Students stuff stockings for underprivileged children

Community Service Programs brings holiday cheer to families, soldiers

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More than 300 stockings filled with school supplies and various donations have been collected for Carolina Care’s annual Stocking Stuffers drive, and there is still a chance to contribute before the holiday season.

Carolina Care is a subdivision of Carolina Service Council and has been around for almost 50 years, according to Gail Turney, director of the organization and second-year nursing student. The Stocking Stuffers drive, pairing up with Columbia’s chapter of the Salvation Army, will benefit the low-income children of the Midlands.

“You just take a stocking, fill it up with five or six gifts for a kid and return it back to us,” Turney said.

The drive will conclude Friday, Nov. 30, and after the stockings are collected, they will be distributed on the South Carolina Fairgrounds Wednesday before the Christmas Classic in Mexico.

“Children and their families will have a chance to come pick up some gifts,” Turney said. “Every year we try to increase our numbers.”

For Carolina Care, it was able to collect about 600 stockings for the Salvation Army, and are hoping to collect more for this holiday season.

Stockings can be picked up in the Campus Life Center located in the Russell House, Suite 227. The ages range from infancy to 12 years old.

“You don’t even need to go out and buy gifts for the children, said Sadie Molinet, graduate assistant and second-year nursing student. “We have several supplies that we will even accept a cash donation.”

Carolina Care also hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for underprivileged families at the Columbia Nutrition Center and collecting cards through the annual Holiday Mail for Heroes drive.

“I assigned different campus organizations to different campus locations,” Turney said. “We served about 30 people on Thanksgiving.”

Over 1,600 letters have been collected for Holidate Heroes so far, according to Turney. Campus organizations are welcome to drop off stockings for the Salvation Army and members to fill out and then return to Community Service Programs. This year’s stockings will also be used in the Auxiliary’s book donation drive.

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USC's Army ROTC program has grown more than 250 percent and is among the top 50 programs in the nation.

Enrollment at USC’s Army ROTC programs has risen from 741 student cadets in 2005-06 school year to 2,081 in the current year, including 1,100 cadets at USC, according to battalion commander and military science officers in the past five years, Wright said.

“USC was the first in the state to create Equal Opportunity Programs in the 1980s,” said Zac Baker, president of USC’s Bisexual, Lesbian Student Alliance, who said the university’s creation of the full-time coordinator position showed its commitment to its minority students.

“We’re one of the student representatives, the social arm — but it’s not just a student organization,” the fourth-year visual communications said.

With 200 percent enrollment increase, program is among nation’s fastest growing

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USC’s Army ROTC program has grown more than 200 percent in attendance in recent years and now ranks as the third-fastest growing program in the nation.

Enrollment at USC’s Army ROTC programs has risen from 71 student cadets in the 2005-06 school year to 281 in the current year, including 189 cadets at USC, according to battalion commander and military science department chief Lt. Col. John D. Wright.

Benedict College, Morris College, Francis Marion University and Coastal Carolina University are all affiliate programs of USC Army ROTC.

Wright attributes the more than 200 percent increase in overall program enrollment in the past seven years to a strategy of “quality recruiting quality,” with leaders in the program recruiting and training future leaders.

“We have greatcadets that are leaders on campus and in the community,” Wright said. And when varsity sports that leadership, he said, they “are drawn and really part of a high-functioning organization that is filled with individuals that want to serve a higher calling.”

That draw is key to incoming cadets, who, as graduating seniors, who complete the program, are commissioned as Army 2nd lieutenants. The program ranks eighth nationally in terms of commissioned officers in the past five years, Wright said.
talking to Student Government with awareness. The group has started focus on next semester is transgender university, what are we doing?” your dorm or don’t feel safe at your university. If you don’t feel safe in and that everyone feels safe at the to make sure everyone is represented "BGLSA participated in homecoming students. "university is safe and inclusive to all needs to be furthered to make sure the "uncle’s gay,” Baker said. a thumbs up, saying things like, ‘My but people were walking by and giving campus as recently as 10 years ago. "the event had drawn ridicule on Greene Street last month celebration on Greene Street last month at BGLSA’s National Coming Out Day resources for in-the-closet freshmen."

