5-year state, federal trends both reverse in 2011
Audra Price & Kathryn Krapic

Overall research funding at USC has steadily increased in the past five years, but reports show a noticeable shift in sources. While in the past five years, federal funding has generally been on the rise, it decreased this year. At the same time, state funding, which has been decreasing in the past five years, has gone up.

The university earned a total of $226 million for research in the 2011 fiscal year — about 77 percent of the $297.9 million requested.

While federal funding has slightly decreased in the past year, the federal government continues to provide the highest percentage of funding, said Dr. Prakash Nagarkatti, the vice president for research at USC.

The state gave $24.4 million in 2011. Since 2007, budget cuts have caused a 30 percent drop in state contributions; however, in the past year, state funding saw a 7.1 million increase.

Among USC’s top federal sponsors, the most steady increase in funding has come from the National Institutes of Health, with a total contribution of $29 million in the 2011 fiscal year and $21 million so far for 2012. At the same time, funding from the Department of Education dropped from $11.5 million in 2010 to $11 million in 2011, the lowest amount from a federal agency.

Private research donations have reached an all-time high at $66.6 million, an $13 million increase from 2010.

Faculty at the university are responsible for securing their own research funding sources for their respective research projects. Since 2007, the number of faculty receiving funding has increased from 279 to 607 faculty members who received funding in the 2011 fiscal year.

Dr. Seth John, an assistant professor in the Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences, said that while research is the main focus of his job, securing funding is vital to make that research possible.

“One big part of my job is writing grant proposals to bring in the money that pays for everything,” John said.

According to John, the Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences receives most of its funding from the National Science Foundation, a federally funded program. Along with NSF, the department receives funding from other sources, including NASA and other public and private foundations.

A report from the Office of IT and Data Management shows that the Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences brought in $3.8 million in the 2011 fiscal year, which accounted for about 7 percent of total funding received by the College of Arts and Sciences.
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Though many students might not be able to devote the time to owning a pet, they now have the option to spend a weekend with one if they want. Palmetto Animal Assistance Life Services (PAALS), a non-profit organization training service dogs, uses the help of volunteer fosters and weekend pup-sitters to give dogs a break from training. There are no fees for volunteers, and PAALS currently has 20 pup-sitters.

"A foster is someone who makes a minimum six-month commitment to take the same dog every weekend so they can build a relationship with that dog," PAALS Executive Director Jennifer Rogers said. "A pup-sitter is someone who will only take the pup for a weekend, and they don't know which pup it is when we need someone to cover for a foster. So, they just get on an email list, and we email them when we need coverage."

PAALS service dogs are divided into five categories. Service dogs for mobility challenges help individuals who are wheelchair-bound by turning on lights, opening doors and picking up items. Service dogs for autism provide comfort to their owners by pressing on a leg or lying in their laps as well as increasing their social skills. Service dogs for facilities assist professionals in the workplace by providing motivation to clients. Skilled home companions offer a range of abilities to make a homebound individual's life easier. Finally, service dogs for post-traumatic stress disorder ease their owner's fears by creating a physical barrier between the owner and others. These dogs mainly assist soldiers who suffer from the disorder.

Professionals typically breed PAALS service dogs, but sometimes rescue dogs are trained. However, rescue dogs are not as easily trained and are often more costly. Golden Retrievers and Labrador Retrievers have been the most successful service dogs, according to PAALS. Dogs usually begin training in young puppy for two years, giving them time to mature. PAALS website states that dogs should be trained for one to two hours a day for a minimum of six months. When a dog reaches 10 years old, it usually retires. Their owners can either continue to care for them, or they may be placed in a foster home.

Rogers said that the next pup-sitting/foster class begins on April 20 at the Capital Senior Center from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The class lasts throughout the weekend, with Saturday and Sunday's training taking place at the PAALS home base.

