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$164,000 for research
Relay For Life raises over $4,168.79 in total.
This year marked the 30th anniversary of Relay For Life, and, according to Kristy Lagarde, director of external affairs, it was a chance to celebrate through a throwback theme. Each team celebrated a different decade or time period and fundraisers and games corresponded with those themes. For 12 hours beginning at 7 p.m. Friday night, students, faculty and Relay for Life supporters walked laps around Blatt Fields in order to fundraise for the American Cancer Society.
"I was so excited to see teams stick it out through the rain for the duration of the event," Lagarde said. "It was almost expecting the event to suffer due to the weather, but the rain didn’t seem to bother anyone.”
Participants this year were welcomed to the event with the opening ceremony after which the Relay officially began with the survivor lap, where survivors of cancer walked to celebrate their victory over cancer. The next lap was the caregiver lap, during which those who had taken care of cancer patients were invited to walk. Finally, the rest of the Relay participants were invited to walk through during the official opening lap.
Of the 81 teams and 1,676 community members that participated, each was asked to leave one member of their group walking the track at all time as a representation of the fact that cancer never stops, but there were measurable benefits across the participating communities," Jennifer John, president and CEO of Keep America Beautiful, said in a press release. “The Great American Cleanup makes a meaningful impact on the environment and the well-being of communities throughout the country.“
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Kelli Caldwell
What a ride. The No. 1 South Carolina Equestrian team rinsed past the competition in the Seahawks’ lead over USC’s Relay For Life 2015.
In the western division of the South Carolina initiative, the Gamecocks’ lead over USC’s Relay For Life 2015.
The victory gave the Gamecocks their fifth title since 1999 and South Carolina head coach Bob Mann has now coached three different teams to a championship in her 17-year tenure as head coach.
Staying on Saturday bright and early, South Carolina knocked off early favorite Baylor in the semifinals, stunning the Bears 10-6 to advance to the national championship.
Heading into Saturday’s season finale, the Gamecocks knew they would have their hands full — they were going up against the defending national champion Georgia team that had already beaten South Carolina once and the Bulldogs won the SEC Championship just a few weeks back.
Nonetheless, South Carolina came out on top and most when it mattered the most and ended the season with one of the biggest wins in program history.
Major was impressed with Georgia’s ability in the finals, but she couldn’t have been more proud of her team for finishing the season strong and winning the title.
Major had no problem for the Gamecocks as junior Adele Norton earned third place in reining to seal the Gamecocks ahead.
Finally, junior Sarah Bouchard finished things off as she defeated Georgia’s Lauren Tieche 136.5-128 in ruling to seal the deal for South Carolina.
Major said. “For Sarah Bouchard to clinch the meet for us — I think that was a way to win the championship.”
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Conflict of Interest: Kelli Caldwell, a member of the media relations office, is a member of the Gamecocks’ Equestrian team.
With its victory over Georgia, South Carolina now has three NCAA National Championships in program history.
Scootaway, an on-demand moped ride-sharing company founded by a former USC student, announced Sunday that Columbia will become the first of 20 locations that the company plans on opening, beginning May 7, according to a press release.

One of the major reasons Columbia was chosen for the initial location was the city’s “commitment to alternative traffic and parking congestion caused by traditional modes of commuter transportation made it the perfect choice,” according to the release. The going rate for renting a moped through Scootaway is $2.99 for half an hour, which can be paid through a phone app where the user can also unlock and start a scooter and get access to a helmet.

—James Stewart, Assistant News Editor

**Target stores, website overwhelmed during Lilly Pulitzer launch**

Target experienced a stress-test like no other on Sunday, with the launching of its new Lilly Pulitzer line, which sold-out both online and retail in a mere matter of minutes, in some cases according to The State.

For most of the morning, Target’s online store had a steady flow of traffic following some technical difficulties earlier in the day, and by noon, everything was “virtually sold out,” according to Target spokesperson Joshua Thomas.

Despite online complaints regarding the companies issues with the online store, generally speaking, the event was considered typical for Target, where launches are often done with “tight supply,” and “done purposefully to stoke demand and Internet chatter.”

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**Hundreds feared dead after overloaded fishing vessel capsizes off Italian coast**

Hundreds of migrants are assumed to be lost after an overcrowded fishing vessel capsized off the Italian coast Sunday, according to a press release.

By Sunday night, only 28 survivors had been rescued, according to Italian authorities.

Over 400 migrants are assumed to be lost after an overcrowded fishing vessel capsizes off the Italian coast, according to Italian authorities and several news reports.

This latest accident is the most recent in a pattern of mass migration that Europe is experiencing from across the Mediterranean as many are choosing to make the dangerous journey across the sea and risk drowning.

Last week, 400 were presumed to have drowned following another boat capsizing, which would bring the 2015 migrant death total to over 900, according to the U.N.

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to partner with Indie Grits to create a tasting event, she knew chefs, so when the Nickelodeon asked if she would like the co-chair of Slow Food Columbia, got to know these best chefs for the Nick’s Oscars party every year. Bloom, the theatre for awhile, gathering appetizers from Columbia’s eating.

Midlands and host events for people to bond over clean food to be “good for them, good for the people who are producing the food in a conscientious way, because all the restaurants and farms are from Columbia and the surrounding areas, Slow Food at Indie Grins isn’t run about food. It is also about community.

