Students roll out condom fashion

BGLSA takes top prize in annual sexual health runway competition

Nikole Street

The Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, Straight Alliance took home top prize at the sixth annual Project Condom competition Tuesday, with a Captain America theme and more than 3,000 red, white and blue condoms.

For the sixth annual Project Condom runway competition, models showcased outfits that were designed with thousands of condoms. The event took place Wednesday night at Colonial Life Arena.

S e c o n d - y e a r i n t e r n a t i o n a l r e l a t i o n s student Tori Moore and first-year English student Raven Mathews secured first place with the costume, which included a rainbow-colored American flag. “What better symbol for America than Captain America?” Mathews asked.

The look, which was the product of about a month’s work, was meant to represent a different variation of sexual freedom, they said, so it was meant to represent the need for a destigmatization of homosexual sex.

Last year’s winner, Alpha Phi Omega, came in second place this year, with one of the night’s two Wonder Woman-themed pieces. Third place went to a team from Balanced life, who created a gladiator.

“We are making safer decisions while drinking,” said second-year exercise science student Caitlin Cox of the look she helped create for Changing Chasms. “You can still be safe while sexy.”

The group created the outfit with a Mardi Gras theme and was named the audience’s choice of the night after 264 votes were tallied.

Nearly 400 students attended the event, down from more than 500 last year, according to Thad Moore, Events director.

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Elephants stomp through Greek Village

Some things were just like normal by the Greek Village Tuesday morning. Traffic on Blossom Street was snarled, and a train blocked cars on Lincoln Street.

But this time, there were elephants.

To the chagrin of drivers and the delight of a gaggle of children, a chain of the massive mammals sauntered off a train toward the Colonial Life Arena, linking tails and trunks.

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The circus kicks off Thursday night at 7 p.m. and continues with eight performances through Sunday afternoon. Ticket prices range from $15 to $74.

—Compiled by Thad Moore, News Editor

More of Greene Street to be blocked off

Road to be closed during day from Preston College to Pickens Street after quiet renovation

Thad Moore

USC plans to start “training” drivers to avoid Greene Street during the day, as it plans to gate off the street starting Thursday.

The university plans to meet with city government and the state Department of Transportation about blocking traffic on Greene from around Preston Residential College to near Pickens Street during school days, according to Derek Grauer, Facilities planning and programming director.

The project would see the installation of three new gates: one just past the Petigru College Hall entrance, one that would enclose Preston Residential College and one uphill from the Russell House’s loading dock that would eliminate some on-street parking on Bull Street, according to university spokesman Wes Hickman. They’d be closed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The road closures are planned to start in mid-May, according to a presentation to USC trustees last week, the same time the university was planning to start upgrading the three residence halls.

The project as the $34 million bond to pay for it was about to go up for approval, so USC requested to push the vote back.

That could delay the start of the work, which is already expected to close the dorms next year, according to an email from university spokesman Wes Hickman. They were expected to

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SPRING PRACTICE

Defensive coordinator Lorenzo Ward said Tuesday defensive end Jadeveon Clowney has a lot to do if he’s going to be the nation’s top recruit.

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Women’s Quad renovation hits possible delay

State board vote pushed back for member concerns

Thad Moore

Renovations to the Women’s Quadrangle could be held up as a vote by the state Budget and Control Board to approve them was delay Tuesday.

A member of the board still had questions about the $27.2 million project as the $14 million bond to pay for it was about to go up for approval, so USC requested to push the vote back.

The delay could cause issues for the project.

The state budget board isn’t scheduled to meet until May 7, according to USC officials, who planned to start upgrading the three residence halls.

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Suspect spends $1k of stolen cash on pizza

Someone in Irmo’s evidently hungry for pizza. Lexington County deputies are investigating a case of credit card fraud that included more than $1,000 of food at a Pizza Hut on St. Andrews Road, WIS reports.

Over the course of 21 transactions, the suspect — police aren’t sure who — racked up a total of $3,047 in purchases, a representative of Pizza Hut’s corporate office told investigators. The suspect had been ordering food with two different names and addresses. In all, the representative said, the Irmo location has seen 64 other purchases that involved fraud.

—Thad Moree, News Editor

TSA to allow some pocket knives on planes

Flying home for spring break? Don’t try to take your pocket knife on board — not yet, at least.

The Transportation Security Administration announced it would start letting passengers take pocket knives on planes, as long as they’re not more than 2.36 inches long and half an inch wide.