"During that weekend, it's a pup-sitters/foster class because everyone goes through the same initial class. They learn how to take care of the dog, how to feed the dog, how to walk the dog appropriately, how to put on their equipment, how to play or not play with the dog, what type of toys are OK to give our dogs, how to deal with other dogs, so there's lots of information. Also how to do basic care or how to tell a dog is having a medical issue," Rogers said.

Ellis Allen, a third-year sport and entertainment management student, is leading his HRSM 301 class group project. The group chose to raise money for PAALS by selling wristbands on Greene Street and at Five points for $3. PAALS provided the group with brochures to inform people who buy a wristband.

"It was something interesting that we'd never heard of before, so we decided we'd get it out there and raise awareness and money for them," Allen said. The group will continue selling the PAALS wristbands for a few more weeks, and the project will be concluded April 16.
Improving economy gives hope to students

So far this year, the ADP National Employment Report has brought some surprising findings. Even though the couple of years have been detrimental to the American economy, it seems employers are trying to make a conscious effort in hiring more workers to increase production. Additionally, the housing market has already been applying for mortgages in recent months, which is good news for the housing market.

In the last couple of years, it has been very difficult for anyone, regardless of qualifications, to get a job or a reasonably priced home. Some of the most qualified and educated people are having a hard time finding a job simply because companies cannot afford to put them on the payroll. As far as college graduates are having to take on less desirable jobs while they search for a career that fits their education and in which they can advance.

The goal of The Daily Gamecock’s Viewpoints page is to stimulate viewpoints page is to stimulate the sort of social stigma that causes supporting it, help create exactly the kind of country in which I want to live.

The Connecticut State Senate brought that some of the death penalty backlash to the spotlight Thursday when it passed a measure outlawing capital punishment for all future crimes. The bill is expected to see little resistance from either the state House of Representatives or Gov. Dan Malloy, with its assumed passage, Connecticut will join an increasing number of states that have, in recent years, abolished this practice. D o n’ t be fooled, the idea that the death penalty is some sort of “cure” simply veils the frankly base need to infuse pain into suffering on those who have caused it. As Americans, we are better than that. Our progress as a nation is reflected in the principles of our justice system, and it is our duty to use the same treatment of justice as a role model for the rest of the world.

Beyond this moral duty, there is the increasingly troubling financial cost of death penalty imposes on state budgets. International consistently rank the cost of death penalty to be at millions more than non-capital crimes. In economic terms, any attempt to free the states of death penalty policies should be welcomed by all.

This is 2012. The extreme practices of our ancestors should come to an end. It’s 2012 and the Senate brought that issue of capital punishment for all future crimes.

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“Fetal pain” bill ignores social factors

In an extended end-of-the-year discussion on March 29 Georgia passed the “fetal pain” bill which outlaws abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy. The bill is also known as the “women as livestock” bill, renamed after Rep. Terry England and an insane parallel northern California farmer giving birth to dead calves — and women in America facing abortion.

The bill is founded on the notion that a fetus will feel pain at 20 weeks and outlaws any abortion after this point. Doctors who assist in abortions after this point could be charged with a felony and must face years in prison. A 2005 study suggested that it is extremely unlikely that a fetus feels pain until after the third trimester, going on to explain that the nervous system connections that are even required to feel pain do not develop until the fetus is born into the pregnancy. At 20 weeks, the nerves required to feel pain are not even there and will not exist for nearly a month.

While the original bill required any legislation that lasted over 20 weeks to be delayed several months, exceptions were pushed by the fast-making process, in the case of fetuses in which case the fetuses have rights that would render the fetus unable to survive outside of the womb. For years, there has been a movement to not psychologically torture women by forcing them to go through to medical distress was met with resistance by several Republicans, including the bill’s author, Rep. Doug McKell. However, some modicum of sanity won out. Outside of the restrictions on the fetus’s viability, all fetuses that are the result of rape or incest beyond the 20-week mark must be examined.

