upbringing.”

Also, in reference to the supposed lack of historical precedent for homosexual relations, I reference the classical stories of Zeus and Ganymede, which at the very least suggest that the ancient Greek society was aware of homosexual relationships, and the 14th century King Gongmin of Goryeo (Korea), who was famous for chasing after the men of his kingdom. Even Virgil’s *Aeneid* contains evidence of homosexual relationships between Nisus and Euryalus, two Trojan soldiers.

With such overwhelming evidence, both from ancient anecdotes and modern science, it is remarkable that we still regard those who chose to ignore science as worthy of equal treatment as those who consider scientific explanations of fact. Surely, the most important choice Mr. Peter seems to be involving himself in is the choice to be ignorant of scientific evidence and hateful towards an entire group of the population trying (and succeeding) to gain equal rights as citizens of this country. I implore him to follow the wisdom of the Supreme Court, in it’s ruling in *Lawrence v. Texas*: “[T]imes can blind us to certain truths and later generations can see that laws once thought necessary and proper in fact serve only to oppress.” More importantly, however, I wish for the entire community to take heed of the words of the actress Ellen Page at a Human Rights Commission event: “this world would be a whole lot better if we just made an effort to be less horrible to one another.”

—Cory Alpert, first-year sociology student

North Korea’s
concentration
camps inexcusable

U.S. cannot let another
holocaust continue

North Korea is at it again. Buried under headlines concerning missing passenger planes and Russian peninsula-grabbing, the world’s most unstable nuclear state sent 10 short-ranged rockets toward the Sea of Japan.

This, of course is nothing new. The cloistered nature of the regime lends itself to these temper tantrums.

It’s not as if they’re getting attention for anything else.

Except, perhaps, their intentional famines. And their constant threat to East Asian regional stability. And their repeated and numerous crimes against humanity. And their repeated flaunting of international nuclear disarmament law. (You get the picture.)

All of these crimes were meticulously outlined in the recent U.N. report on that prison-state. Hundreds of pages in length, it has compiled some of the worst offenses and has lengthy and reputable testimony from the few refugees to escape that country.

While the breadth and detail of the report should be praised, especially concerning a country as insular as North Korea, almost none of this information is new, at least in content.

We have known for a long time that North Korea is one of the only states that has operational concentration camps.

Let that sink in for a minute.

Right now, as you breath South Carolina’s (relatively) clear March air, a concentration camp exists somewhere on earth. Satellite photos of these camps (there are many) show what appear to be crematories.

In the middle of World War II, when Europe’s undesirables were being systematically murdered on the orders of a chubby loser with a death wish, the United States and their allies stood by and did nothing to stop this culling. There was no coordinated effort to bomb rail lines to the camps, or to stop the mass transport of human beings to their death in any way.

In my opinion, the prominence of teaching the Holocaust in post-war U.S. education is a guilt-laden response for this failure to act. “Since we can’t change the past,” the line seems to go, “at least we can prevent these atrocities from happening in the future.”

So what does the U.S. say to the world when it shuffles its feet in the face of North Korea’s concentration camps?

That holocaust can go unpunished, in the right circumstances.

If the country is allowed to pursue and develop nuclear weapons, like North Korea was for such a long time, they can enact a holocaust without the possibility of retribution. Again and again, we are reminded that North Korea is capable of destroying Seoul, the South Korean capital, overnight with conventional weapons. Should war break out, that city, a bastion of democracy in East Asia, would be the first to be bombed.

So where does that leave us?

The simple fact is that the North Korean regime can’t last for very much longer. It relies too much on China for economic stability. It is run by a stone-faced old guard who would like nothing more than to stab each other in the back to secure their political power.

In short, their time is coming. The only difference is our choice: whether we play a part in its destruction, or relegate our role to teaching our children how we failed to act.



Ben Crawford
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CORRECTIONS

A credit on page 7 of the Feb. 26 Best of Carolina edition misattributed the source of a photo of the Academic Coaching and Engagement program. It was taken by Joshua Burrack in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

An article on page 1 of the March 5 edition misstated the breed of Emory, a dog at a stress-relief event hosted Student Health Services. It was a Bernese mountain dog.

