Auction closes out Fashion Week

Student designers, model and artists wrapped up USC's 2016 Fashion Week in style at the finale fashion show and silent auction. Student models strutted up and down a runway Thursday evening, sporting designs by local Columbia retailers and by the 2016 Student Designer of the Year, Hilaryavery, and student Marina Martin.

Before the fashion show, people attended browse student art and vendor tables with jewelry and clothing by the featured retailers, and other items were sold in a silent auction. The proceeds from the silent auction will go to the featured retailers, and student art and vendor tables.

Dates to know

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  - USC professor awarded $11.1 million NIH grant
  - Arnold School of Public Health professor Julian Fridriksson was awarded an $11.1 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to continue his research on strokes, according to a university release. The money from the National Institute of Deafness and Other Communication Disorders will go toward the creation of the Center for the Study of Aphasia Recovery at Carolina.
  - Fridriksson specializes in the effects of strokes on communication— including aphasia, a impairment of language caused by damage to the brain that affects more than one-third of stroke victims.
  - The grant will fund four specific projects that include working with chronic patients and those who have just had strokes as well as building recovery models and studying speech and language models. The work will utilize scans from USC's McCrady Center for Brain Imaging.
  - Fridriksson will work with fellow USC researchers Dirk den Ouden, Chris Gordon, Rohur Desai and Souvik Sen on the projects at Johns Hopkins University, the University of California Irvine and the Medical University of South Carolina. Fridriksson is a 15-year veteran of the Arnold School.
  - — Compiled by Emily Barber, News Editor

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**Students stay ‘Up ‘till Dawn’ for St. Jude**

Emily Barber

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In the early hours of Saturday morning, when the lights of Columbia were dark and quiet, a group of students socialized, danced and made duct tape fashion designs as part of USC's third annual St. Jude Up til Dawn event. The participants raised a total of $58,166 for St. Jude Children's Hospital.

The event was held at Bannour Thomason Wellness & Fitness Center from midnight until 6 a.m. The participants were divided into teams and could earn points through various challenges throughout the night, including competitions at the event and through social media.

The team representing Chi Omega sorority was the top fundraiser and won the team spirit award for earning the most points throughout the night.

Early in the event, St. Jude patient Haley Thomas gave a short summary of her experience with the hospital and thanked the event participants.

At seven years old, Thomas was sent to St. Jude, in Memphis, Tennessee, for life-threatening hemorrhaging in her head.

She was diagnosed with croupophleigenia, a brain tumor on her pituitary gland that hasn't given her much trouble in recent years. Now a junior at Pelion High School, Thomas is incredibly grateful to the hospital and loving and caring for her once.

"The best thing that I have ever been to up there is the St. Jude prom," she said.

The first of three challenges that the teams faced was a portrait competition, called “Pretty Muss Pickens,” in which each team had to trace and trace one of its members on a large piece of paper. The drawings were judged by creativity and accuracy.

Teams included details such as background and hobbies of the member they drew, as well as quotes and phrases they associated with St. Jude and the event.

The second challenge, called “Sheep and Shepherd,” required one team member at a time to direct the rest of their blindfolded teammates through an obstacle course using only their voices.

The teams had to collect as many as five donation baskets at the finish line of the course, so they had to go across more than once.

The third challenge was a different team member acted as "Shepherd."
SC civil rights activist dies at 73

Noted civil rights activist Clarence Graham died at his Rock Hill home on Friday, according to WIS. Graham was famous in South Carolina for his membership in the Friendship 9, a group of activists who were convicted of trespassing and spent 30 days in jail as part of a sit-in at a Rock Hill diner in 1961. Graham’s passing was announced by a spokesperson for the group, and no further details surrounding his death have been reported.

— Compiled by Mary Ramsey, News Editor

USC representatives travel to Cuba

Representatives from the University of South Carolina will travel to Cuba on Wednesday for a five-day visit with multiple Cuban universities and government officials, according to The State. The group will include four administrators and professors who will visit the University of Havana, the University of Cinefuegos and the ministries of higher education and tourism. The group will discuss opportunities for student exchanges in fields such as tourism and international business as well as opportunities for the S.C. Department of Commerce. Clemson University and the College of Charleston already have programs on the island. University President Harris Pastides is also expected to visit Cuba in May, and USC participated in a forum on Cuba in October along with representatives from more than 50 U.S. universities.

