Teams will compete ‘Under the Carolina Big Top’ this week

Madeline Collins

Monday marks the start of USC’s homecoming week, leading up to Saturday’s matchup against Furman University. This year’s theme, “Under the Carolina Big Top,” was chosen this past spring during the homecoming Executive Board’s retreat.

“Every year, we try to pick a theme that we can incorporate into the week of events to make them as excited and entertaining as possible,” Brewe said. “The circus is the epitome of excitement and fun, and we think it fits perfectly with the week we have planned for the students.”

New events like Field Day, Trivia Night and Carolina’s No. 1 Fan will combine with annual events this year to give competitors more opportunities for points throughout the week.

In the past, only student organizations were able to participate in the homecoming points competition. But, there is the new addition of a residence hall division, and at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, residence halls will be judged on their lobby decorations as a part of the competition.

“Every year we see how the events engage the students and build on USC’s traditions of community and spirit,” said Alexis Brew, homecoming commissioner and a third-year psychology student.

For the past few weeks, students have submitted videos to the Executive Board’s retreat.

CUSC’s Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, Straight Alliance (BGLSA) encouraged students to come out to Green Street on Oct. 1 to celebrate National Coming Out Day (NCOD) during LGBTQ History Month.

The Supreme Court action of the matter is settled. Court halted the issuance of licenses until a federal court rules on the constitutionality of the South Carolina law.

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Man found unconscious after fight in Five Points

An unidentified 23-year-old Tennessee man was found unresponsive on the ground by officers before 3 a.m. Sunday on the 700 block of Harden Street, between Yesterday’s Restaurant and Tavern and the Exxon gas station, The State reported.

According to a statement from Columbia Police Department spokesperson Jennifer Tannen, the unidentified man got into fight with a man named Karl William Wiant III. Wiant was arrested a short distance from the location of the incident and charged with assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, but police are still searching for a motive for the fight.

The unidentified man is in critical but stable condition in an area hospital, and Wiant remains at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center. — Natalie Pita, News Editor

Police investigate shooting outside apartment complex

Officers responded to a shooting that occurred at the 4000 block of Plowden Road, near South Beltline Boulevard, shortly before 10 p.m. Saturday, The State reported.

The Columbia Police Department found a man who had been shot multiple times outside of a Columbia apartment complex, and he is now is stable condition at a local hospital. Officers are searching for any evidence in connection with the shooting.

Anyone with information related to the incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-888-CRIME-SC. — Natalie Pita, News Editor

Popular 60-year-old radio host dies of heart attack

Popular Upstate radio host Russ Cassell, died early Saturday morning at 60 years old, according to WIS TV.

The Greenville County native had a heart attack in his home, and a medical crew was unable to revive him. Cassell started in radio career in 1980 and had been on an on personality at WORD-FM since 1994. He hosted “The Russ Cassell Show” every weekday, and the station general manager said the show was listened to by millions every day.

“There are some radio personalities who are larger than life. That was Cassell,” said WORD Operations Manager Bob McLain. “[Cassell] was passionate about what he believed and was dedicated to keeping people informed. He was a brilliant and very talented radio host and a personal friend. His loss will be greatly felt by all of us in the WORD family, those who worked with him and those who listened to him.”

WORD-FM will pay tribute to Cassell with special programming during the week of Oct. 13. — Natalie Pita, News Editor

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Furthermore, USCPD wants students to ask for a return phone number from anyone who calls and claims to be a law enforcement officer or a member of another government agency. If you receive multiple calls, USCPD asks that for help in the investigation making a log of times, topics and demands of the call to give to police.

Victims of phone scams are encouraged to report suspicious people and related crime tips to law enforcement or CRIMESTOPPERS at 1-888-CRIME-SC. Anonymous tips can be sent through text or online at www.midlandcrimestoppers.com.
Check out what Carolina Dining has planned for you!

**Tues. 10/14**

**TACO DAY AT BATES**  
#HowdoUtanURtaco  
5:30–8:00pm

**Wed. 10/15**

**WINGS & POPCORN AT BATES**  
11:30–2:00p.m.

**GO BIG AT RUSSELL HOUSE**  
1st floor GMP

Come see Williams-Brice Stadium recreated into a BIG cake! Assembly will start in the morning and be completed around lunch. Grab your very own piece of sweet WillyB while supplies last.

**Thurs. 10/16**

**OKTOBERFEST AT HONEYCOMB CAFE**  
11:00–2:00pm
Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, Straight Alliance (BGLSA) members and allies packed PT’s 1109 and anxiously awaited the famous drag queen Patti O’Furniture to announce the start of the Ms. Gaymecock pageant Friday.

It was time for USC’s BGLSA names two performers as the year’s Mr. and Ms. Gaymecock in its annual fundraiser.