The Daily Gamecock regrets the errors.

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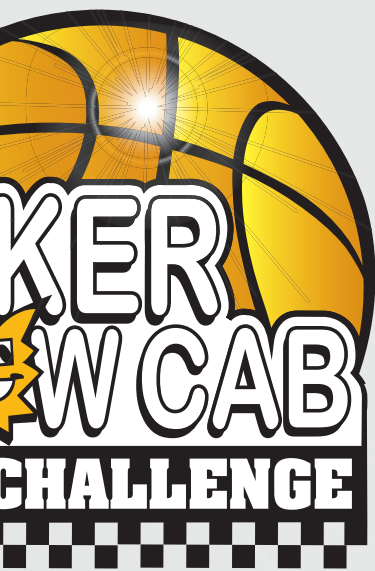
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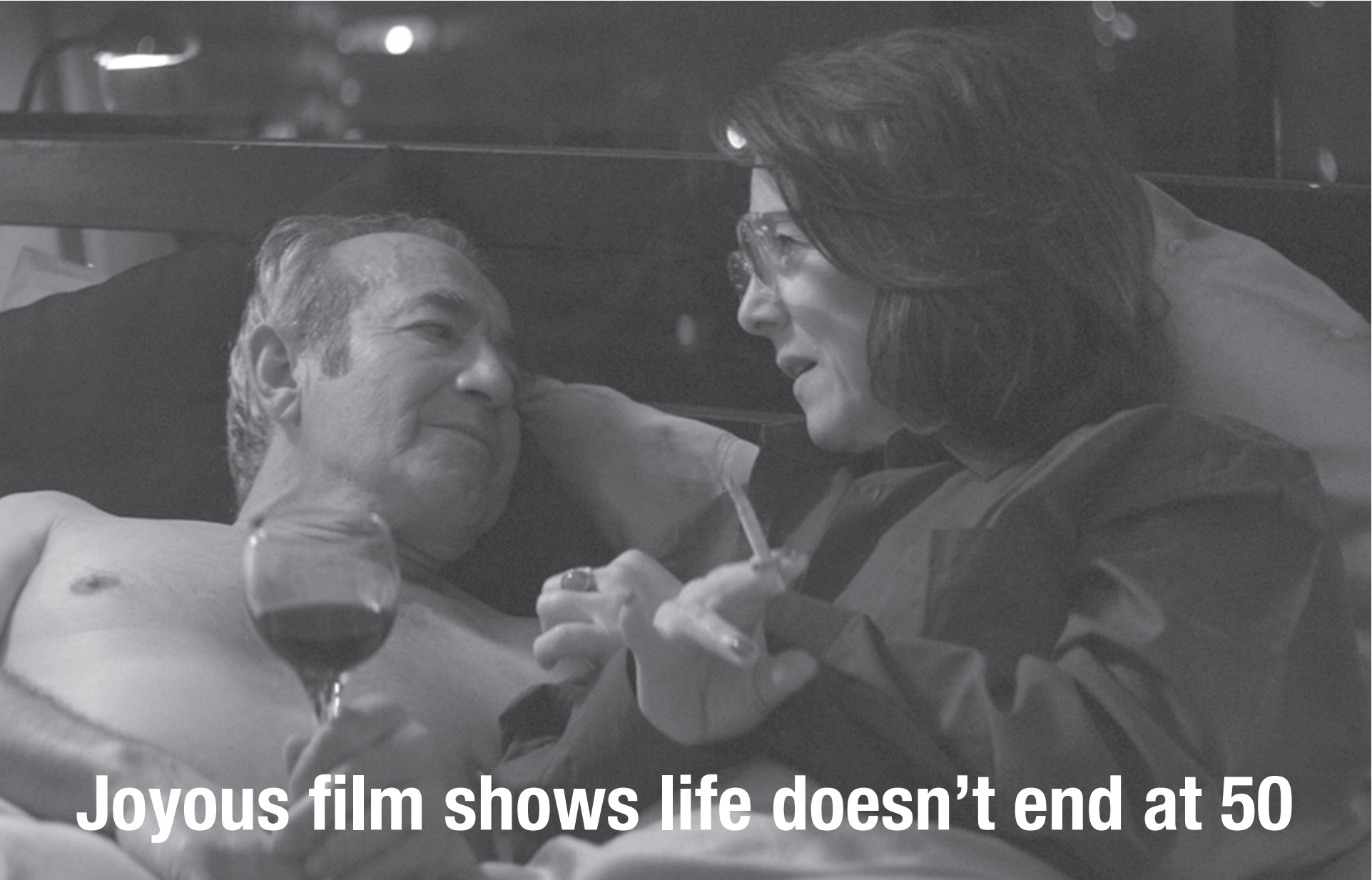