— Compiled by Mary Ramsey, News Editor

Alligator kills family pet on Hilton Head Island

An alligator killed an 85-pound pet husky on Hilton Head Island last week, The State reports. The dog escaped from its home and was found later the same day in a lagoon with teeth marks, indicating it had been pulled by the head into the water. The family requested that the alligator be removed, and a local business that removes nuisance wildlife said it was in the process of getting permits to remove the alligator from the area. Two individuals have been bitten by alligators on Hilton Head Island since 2012.

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Dawn said that they usually invited interactive nature of both of these three local instructors. The energetic, a hypnotist show and Zumba led by participants were entertained with like you’re helping and being a part of a chance to give back and really feel everyone’s lives, which is really sad, “throughout her life.

In between the challenges, the models strutted along a runway, and one team’s model took it to a new level when she did a flip toward the judges’ table. The sorority Delta Delta Delta had several teams attend the event, and their philanthropy chair, first-year public health student Valerie Pruc, also participated with a couple of her sisters. Because St. Jude is the sorority’s philanthropy and because of a recent trip to the hospital itself, Pruc said she was inspired to get more involved. “I feel like this is the least I can do to try and support St. Jude,” Pruc said.

"For me to just stay up for one night — that’s nothing compared to what these families have to go through."

Third-year nursing student Megan Gallagher said that she has known about St. Jude for a long time because her parents have given donations throughout her life. “I think cancer has really touched everyone’s lives, which is really sad,” she said. “But being here, it gives you a chance to give back and really feel like you’re helping and being a part of something.”

In the challenge, the participants were introduced with a hypnotist show and Zumba led by their local instructors. The energetic, interactive nature of both of these kept participants awake and excited throughout the six hours of the event. Erin Brunelle, shrimp, house relations student and public relations director for USC’s St. Jude Up ‘til Dawn said that they usually invited singers or other similar performers, which didn’t keep the participants moving or awake as well. “We had no one that could do it because it was Easter weekend so we were like, ‘Okay, let’s do a hypnotist,’” Brunelle said. “And then I saw another school did Zumba — so I suggested that like a week ago, and somehow we found someone.”

St. Jude is also the philanthropy for the fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon, which is how third-year finance and accounting student Wesley Long heard about the event. One of his fraternity brothers is on the executive team for the event, and Long was on the team “Cardinals’ Row.”

“IT just shows that we care,” Long said. “We care enough that we will come here and support St. Jude’s instead of whatever other plans we would typically make.”

The St. Jude Up ‘til Dawn program developed from a letter-writing program into its current state in 2011. Maya Smith, senior regional development representative for St. Jude’s fundraising branch, works with the USC chapter to organize the event and establish an executive team for the program.

“Every year our goal is to reach more students and get bigger and better,” Smith said. “The hope is just to be able to really spread more awareness about St. Jude at USC.”

The executive team started planning the event last April, Brunelle said. She got involved after attending the event in 2015. “She said she ended up falling in love with it,” Smith said. “I think mainly because St. Jude is the only hospital of its kind — because no patient or their family has to pay for anything there.”

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.

Police responded to reports of two men trying to break into a residence on Park Street on March 21 around 2 p.m., one of whom has a tattoo of a gamecock on the back of his right hand. The victim said that he had given the two men, who claimed to be looking for landscaping work, his business card, and they called him later that day asking if he was at his house. The victim’s roommate saw the two suspects moving with the victim’s window and confirmed them before they left the house and the police arrived.

On the evening of March 21, police and animal control removed a maltreated dog from a home where it was not provided with food or water. The dog, which belonged to 74-year-old Francis Schmieding, was struggling to walk around the backyard and was thin enough that its ribs and hip bones were visible. Schmieding never responded to any knocks at his door, so animal control officers removed the dog from the residence. The dog was slightly aggressive when they first approached it, but calmed down after it was fastened to a stretcher.

March 25 around 10:15 p.m., police responded to reports of an elderly woman causing a disturbance in a convenience store on River Drive. Diane Crawford, 60, was begging for money from the customers. She was about to buy several items, but then became violent and began throwing and crushing some of the merchandise.