In an average month, a large airport will round up 850 pounds of carry-ons prohibited by the TSA and jettisoned by passengers. About half of that consists of knives.

The change will start April 25, and, as The Wall Street Journal described it, it’s “one of the biggest moves to scale back the stringent airport-security measures established after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.”

—Thad Moree, News Editor
How it will affect the construction schedule isn’t yet clear, according to Hickman, and officials haven’t decided yet how they’ll react.

The Daily Gamecock called and emailed Hickman repeatedly to elaborate on his email Tuesday evening but did not receive a response.

USC has two key options: delay the start time of the project by a year and begin work in 2014 or see if contractors could speed up their work to finish in time for a Fall 2014 opening, The State reported. The Budget and Control Board could also hold a special meeting before May, a possibility for which there may be more support on the fire-member panel.

Comptroller General Richard Eckstrom, for example, is open to the idea, according to his spokesman, Eric Ward.

“I think he would even call for one himself,” Ward said.

The move to delay the vote caused confusion at the meeting Tuesday morning. Ward said Eckstrom hadn’t expected concerns to hold up the project and didn’t know whose questions had caused it.

Later Tuesday, The State identified Rep. Brian White, the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, as the member who caused the holdup, saying he has questions about university debt and the effects of federal fiscal issues.

Repeated efforts to reach White for comment were unsuccessful Tuesday.

Other board members have shared similar qualms with state projects.

Treasurer Curtis Loftis has focused on keeping projects on budget and avoiding buildings that are “overly fancy,” according to Brian DeRoy, his spokesman.

And Eckstrom has cautioned universities and state agencies that come before the Budget and Control Board to think carefully about the projects they bring, Ward said.

The board hears USC projects worth more than $500,000 and is the last of a six-step approval process.

Eckstrom’s concerned there’s a lot that remains to be seen about the federal fiscal environment, which has seen recent debates and uncertainty over the fiscal cliff, debt ceiling and sequestration cuts, Ward said.

How those factors will affect tuition and enrollment, for example, isn’t yet known.

But Eckstrom has visited the Women’s Quadrangle a few times and thought it was different — a health and safety issue, not a superfluous expansion — Ward said.

Last fall, some residents of Sims were moved out because mold was growing in their rooms. The three buildings were constructed between 1939 and 1959.

“[Eckstrom] was in the basement of one of them, and he didn’t want to stay there very long, because he just didn’t feel like it was safe with the mold,” Ward said.

The uncertainty of outside forces could also affect how much debt USC can take on in the future, according to an analysis by Barclays released last month.

USC has $112.8 million in debt, and it’s capable of taking on more, according to the report, but federal fiscal questions or changes in state funding could affect that.

Still, USC has made plans to add more, and the growing total has drawn concern from USC trustees at recent meetings.

Last week, trustees OK’d up to $84 million in bonds for a new law school building and a $18.6 million indoor football practice facility, which would be paid for in part by $11.5 million in athletics debt.

They also approved a tentative list of projects USC could one day pursue, including athletics facilities, a $27 million health center and a $29.3 million renovation of Bates West.

DELAYS
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“It’s always interesting to see what people can do with a found object,” said “Project Runway: All Stars Season 2” winner Anthony Auld, who was one of the hosts. Auld was joined by USC students, like second-year marketing and management student Courtland Thomas, and Ryan Wilson, the executive director of South Carolina Equality and founder of Project Condom, to host throughout the night.

“I’m always curious to see what other designers do,” Auld said. “It brings back a lot of memories.” Auld said he’s currently working on building a brand based out of the South. Later this month he will take part in New Orleans’ fashion week and will participate in a fashion show in Paris at the Louvre.

“My schedule for March was kind of crazy but this was something I wanted to do,” Auld said. Mathews said Wilson’s involvement in Project Condom’s founding helped inspire BGLSA members in this year’s competition.

“BGLSA started the event, so I feel like it’s one of those events that BGLSA needs to be a part of,” Mathews said.

The Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, Straight Alliance claimed first prize at Project Condom in the Russell House Ballroom.

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CORRECTIONS
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Ivy & Leo makes boutique looks affordable

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The shop, which is based out of Forest Acres shopping center Feb. 16, is a pretty pink palace of affordable designer dresses, jewelry, shoes and scarves.

The walls are painted bubble gum pink and track lighting sets customers inside a glowing dream house of pastels, line the walls on two racks. Reached, loose-fitting cover-ups hang beside belted strapless dresses, and free-standing racks of red, pink and baby blue skinny jeans make a rainbow through the center of the store.