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Gloria Cumplido (Paulina García) is a 58-year-old divorcee who rekindles her youthful spirit with Rodolfo Fernández (Sergio Hernández) in “Gloria”, now playing at the Nick. Photo courtesy of Nephilim Producciones

Chilean Oscar submission follows divorced, late middle age woman

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“Gloria”
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Director: Sebastian Lelio
Starring: Paulina Garcia, Sergio Hernandez
Rating: R for sexual content, some graphic nudity, drug use, and language

“Gloria,” the Chilean submission to the 86th Academy Awards (although it did not get a nomination), is a clever, life-affirming joy while firmly remaining rooted in reality and human emotions. Gloria Cumplido (Paulina García) is a 58-year-old divorcee with two grown children who goes out to clubs and bars to try and find a connection with a man her age. She is not against having a one-night stand, but she hopes to find

someone to have a serious relationship with. One night out on the town she meets Rodolfo Fernández (Sergio Hernández), also divorced with children. The two begin dating, both happy to find a worthy companion to spend their later years with. Gloria can be a free spirit of a woman; she sings along to pop love songs in her car, she takes aerobic exercise classes taught by her daughter Ana (Fabiola Zamora), which includes everyone lying on the floor laughing together, she smokes pot and she tries the attractions and games at her new boyfriend’s business — a bungee drop that flings her through the air as well as shooting paintballs. The two do not care what their children think about their late-in-life relationship. They want them to be happy about it, but they do not need their approval. Gloria has definitely moved on from her marriage; she even takes Rodolfo to her son’s birthday party which has her ex and his new wife in attendance. Rodolfo is still supporting his children and ex-wife financially, and he has trouble letting go. His marriage is over, but he gets drawn back into that former life too often. The film takes a look at the life of a woman whose age group is underrepresented in films. The script is acute and sharp, making Gloria a multi-dimensional character. To see a woman of 50-plus years carrying a film is rewarding and

refreshing. One of the joys of cinema is getting to walk in someone else’s shoes for a few hours. How dull it is to so frequently see the lives of young, white, incredibly handsome and fit males. García, who won Best Actress for this role at the Berlin International Film Festival, is simply wonderful as the somewhat frumpy but nonetheless beautiful Gloria. She wears big, thick glasses that seem to have been around since before her marriage, and she is not too hesitant to go out on the dance floor and let it all go. Rodolfo used to be obese and finally resorted to weight-loss surgery. Both have gotten to the age where they know their bodies are starting to fall apart, wrinkle and expand in places they wish would not. Their youth may be going away but not their youthfulness and vitality. Immature people might see the characters making out, nude and having sex as “gross” or unappealing, but their physical acts of love are actually sensual and passionate. Remember, everyone who lives to that age could be these people. This type of film has been done before, but it is a fulfilling, uplifting character study due in large part to the lead actress’s performance. Older audiences will especially enjoy it, but younger adults will find a lot to like about “Gloria.”