When the victim started to call the police, Crawford grabbed his collar, yelled at him and shoved him. She then went back to her apartment, where police took her into custody.
**Batman v Superman: The Movie of the Century**

By Alondra De La Rosa

Saturday, March 28, 2016

Taking on New York with a style that is both edgy and iconic, Swift fans are already looking forward to the release of her new album, “1989.” With her signature look of a bright yellow polka-dot blouse, a blue skirt, and white tights, Swift is the perfect inspiration for any up-and-coming fashionista.

Swift's street style is both vibrant and classic. She wears her hair in loose waves and pairs it with bright lipstick that matches her eye shadow. She often accessorizes with a pop of color, whether it's a red bag or a yellow scarf.

Swift's style is not only visually captivating, but it also serves as an inspiration for fans of all ages. Her fashion choices range from casual to dressy, making her a role model for women of all backgrounds.

Swift is the perfect example of how to take risks with fashion and still look confident and beautiful. Her style is unique and playful, and it's easy to see why she is considered one of the most fashionable celebrities in the world.

Swift's style is not only about looking good, but also about feeling good. She has proven time and time again that fashion can be both fun and empowering. Whether you're a fan of Swift's music or not, there's no denying that her style is a force to be reckoned with. So, the next time you're staring at your closet, remember: Swift's style is not just about looking good, it's about feeling good too.
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The Best Of Carolina Just Got Better
Critics are comic book fans, a point where some of the top comic movie, hate director fanboys, can't appreciate a dark that the critical consensus is who viewed the movie as early regular people come in to that's been declining as more percent of filmgoers have was garbage.

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New travel opportunities arise spontaneously. Wait to make a final decision until you've researched the host value. Resist the urge to splurge. Simplicity satisfies; no frills necessary. Pack lightly and eat local food.

Taurus
Pay bills and send invoices over the next few days. Work together to align on practical spending priorities. Costs may be higher than planned. Act quickly on a bargain. Costs may be higher than expected. Act quickly on a bargain.

 Gemini
Get into an adventure together. You and a partner can use this time today and tomorrow. Plan an excursion. Provide the overall direction. Advise course to suit. Support each other.

Cancer
Get to work and expect it to get busy today and tomorrow. Anticipate more responsibility. It's easy to overwork ... keep a tight rein on the energy that comes through spending energy and relief, even if the impulse to run.

Leo
Fun with family and friends today and tomorrow. Head's full of profitable ideas. Online internet. Enlist support from your partner. Work quickly and carefully, without provoking syntax.

Sagittarius
You're even more on a roll now. You're more certain about what you're doing now. Your next move is the most important.

Capricorn
Enjoy an introspective day. Rest and recuperate today and tomorrow. Listen to the emotional undertones. Address an uncomfortable situation head on. Begin a fresh page in tranquil solitude. Pursue peace and harmony.

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Make a professional play over the next few days. Crazy dreams seem possible. Prepare for inspection. Keep communication clear, and modest; the supervisor checks your team's victory.

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“This was the perfect way for us to start the meet,” head swim coach McGie Monday afternoon, where we were going to be.”

The first day of the meet swam through 6:24 at the SEC Championships, when McGie said he had guessed that the team might produce a drop four in order to finish 25th in the country.

Thursday saw some strong individual performances for South Carolina. Three swimmers placed in the top ten in the first meet, with No. 4:19.93 in the 200 breaststroke setting a personal record and the German’s highest finish since 1991.

Senior Kevin Leithold, highest finish since 1991. Thursday to Sunday, the NCAA Championships @TDG_SPORTS

Drew Mueller

Gamecocks excel at NCAAs

and MVP of the 2016 SEC Tournament, which was the second-straight conference title for the Gamecocks. Mitchell was a key player in leading the Gamecocks to victory, dominating SEC opponents while also earning two years as a team captain.

When Mitchell stepped on campus, the Gamecocks were a fresh off a 25-10 season where they tied for fourth place in the conference. During his four years in Columbia, the Charlotte native won 21 games while losing just 18 — which is truly remarkable, as he was the driving force for so many of these seasons, particularly the win that led the team to the first Final Four appearance in school history.

Mitchell still has a team with two current NCAA swimmers listed as All-Americans, and she is considered one of the best players in program history.

From Khadijah Sessions, South Carolina fans got to see incredible effort, as the攻打 the strongest-game guard was always the first to attack the loose ball, and she was never afraid to play through foul trouble. Her game style was more of a pure sharpshooter, and she rose to the occasion in the Gamecocks, scoring 17 points and knocking down two of the team’s first half.

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