One anti-abortion protester noted that the bill will save “1,500 lives a year,” but whose lives are being saved? A 1999 journal article on abortion and its effects tracked 160 low-income teenagers who did and did not have abortions of unwanted pregnancies. It found that those who terminated their pregnancies were better off economically, were more likely to graduate high school and experienced a higher level of trust in society than the group which carried their children to term.

The 2008 American Psychological Association’s literature review of negative psychological responses following abortions found that the emotional process and the stigma, lack of support and prior abortion experiences are more likely to be discussed. The language used by individuals suggests that there is currently a sort of social stigma that causes psychological stress. Boys such as those, roots in poorly judged morals and social norms, which do not improve the quality of life of anyone and, according to the research, achieve the opposite effect.

Law maintains bias againstsurroundingabortion

About The Daily Gamecock

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Chili Peppers to rock Columbia

5 tracks to get you pumped for Saturday

Kristyn Witch

Despite a concert postponement due to lead singer Anthony Kiedis’ foot injury, the Red Hot Chili Peppers will bring its alternative rock sound to a sold-out crowd at Columbia’s Colonial Life Arena tomorrow night.

The band, which has seen its share of lineup changes since its formation in 1983 and who will be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame this month, will play tracks off its latest release, “I’m With You,” as well as older fan favorites.

Take a listen to The Mix’s playlist of five of the Red Hot Chili Peppers’ hottest tracks to get you hyped for tomorrow’s show.

“Californication” A must for any Red Hot Chili Peppers playlist, this is probably the band’s most recognizable song. The title song off the album of the same name, “Californication” chronicles the gritty world of Hollywood and the idea that “sex sells.”

“Scar Tissue” One of the band’s slower jams, "Scar Tissue" is the band’s most recognizable slow ballad. A great way to wind down before heading out.

“Under the Bridge” Another one of Kiedis’ best songs, this tune has been a favorite of fans for years. A great track to jam along with.

“Snow Financial” This is one of the band’s more well-known tracks, and a great one to crank up on the dance floor.

“By the Way” A great album cut off the band’s self-titled album, “By the Way” is a classic. A great way to wrap up the evening and start the party off right.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers will play to a sold-out Colonial Life Arena crowd tomorrow night after postponing their original stop in the Palmetto State’s capital city due to lead singer Anthony Kiedis’ foot injury January.
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"I love the feel of Five Points and the way everyone is close-knit, like family," Dean said. "We protect each other, send customers to other stores around us and help each other whenever needed."

Dean plans to hold a grand opening event near the end of the month. The event will feature discounts and giveaways like gift cards and VIP shopping cards. More information on the event will be announced next week.

Dean suggests that shoppers who haven't checked out Petal yet stop in soon. "We feel so loved here already," she said. "Thanks to everyone who has shopped with us so far and, if you haven't been in yet, we welcome the chance to meet you."

Petal is located at 743 Saluda Ave. The store is open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and by appointment only on Sundays.

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"Scar Tissue" shares a tale of loneliness with haunting imagery woven between the song's chorus: "with the birds I'll share this lonely view, yeah."

"Under the Bridge"

Though it's an earlier RHCP track, the song remains the band's highest charting single of all time. The song, which was featured on 1991's "Blood Sugar Sex Magik," is another stripped-down track. But we bet when Kiedis kicks in with the opening lines ("Sometimes I feel like I don't have a partner / Sometimes I feel like I'm the only friend"), you'll find yourself joining in.

"Snow (Hey Oh)"

This track, the band's eleventh number one single, was featured on 2006's Grammy-winning album "Stadium Arcadium." Its themes are philosophical, as Kiedis digs deep with lyrics like "Come to decide that the things that I tried / Were in my life just to get high."

The "Snow" chorus is easy to pick up on, so if you're headed to the concert but don't know all the band's lyrics, you can at least sing along to this one.