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Gaming industry giants fall to ‘Titanfall’

Shooter topples ‘Call of Duty,’ ‘Battlefield’

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“Titanfall”
NOW IN STORES ★★★★★

Developer: Respawn Entertainment
Platforms: Windows PC, Xbox One
Rating: M for blood and gore, strong language, violence

From the ashes of Infinity Ward, developer Respawn Entertainment dropped “Titanfall” into living rooms on March 11 to challenge the sapless landscape of military first person shooters. It succeeded. What makes “Titanfall” so unique compared to other titles such as “Call of Duty” or “Battlefield” is how exhilarating it is to navigate the map. “Titanfall” has the player start out as a nimble pilot, equipped with a jetpack, to seamlessly traverse the battlefield. It is liberating to leap, wall-run and double jump from place to place; it makes the maps feel more open and allows pilots to decide the best position to tackle the next battle. “Titanfall” also introduces the hulking metal behemoths, titans. Each pilot has access to a titan once the



Courtesy of Respawn Entertainment

The exclusively multiplayer “Titanfall”, released yesterday, pits teams of six against one another in giant metal robots. player touches the ground and the timer starts ticking. In most game types, the pilot starts with a two-minute timer before they can drop their titan onto the battlefield. Pilots scramble the map looking for kills that reduce the timer depending on if they kill a human-controlled pilot or computer-controlled minion. The game specializes in six vs. six multiplayer across all game types. To help fill out the maps, artificial intelligence-controlled minions spawn onto the map, similar to “League of Legends.” Pilots can kill the A.I. bots to reduce the time it takes to summon their titan and score additional points, but at a severe reduction when compared to killing an enemy pilot. It is key in “Titanfall” to balance killing both minions and pilots to maximize efficiency. “Titanfall” is a fun game with a bunch of unique features to draw players toward it, but it still feels hollow, especially since it is sold as a multiplayer exclusive title, which means that there is no single player component. Franchises such as “Call of Duty,” “Battlefield” and “Halo” have always included a single player campaign to add context to the multiplayer elements and provide a worthwhile experience to those without an internet connection. “Titanfall” does have a campaign mode, but it is essentially regular multiplayer sprinkled with story elements to give the player some background plot. The story is paper thin at best and quickly becomes background noise that left me repeatedly confused as to who I was and why I was fighting. The gamer is meant to play through

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the campaign twice to experience the perspective of the Interstellar Manufacturing Corporation (IMC), the evil empire wanting to conquer the galaxy, and the Militia, a ragtag group of heroes that separated from the IMC and wanting to fight for their own freedom in space. By the end of both campaigns, I still had no idea who any of the main characters were — nor did I even care.

At launch, the title includes 10 primary weapons to equip a titan with, including three sidearms and four anti-titan weapons. There are 15 maps to play on alongside 12 perks, which give your pilot small performance boosts to customize your play style. Sure, that might sound like a lot, but I expected there to be a lot more content, considering this is a multiplayer-only title. There's also no balance to the weapons loadout, which is a big problem in a competitive game environment. I often found myself sticking to one particular combination of weapons and perks, as most others felt inferior and provided minimal results. Most players have stuck with the beginning weapons because they are simply more

effective and potent than any other weapon as you level up. This makes the game begin to feel stale, because you are seemingly punished for trying to do something different, and constrains you to only one play style. I found that the pilots were much more efficient than their titan counterparts and have dominated the battlefield ever since.

“Titanfall,” is a fun experience for Xbox One and PC owners to have. However, the game does not feel like it is worth the \$60 price tag due to the sparse amount of content available. The game does not even include any means to host a private game lobby to play locally, or even online with friends until Respawn Entertainment decides to implement the feature into the game in a free patch. “Titanfall” is a skeleton of what a modern first person shooter offers, but mixes the mechanics of popular franchises to make it interesting. “Titanfall” is not the “Call of Duty” killer everyone thought it would be, but it has certainly earned its place at the table to be a major competitor to other first person shooters.