As president of BGLSA, Devon Sherrell was proud to organize the event to showcase talented students.

“This is really a talent, and it’s something that people have to work really hard for,” Sherrell said. Even though Ms. Gaymecock is a competition, the night was more like a party, where attendees danced to the hits and colorful lights flashed in celebration of the right to be whoever they want to be.

O’Furniture’s charismatic and self-confident image helped contestants and aspiring drag kings and queens accept themselves for whoever they were.

“Remember, labels are only for boxes in little kindergarten classrooms,” O’Furniture said.

O’Furniture feels close to the USC BGLSA, considering she was the advisor of the University of South Carolina’s chapter 16 years ago.

With the original stage name Crystal Stone, O’Furniture’s close friend Tabitha inspired her to put a goofy twist on her given name, Pat. And thus, Patti O’Furniture was born.

After each contestant was introduced, they were

BGLSA puts on annual drag show, crowns yearly pageant winners Friday

Lauren Guida
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Inaugural festival Saturday brings together two, four-legged friends

Emily Olyarchuk
@OlyarchukE

On a warm October evening, pups wagged their tails to the beat of “Don’t Stop Believing,” while their owners sipped on locally brewed beer. The yard was decorated with gravestones, and children were playing corn hole. It was Columbia Humane Society’s first ever ‘Woofstock.’

The Humane Society teamed up with River Rat Brewery last Saturday to host the family and dog-friendly festival to promote the society’s many pet services.

“We wanted to do something with River Rat,” said Erin Smith, director of public support for the Humane Society. “We are so happy to have such a great turn out.”

Attendees enjoyed air conditioning in the River Rat Brewery’s newly furnished bar and sat at picnic benches outside and listened to local cover band Jet Lag Jones. Folks could choose between a number of River Rat’s beers, including popular Hazelnut Brown Ale and Broad River Red. The $30 tickets at the door bought guests two drink tickets and an afternoon of fur-filled fun.

A silent auction offered champagne gift baskets and weekend getaways to the highest bidders. The venue was decorated in the spirit of October with jack-o-lanterns and beheaded creatures on the shelves, while the band played rock classics like Journey and The Black Keys.

Columbia resident Lisa Verano said “bringing the dogs” was her favorite thing about the festival. Families of all shapes and sizes came out, including the “four legged children.” There were even a few dogs up for adoption visiting from the Humane Society.

“It is nice to see that all the animals out here, supporting a good cause,” Columbia resident Sharon Broadnax said. She and her brother Gregg Broadnax enjoyed River Rat Brewery’s Hazelnut Brown Ale while admiring the festivities.

Smith said that the overall energy of the event was her favorite part of the festival.

“It is nice to see everyone gather together with the same passion and mission,” she said. “We would like to do this again next year with more bands and families.”

The Humane Society raises money to fund its low-cost spay and neuter clinic, which serves the Midlands community. Smith said they’ll implement a mobile, spay-and-neuter clinic in January, in order to reach the wide-spread community. Customers will be able to call the Humane Society, set up an appointment and have the mobile van arrive at their home. The Humane Society also employs a full-time animal cruelty investigator.

The organization partners with USC for volunteer opportunities and gives students a chance to satisfy leadership distinction graduation requirements.

But the USC connection didn’t stop there — several students from USC’s Department of Hospitality and Retail Management helped plan and operate of this event. Columbia Humane Society’s next big event will be the Sue Spot Run on May 16. Volunteer applications are available at www.humanesc.org/volunteer.
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Upcoming flu clinics

- Oct. 9    Thomson Student Health Center patio  9 a.m.-noon
- Oct. 13   Strom Thurmond Wellness & Fitness Center  2-4 p.m.
- Oct. 14   Thomson Student Health Center patio  1-3 p.m.
- Oct. 15   Darla Moore School of Business  10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Oct. 20   Thomson Student Health Center patio  9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Oct. 21   Darla Moore School of Business  10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Oct. 22   Housing Residence Hall  11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Oct. 30   Women’s Quad (Lims lobby)    11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Cash, check, debit/credit and Carolina Card accepted at the Thomson Student Health Center; payment options may vary at other locations.

Or get your flu shot at the Thomson Student Health Center Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
For more information about the flu vaccine, call 803-777-9511 or visit www.sa.sc.edu/shs/flu.

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Crowed around the changing table, consulting the results of their blood tests, Katerie Warke and Jasmin Wilkerson waited for Mimi to decide on their latest creation.

Mimi suggested Katerie wear a head-to-toe glitter outfit with a serpent sock puppet on her leg and Jasmin wear an outfit made entirely of leaves.