"We’ve had decent strides," he said. "This year, not only did we feel safe, but people were walking by and giving us a lot of support," he said. "We didn’t have any issues."

He said a faculty member told him "MLK JR. Register for Saturday, January 26 Monday, January 21 10 AM - 1 PM 9 AM - 1 PM Tuesday, November 27, 2012 ● Continued from 1 STOCKINGS

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U.S.C.'s diversity award step in right direction

South Carolina isn't quite known for diversity. It's part of the Deep South, a region that, historically, has struggled with progress on civil rights and maintaining the status quo and against it.

But now, despite that history, we have something to be proud of! USC now has one of 47 colleges and universities in the U.S. that has been honored for a commitment to inclusivity and diversity.

It's for good reason too. We pioneered a program in South Carolina to de-segregate. USC has a variety of clubs focused on many different groups to help those who are different feel included. This includes various minorities like black and gay students. At the university level, USC has created offices that have helped boost minority enrollment and retention. Colleagues and peers of various heritages and communities itself to make the university a more welcoming place.

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We're excited about the award. It's sign that our university, and we hope by changing it, we have a long way to go. Segregation waving on the Statehouse grounds, to see if we have made the university a more tolerant and inclusive place.

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Asst. Viewpoints Editor

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Florence-based bakery brings homemade treats to local location in Village at Sandhill

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The ingredients create a certain flair, built with European butter, Belgian chocolate, Madagascar bourbon vanilla and homemade sweet sauces. The caramel is made by the four Columbia Sweet chefs, and if a cupcake has raspberry filling (like the PB&J), the raspberries have been cooked down that day. It’s an expensive mix, but each cupcake is just $3, or $33 for a dozen.

It’s not just about the cupcakes. There’s coffee, too. A full coffee bar sits at the front of the shop, steaming cups of spiced Java, and a Sweet favorite, the frozen hot chocolate. The Columbia store’s coffee setup is much larger than Florence’s, and to fill the menu with the best drinks, Lee brought in the owner of Lula’s Coffee Co. in Florence to train the Sweet staff.

And, brace yourself for this last bit. Sweet serves up buckshots for, you guessed it, a dollar. What is a buckshot, you ask? A single shot of cupcake icing. The Sweet team has also dreamt up a new style of marketing: Sweating. To re-sweet, by the store’s definition, is “to show favor or thanks in the form of marketing: sweeting. To re-sweet, by the store’s recommendation, is ‘a cupcake icing shot’ — but this one is for the Sweet staff.”

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The Columbia store is bigger, and it’s built with more staff. But each cupcake is still made with love. The cupcake cafe, nestled at the corner of the Towncentre’s roundabout, is cozy and the staff is sweet, just as the name promises. Customers sit along the long marble counters on high-top chairs overlooking the espresso machine and rows of baked cakes — it’s like sitting at your kitchen counter, watching Mom whip up a cup of hot chocolate or make a single a fresh-baked cake.

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Coldplay records live in Paris