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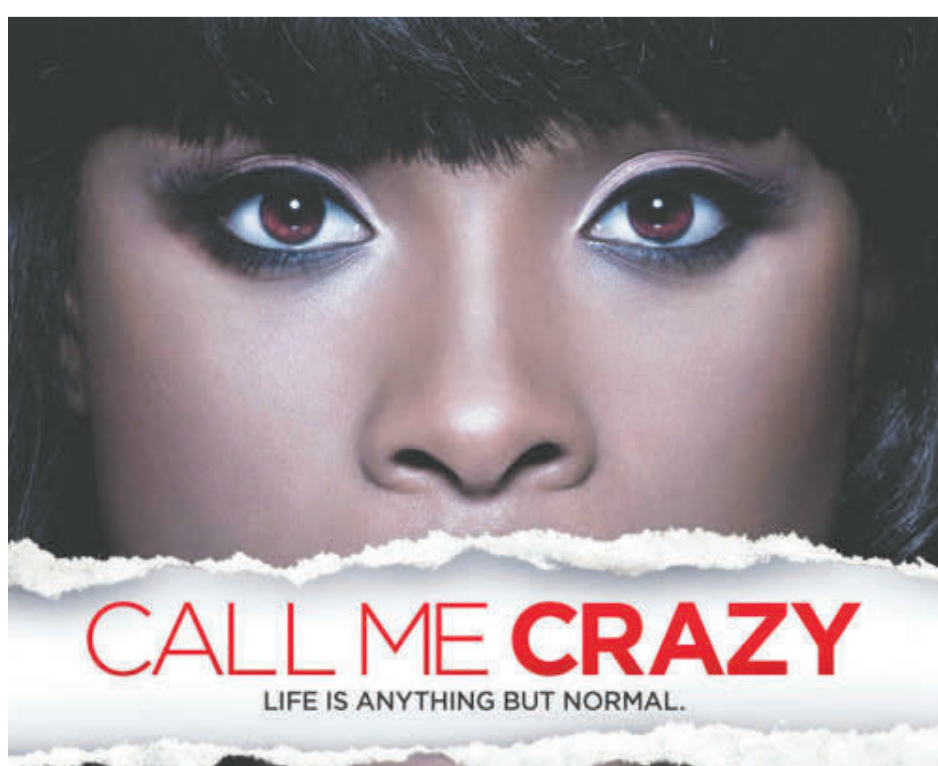
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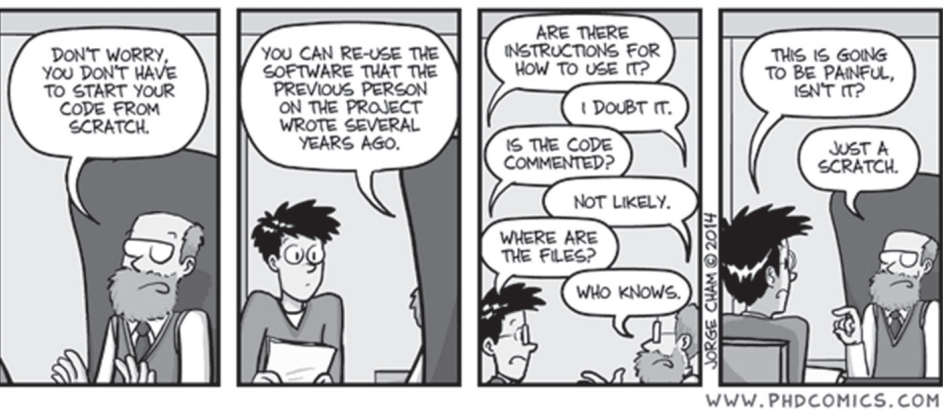
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Taurus

Play fun games today and tomorrow. Immerse yourself in diversion with family and friends. This Full Moon illuminates a new phase of responsibility at home and work, as you prioritize beauty and productivity. Relax into laughter.

Gemini

An organizational or beautifying project at home could be fun and satisfying over the next two days. Imagine perfection. A new phase opens in relationships with the Full Moon in Virgo. Bring flexibility and partnership.

Cancer

Learn from the competition. Make sure you know what's requested before doing the work. A turning point develops with the Full Moon around relationships, finances and independence.

Leo

You can prevail. The Full Moon reveals a new path in your education and finances. Plan ahead to save time. Consider the emotional impact of prospective changes. Map out directions, and list backup ideas.