"The Adventures of Rain Dance Maggie"

The first single off 2005's "I'm With You" is still at heavy rotation on alternative radio stations. The upbeat song features groovy cowbell, lots of power chords and a catchy chorus that's sure to get concertgoers jumping up and down and singing along.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. with opening act Santigold. If you didn't get tickets or can't make the Easter weekend performance, the Chili Peppers are coming to town again. Seats are still available for the band's April 9 show at the Greensboro Coliseum in Greensboro, N.C. Visit redhotchilipeppers.com/tour for more information.

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For head men’s tennis coach Josh Goffi, the main goal throughout this season has been to improve the Gamecocks’ pecking order in the SEC, which is widely considered the strongest conference in the country.

South Carolina will look to move up a couple more notches this weekend when it takes on No. 27 LSU Friday and then No. 41 Arkansas on Easter Sunday.

The conference season has not been kind to the Gamecocks thus far, but the team did manage to pick up its first SEC win of the season last Friday against No. 66 Alabama.

“I felt like we needed to get on the board in the SEC and we did,” Goffi said. “The first one is always the toughest, especially for a young team like this. The guys are anxious to use that and reestablish their pecking order in the SEC. It starts with this weekend.”

LSU and Arkansas, though ranked, are two of the middle teams in the SEC, an indication of just how tough the conference is. After this weekend, there is only one regular season match left so the team knows it must take care of business.

“The guys are very excited,” Goffi said. “Our goal this weekend is to go out and see what we can do against LSU and if we get a win there, we are going to try and consolidate with the sweep.”

One of the main problems for USC has been the youth of the team; seven of the 10 roster players are underclassmen. With this inexperience comes some immaturity, and Goffi said this has hurt the team at times this season.

“Each guy needs to be held accountable on their own,” Goffi said. “We didn’t necessarily go out there (last week) and lose on purpose; it’s just guys [at this] age sometimes don’t have the emotional stability. They get so caught up in the moment that they lose perspective of what’s going on.”

The Gamecocks’ tough schedule this season has provided the perfect opportunity for the team to grow, even if it has not showed in the results. USC will need to translate the improvement into wins if it hopes to reach the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2009.

“This matches are huge for a lot of reasons,” Goffi said. “We’re on the (NCAA) bubble right now at No. 39. Usually the top 39 get in to the tournament, but it can sometimes bleed down to 42 or 43. There are a lot of factors that go into getting into the tournament, but that is one of our big time goals because we haven’t gotten there in a while.”

The doubles team has not been a problem for Goffi as it has won three out of its last four matches, it is singles that has struggled. The inconsistency likely has a lot to do with the level of competition throughout the league.

“Every single day we are striving to improve, and we are improving,” Goffi said. “The guys are getting better and improving as the season goes on. It’s hard for outsiders to see, but the guys are doing a amazing job.”

Goffi reacts to former women’s tennis coach Arlo Elkins’ death:

“Arlo was a great man. He was definitely a mentor to me in the short time that we were together and I am definitely going to miss him. His laugh was infectious; whenever he walked into the building, I could hear him laughing and talking. It was something that I looked forward to every single day. He did a lot for me and helped me out as a young coach, and I think he enjoyed that and we had a great relationship.”
Vanderbilt, senior pitcher Matt Price knew that securing the series win in the final two innings at Tennessee would keep him there so he can experience success in the bullpen. Since Price started the year in the bullpen and rarely worked out of the pen, he would likely be staying in the bullpen on a more permanent basis.

“arly in the season Price told Montgomery to relax before his outing, but it was reassuring to see him step up and get the Saturday start after he allowed two hits and a walk in the first inning. Price said he “got in his face” and told Montgomery to find out who could step up and fill that role. "We’re having to climb," Tanner said. "It’s the first time we take the floor, then we’ll have some guys who haven’t been in the lineup. We’re not done recruiting, so we’re in a position to go to the postseason."

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