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The clothes, the accessories and the shoes are all boutique finds, but Ivy & Leo has cut the cost that usually comes with these tags. The owners pick each piece of clothing for the six Ivy & Leo locations in North and South Carolina by hand, and/or their purchasing at shows in Las Vegas and New York City.

“Ivy & Leo tries hard to cater to all ages — from middle-school girls to their moms. Nothing the store stocks is too age specific,” Carpenter said.

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The first Ivy & Leo — named for the owning family’s two rescue dogs — opened in Charlotte in 2009. Carpenter is the manager at that location, and she is in Columbia to train new employees after the opening.

“In Charlotte, we’re known as a dress shop,” Carpenter said.

Girls come in to snag a Friday night going-out dress, while others shop for more formal occasions, like graduation. One woman even found her wedding dress at the boutique, Carpenter said. With their open-door policy and upbeat vibe, the Charlotte Ivy & Leo has already dabbled in social nights in the store. The shop will pick a day and offer a discount on merchandise with wine and cupcakes. A portion of proceeds have also gone to benefit charities in the past.

In Columbia, Carpenter has already set her sights on Ivy & Leo’s neighbor, Cafe Caturra, for a possible catered evening of shopping. The boutique also hopes to work with sororities for philanthropic events and college-budget-friendly trunk shows.

Hendrix titled “Easy Blues” is a standout. With a second guitarist, Larry Lee, joining Hendrix on the track, the legend shows how well he can be a team player while also spreading his wings for one of the most incredible solos he has ever played.

Hendrix was an innovator. He wasn’t afraid to take risks and experiment; after all, his band was called the Jimi Hendrix “Experience.”

Music is supposed to take you places, open up new worlds and help you forget about the monotonous aspects of everyday life. Hendrix knew how to do that, and the statement rings true of “People, Hell and Angels,” too.

While no amount of adoration or album sales can bring Hendrix back to life, it’s nice to know his spirit lives on through this glorious track listing.
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be a ballplayer,” Spurrier said. “You
can tell his body shape is completely
different. He’s probably lost 15 pounds
or more. He can run faster
deciding if USC can pick up its
season, the Gamecocks “must get away from”
those turnover problems have
popped up again, and Martin says
the leadership of
Jackson and Phillips will be key in
matching up its series with Ball
State at 4 p.m. today.
Injury note:
Senior catcher Jordan Montgomery
was diagnosed with a
stress-related injury
in his throwing elbow. The pitcher hopes to be
back in time for South Carolina’s series against
Arkansas at the end of
March. Hollbrook said he
does not know yet how
the injury will affect
his weekend starting
rotation. Wynkoop
may earn a weekend
start, but senior Adam
Westmoreland and freshman Curt Britt are also in the mix.
Montgomery has a 3-0
record and an ERA of
0.95 in three starts so far this
season.
Since defensive end Jadeveon Clowney’s dominant sophomore season, capped by a game-changing hit in South Carolina’s Outback Bowl win in January, he has handled the attention well, not paying attention to speculation that he could increase his draft stock by sitting out his junior year.

“Joel was disappointed with his last outing, and it was encouraging to see the way Seddon threw,” coach Chad Holbrook said. “He just has to be a good teammate and do what everybody else does. He knows all that, and I think he’s trying pretty hard to do that.”

Wynkoop said defensive coordinator Lorenzo Ward has to do a lot this season to improve technically and fundamentally.

Asked what kind of leadership he expects out of Clowney, he said, “I need him to be a leader.”

“We just have to score more runs,” Pankake said. “We have to go deep in the lineup and get ground balls, just like last time,” he said.

The Gamecocks will primarily look to the new receiving corps.

The defensive end finished last season with 13 sacks, and does not have a clear depth chart.

New receiving corps: South Carolina’s men’s basketball team will host Mississippi State tonight for a battle to get out of last place in the SEC.

The game against the Bulldogs is also senior night for the Gamecocks. Forward Likiake Jackson and reserve guard Shane Phillips will be playing their final home games of their college careers.

Earlier in the season, coach Frank Martin told reporters, “We still have opportunities to take the court and continue to take positive steps and move forward from where we were at to where we can finish at. He has been a big part of that. He has come in every day, and he has tried to do what he has been asked to do.”

Phillips had his most productive game as a Gamecock Saturday night at Texas A&M. The Pittsburgh, Pa., native played a career-high 11 minutes in the