Virgo

You can resolve disagreements. Work could interfere with domestic plans. Find creative ways to complete a project. The Full Moon (in Virgo) reveals a new view. Review your routines and improve your self-image. Use compassion.

Libra

There's a fork in the road, and a choice. A mystery gets unveiled by the Full Moon in Virgo. It could involve a course of study or interest. One phase ends and another begins.

Scorpio

A new phases dawns with the Full Moon concerning educational priorities. Manage conflicting assignments gracefully. A new perspective arises in your relationships. Find out what the other side wants. Provide powerful listening to your groups.

Pisces

New priorities develop in partnerships with the Full Moon in Virgo. Get back to business, inspired with a renewed vision. Resolve emotional issues for freedom and relief, and let go of limiting monologues. Create a dream together.

Sagittarius

Put family first and increase your comfort level. You can be two places simultaneously, through fantasy or technology. The Virgo Full Moon shines on a new phase in your career and status. Upgrade the style.

Capricorn

A new phase arises with the Full Moon in your educational adventures. Travel, study and new experiences tempt. Focus your schedule and budget to make it possible, staying sensitive to your spiritual side as you manage duties.

Aquarius

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Senior guard Brenton Williams celebrates during South Carolina's 71-69 win over Arkansas Thursday. The Gamecocks won two-straight games before falling to Tennessee.

Men's basketball wins first SEC Tournament games since 2008

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“Survive and advance,” coach Frank Martin said. “That’s all you’re geared up to do at this time of year.”

That’s the mindset Martin and his South Carolina men’s basketball team brought into last week’s SEC Tournament after finishing the regular season second-to-last in the conference.

And the Gamecocks did just that in the early rounds of the competition, shattering expectations by winning two games in as many days to reach the quarterfinals before falling to Tennessee on Friday.

“Real proud of my guys,” Martin said. “Real proud of their commitment to building our program, to going out there and fighting.”

No. 13 seed South Carolina’s tournament run began Wednesday when the Gamecocks took on an Auburn team that they lost to by 16 points just weeks prior.

South Carolina was in control from the start; finishing the first half with a 12-point lead on the way to a convincing 74-56 victory over the Tigers behind a career-high 23 points from freshman guard Duane Notice.

“I’ve just got to credit the coaching staff because

all year they’ve been on me,” Notice said. “I’m learning, or beginning to learn, the different spots and how to choose my spots when it comes to the point guard position.”

The win over No. 12 seed Auburn was South Carolina’s first SEC tournament victory since 2008.

The Gamecocks faced a quick turnaround, squaring off against Arkansas the next day. Since the No. 5 seed Razorbacks received a bye for the first round of the tournament, Thursday’s meeting with the Gamecocks served as their first contest in the Georgia Dome.

Arkansas proved to be a much more formidable opponent, as the score was tight throughout the game. With a two-point lead and just two seconds left on the clock, the Gamecocks were able to hold on as Arkansas’ potential game-winner fell short. South Carolina emerged as 71-69 victors to extend its improbable run in the conference tourney.

According to senior guard Brenton Williams, the Gamecocks’ two consecutive victories in the competition offer a glimpse into the future of the program.

“It shows what this team is capable of doing,” Williams said. “During the year we had our ups and downs, but I think towards the end of the year we started to make strides going into the right direction.”

In what would turn out to be Williams’ last game for South Carolina, the fourth-seeded Tennessee Volunteers proved too much for the

upstart Gamecocks. No South Carolina player was able to break double digits in the contest and the Gamecocks’ tournament run would end with Friday’s 59-44 loss to Tennessee.

“We didn’t back down,” Martin said. “We just didn’t have the ‘umph’ to that you need to defeat this kind of an opponent.”

South Carolina’s three games in Atlanta put the team’s year-end record at 14-20 with a 5-13 SEC mark. The Gamecocks’ 14 wins on the season match the total from a year ago despite this year’s considerably tougher schedule. South Carolina’s five conference victories are one better than the number achieved by last season’s team.