“This event brings that community together of people who are producing the food in a conscientious way, who are buying and preparing those ingredients, and making beautiful dishes and restaurants, and cocktails for that matter.” Bloom said. “And then the people who like to go support those farms, farmers, and support those restaurants in the Midlands. We all get together and have a good time and enjoy our wonderful food culture.”

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Slow Food Columbia and Slow Food at Indie Grins festival serves up sustainable snacks

Food lovers, eaters and makers gathered at 710 Wachovia on Sunday for the Slow Food at Indie Grins tasting event. A new five-plate staple at the Indie Grins festival, the event aims to attract people who want their food to be “good for them, good for the people who grew it and good for the planet.”

Chefs from all over the Midlands gathered to serve appetizers that incorporated at least one local, sustainable ingredient. Attendees could enter the event at a discount price if they brought their own sustainable potluck dish. Whether a seasoned Columbia chef or first-time potluck maker, everyone brought something delicious from the farm to the table.

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while displaying an impressive array of candy and cupcakes.

First-year dancer, Sarah Louise Faulkner, said the night was extra special. “When the audience gets into it you know that they’re enjoying,” she said, “they can kind of share something that we all love, which is dance.”

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USC must carefully pick overseas battles

Nick Vogt
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Aries
You’re most focused on creating income over the next month, with the Sun in Taurus. Use your creative and communicative arts today and tomorrow. You’re entering a stable phase. Follow the money. Talk about your discoveries.

Taurus
Your confidence increases for the next month, with the Sun in Taurus. You have extra confidence today and tomorrow with the Moon in your sign. Complete old projects. Take charge of your destiny.

Gemini
Allow more time for quiet contemplation this next month, with the Sun in Taurus. You have extra confidence today and tomorrow with the Moon in your sign. Complete old projects. Take charge of your destiny.

Cancer
The Sun moves well over the next month, with the Sun in Taurus. You are down and contemplate your direction today and tomorrow. Balance continues with reason. Consider mental, physical and spiritual health. Rest and recharge.

Leo
For the next four weeks, advance your professional agenda. Climb a rung on the career ladder. Friends help, especially today and tomorrow. Consider organizing a team to help you do it all. Your community is your golden thread.

Virgo
Your fame travels far and wide. Consider new career opportunities over the next few years. You’re getting foot this month. Plan and schedule business priorities. A trip may be in order. Mix work and pleasure.

Libra
Sort, count and file this money. Immune your assets to maximize growth. Make financial plans to support your family’s goals, with the Taurus Sun. Travel over the next month, with the Sun in Taurus. Study, write and record direct from the source. Explore your subject.

Scorpio
It pays to have a good partner. The Sun in Taurus favors long-term relationships today and tomorrow. Deal with financial obligations today and tomorrow. Handle paperwork. Collaborate to fund your shared vision. Reward your accomplishment with a sumptuous walk.

Sagittarius
Collaboration steals today and tomorrow. You and a partner heat things up. This month gets especially busy under the Taurus Sun. Work takes precedence, and there’s plenty. Share the load and the profits for mutual benefit.

Capricorn
You’re especially lucky in love this month. As long as you follow your heart, your endeavors thrive. Today and tomorrow get busy at work. Speed up the pace, and get help if necessary. Practice your passion.

Aquarius
Fix up your place this month. Invest in a practical upgrade. Home renovation projects go well. Increase your family’s comfort. Plant flowers and beautiful vegetables. Today and tomorrow are all about fun. Schedule a romantic rendezvous.

PISCES
Get into home projects today and tomorrow. Under the Taurus Sun. Study, write and record over the next month, with the Sun in Taurus. You’re on creative fire. Capture the magic. Hold meetings. Get the word out.

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Brennan Doherty

This wasn't a series South Carolina was supposed to win. Then again, this wasn't a position in which the Gamecocks were supposed to be in either.

Needing a quality weekend to play against No. 4 Vanderbilt and to keep its SEC tournament hopes alive, South Carolina closed out a series against the Commodores with a 2-1 victory Saturday in Tuesday's rubber match. The Gamecocks, who had been outscored 21-15 in the first two games of the series and were getting ready to turn around what's been a rough year. But the way South Carolina delivered and put together another solid performance against the Commodores, something his group paid extra to see.

One day following a mesmerizing batting outing by junior pitcher Jack Weikel, freshman Clark Schmidt, sophomore Cody Mincey and junior second baseman Max Schrock helped the Gamecocks overcome a 2-0 deficit. Mincey, who replaced Schmidt, touched off a storm of scoreless baseball and kept the Gamecocks in check before the South Carolina offense popped up something that didn't seem likely for the team to produce.

Held scoreless through the first five innings, South Carolina turned the game around in the sixth frame as Schmidt righthanded pitcher junior third baseman DC Arceo.

“I don’t know if we put words into describing what it means to our team and the mark we’ve left in our locker room,” South Carolina head coach Chad Holbrook said. “They played their hearts out and made the Gamecocks proud. This win means a lot to me,” Holbrook said. “That’s how you play your heart out.”

By no means does its most recent success mean that South Carolina is out of the woods. The Gamecocks are destined to have what’s been a rough year. But the way South Carolina played against the Commodores does offer hope for the way upcoming SEC series.

Against No. 13 Tennessee, South Carolina will have to contend with one of the nation’s most feared offenses. The Volunteers had been filled with gloom and...