“Drag is a uniquely LGBT art form that everybody can appreciate,” she said.
Ebola spread partly our fault

The following are two sentences I hoped I’d never have to say: Ebola is in the U.S. And it is spreading.

Yes, “conventional” diseases are much more deadly than Ebola. The common flu kills thousands of people each year. While this may seem like an economic collapse — we lose a sure self-confidence, a life, maybe, even a future. We don’t know if we have the health care system to support the treatment of this disease.

According to Dr. Dan Varga, who heads Texas Health, the very old and very young. The common flu kills many more people than Ebola. Young, rich, poor, whatever. If you are 65 years or older, you are much more likely to contract it and die from it. And we are at the beginning of the millennium, a “microvirus” disease. The U.S. is responsible for far more deaths than the common flu. It has killed millions of people yearly.

The world is worried about him. And the whole world is worried about the disease. On the one hand, the whole world is worried about the disease.

Ebola kills everyone. Young, old, rich, poor, whoever. If you have it, you have it, you have it. And even if you have it, you could have a very small chance of surviving. By many estimates, it only has a 10% to 40% percent chance of surviving.

There isn’t an effective antiviral or drug for it, with the exception of experimental ZMapp, of which there simply isn’t enough to go around.

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Taurus
Keep your long-term optimism in mind. Accept constructive criticism without irritation. You can count on this being an educational expense. Use this opportunity to study together. You're very bonding over the next two days. Shop locally for momentos.

Gemini
Incooperate with co-workers. Observe the situation, newly revised. Work now, and play in a few days. It gets profitable. Don't show a critical unworkable mind. Work it to your advantage.

Cancer
Improve your property's value with cosmetic upgrades. Ideas flood your awareness. You see the direction to take. Get all the pertinent information and tomorrow gain confidence today and tomorrow. Take the philosophical path less traveled.

Leo
Your luck has changed for the better. Think it over. Schedule carefully to leave time for contemplation. Convey your deepest feelings to your partner. Invest in home, family, and real estate. Save something each month.

Virgo
Social activities produce results with maximum fun. You work well with others today and tomorrow. Get into a game with friends, and amplify your efforts with group collaboration. It could even get profitable.

Libra
Follow through on your promises. Publicize a joint success. It's a good time to ask for money. Abandon old faults with others today and tomorrow. Get into a game with friends, and amplify your efforts with group collaboration. It could even get profitable.

Scorpio
Travel and exploration entice you outside. Choose a good companion. Consider all your moves wisely. The news affects your decisions and future. Don't react impulsively. Flow like water, to adapt to shifting terrain. Relax.

Sagittarius
Travel in stride. You're feeling the need to advise. What you need. Success is your reward. A partner feels compelled to advise. Take it in stride. You're acquiring wisdom, and learning fast.

Aquarius
Focus your work today and tomorrow. Friends make an action suggestion. You'll like the result. You could be tempted to do something impulsive. Fall into a fascinating exchange of ideas. Brainstorm now for further expansion.

Pisces
Make plans for expansion. Your credit rating's going up. Stash away your property and friends. Speak of it forever. Get animated, inspired and moved. Your words have great power now. Slip into relaxation phase today and tomorrow.

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South Carolina leaps over Auburn 10 to 9

Equestrian team earns first win of season against Tigers Friday

David Roberts (correspondent)

No. 6 South Carolina picked up its first win of the season this weekend when the team trumped No. 3 Auburn 10-9.

The Gamecocks (1-2, 1-1 SEC) outscored the Tigers in equitation and equitation over fences, earning a decisive victory in the hunt seat arena. A four-to-one point advantage over Auburn in the equitation event powered South Carolina to a lead that would not dissipate. Auburn outscored the Gamecocks 707 to 699.5 in the western arena; however, the South Carolina team was able to score enough points to keep the match close.

“This was a great win for us today and I’m very proud of our girls for how hard they fought today,” head coach Boo Major said. “We knew Auburn was going to give us their best shot today, so it was nice to see us get a tough road win. Auburn had about three weeks to get ready for this meet, and we had just six days, so that really tells me a lot about this team and what we’re capable of.”

The team’s win over Auburn marks the fifth match against its SEC foe, including a victory in last year’s semifinals. The Gamecocks return to SEC action against Texas A&M on Oct. 31 at home in Blythewood, South Carolina.
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Cassie Hilton

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South Carolina's men’s team has a week to
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against Penn State but rebounded the next day,
picking up a win against Navy.

The Fighting Irish secured a win against
Michigan State to open up this season, then
placed second in the Dennis Stark Relays.

The event featured Ohio State, Notre Dame, Illinois
State as well as Olivet Nazarite.

The Gamecocks’ men’s team and women’s
team are slated to jump off this Friday at 4 p.m.
in Atlanta, Georgia.