Barring any transfers, the program will return all but one of its players next year including three-time SEC Freshman of the Week Sindarius Thornwell.

With a young nucleus and steady improvement throughout the season, Thornwell hopes that the Gamecocks’ eye-opening run in the SEC Tournament is just the beginning for a South Carolina basketball program long overdue for a winner.

“It was good for us to come in and get things going toward the end of the season,” Thornwell said. “Hopefully it’ll carry over in the offseason — during the summer and preseason — and come November we can build off this and try to keep momentum going.”

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Gamecocks rally to claim series over Ole Miss

Baseball wins 2 Saturday after dropping 1st game

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It took 17 games for the No. 1 Gamecocks to pick up their first loss of the season, but the inevitable happened Friday as the South Carolina baseball team fell to No. 12 Ole Miss.

However, the Gamecocks (18-1, 2-1 SEC) turned it around quickly, taking both games of a doubleheader on Saturday to claim the series against the Rebels (17-4, 1-2 SEC).

The second game of the doubleheader saw an impressive pitching duel in a 3-1 win for South Carolina. Gamecock freshman right-hander Wil Crowe moved to 4-0 on the year after going 5.1 innings, allowing one run on six hits with a walk and two strikeouts.

The bullpen came in and did what it has done all season with junior righty Cody Mincey pitching three scoreless innings and allowing just one hit. Junior closer Joel Seddon retired both batters he faced in the last frame to earn his sixth save of the season.

South Carolina’s bullpen has not allowed a run in 61.1 innings with the last run given up against Bucknell on opening day.

“We don’t really talk about (the streak) that much,” Mincey said. “We just try to go in there and get a win and win the series and throw strikes.”

The Gamecocks were able to



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Sophomore second baseman Max Schrock homered twice in the series against the Rebels, including a pinch-hit home run that tied the first game of the doubleheader.

get to Ole Miss starter Sam Smith through some small ball. With two outs and runners at the corners in the bottom of the fifth, junior center fielder Tanner English laid a successful bunt down the first base line to score junior Connor Bright and give the Gamecocks a 2-1 lead.

Junior Joey Pankake increased the lead to 3-1 in the bottom of the eighth with an RBI single to left field.

Nine innings were not enough to decide game-one of Saturday’s doubleheader. South Carolina came back from a three-run deficit with two outs in the bottom of the ninth innings to beat Ole Miss 5-4 in 10

innings.

Bright hit an RBI single and then sophomore second baseman Max Schrock, not in the starting lineup with an ankle injury, came on to pinch hit and tied the game with a two-run homer.

Contrary to what the result would suggest, Schrock said after the game that his approach during that at-bat was not one for power.

“(My mindset) definitely wasn’t home run,” he said. “The guy on the mound was good, and I had two strikes on me so I was more so trying to stay up the middle and keep the inning alive, and it just so happened I saw a

pitch up and put a good swing on it.”

Senior Brison Celek was the hero in the 10th inning, coming through with a walk-off RBI single as a pinch hitter.

Seddon earned his first win of the season after freshman reliever Reed Scott kept the Gamecocks in the game with six scoreless innings where he struck out six batters and allowed only three hits. Sophomore left-hander Jack Wynkoop lasted just three innings, giving up four runs with two unearned on seven hits and one strikeout.

In Friday’s loss, Rebel Auston Bousfield hit a two-out grand slam in the top of the sixth inning to help the Rebels achieve a 6-4 win.

Schrock hit a solo homer in the bottom of the first inning and has four on the season now after the Ole Miss series. Junior Jordan Montgomery earned his first loss of the season, falling to 3-1 on the year. He pitched six innings, allowing six earned runs on six hits with three walks and five strikeouts.

Although South Carolina dropped its first game of the season to Ole Miss, coach Chad Holbrook considered the weekend a success having claimed the series against the Rebels.

“Some days, baseball puts you at a loss for words and I kind of felt that way today, especially after game one,” he said. “I have a resilient group of players who always believe that they can win the game and they found a way to do it when the odds were stacked against them.”

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