London rockers release album from 15-song set at Stade De France

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The audience wildly reacts as the drawn-out strings of leadsIntegral into the piano. & slow clap grows faster and faster. Then, there’s Chris. Martin, that is. His vocals are deep and haunting, as the crowd’s whispers break through their own soft singing. There’s a pause, a quick 1-2-3 from Martin, and then the band jumps in with the beginning of “Yellow,” one of Coldplay’s most-defining anthems. Listen how they shine for you, live. Coldplay has grown to an English indie rock powerhouse, shining bright with big stage lights for 16 years. The band’s sound is emotional and charged, and brings on lyrics that draw-out front man Martin’s vocals in the best ways. And now, with the act’s second live album, “Coldplay — Live 2012,” you can take a seat at the Stade De France Sept. 2-3, 2012 for the London rockers’ thatched roof-set. The Parisian show turned full-length album captures the band a year and half after their third album, “Mylo Xyloto.” It was released in October 2011, and the free album’s set breathes new life into the year-old singles and thrills the show-goers, and those listening at home, with a few well-placed classics like “Yellow,” “Clocks” and “Fix You.” Live vocals aren’t always — they’re the true measure of any artist. And, an artist that can sing live can’t always translate that to a sold-out crowd. Martin can. His personality infuses through song breaks, with the pothole star throwing one-liners like, “It’s going to be a ‘king good one, boys.’” And, “Make some f**king good one, boys,” with the posh rock star through song breaks, and “I’m going to be a ‘king good one,” boys.” There’s a lot of that starred word flourishes throughout the album’s 15 tracks — “Princesse de Chinon,” of 2011’s “Mylo Xyloto.” It is recorded in its original version with Rihanna. The pop princess has only performed the song live with Coldplay three times, one in the 2012 Paralympic Games, once at the 2012 Grammys and once at the Paris show. Martin throws in a, “Merci beaucoup, Ri Ri.” It’s cute.

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LaShay Page named tournament’s Most Outstanding Player

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Through the first six games of the season, a trend has developed for South Carolina. The Gamecocks have made a habit of playing close games, already going to overtime twice this season and winning both.

Over Thanksgiving break, South Carolina won the Hoops for Hope Classic Championship on Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in similar fashion.

It took overtime for the Gamecocks to pull off a 74-67 win over Missouri State Saturday, and USC held off Arkansas-Little Rock, 74-62, Sunday night to take the title and improve to 5-1 on the season.

In the championship game, USC held a commanding 12-2 lead early in the game, but the Gamecocks have been a trend of playing close games of the season, a trend that continued. “And then when you don’t stick to the principles of our defense, that’s when things get out of control. And it’s got one thing that you can control. And it’s got one thing that we can control. That’s free throws.”

Martin told reporters after USC opened the tournament with a 74-67 win over Rider last Monday. “Right now, we are depending on the ball going in the basket to win and we are not controlling the things that we can control. That’s the best way to change.”

Martin said that the loss was not expected with the way his team had been playing. “We can’t play defense and we don’t stick to the principles of our defensive philosophies,” Martin told reporters. “It wasn’t exactly offensively (against Rider) we didn’t stick to it, but we won so everyone thinks that it’s nice and dandy. ‘That’s the great thing about life is that you get what you deserve,’ Martin continued. “And then when you get what you deserve, how are you going to respond? Are you going to change, accept and grow or are you going to run away from the truth?”

USC will face its toughest test of the season so far on Thursday night when they travel to New York City to take on St. John’s in the NCAA Big East challenge.

Welch tallies 2 double-doubles for women’s basketball

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With the leadership of sophomore forward Aleighsa Welch, the Gamecocks now have a seven-game win streak to start their season.

The women’s basketball team capped a successful run at the Virgin Islands Paradise Jam by dominating DePaul 55-46 Saturday afternoon, winning the title in the tournament’s Reef Division.

Welch was named Most Outstanding Player for her performance, which included two double-doubles in USC’s first two games.

The sophomore added nine points and 10 rebounds to the Gamecocks’ win over DePaul. After her weekend performance, Welch leads the team in rebounds and is second in scoring.

The key to all three South Carolina wins in the tournament was its defensive dominance. The Blue Demons shot below 30 percent on Saturday.

“I thought our players stuck to the game plan for 40 minutes,” Staley told reporters. “It wasn’t exactly pretty, but I like what we did on the defensive end. Our goal was to cut the head off with Brittney Hrynkow. We did that and I think it trickled down to the rest of our team.”

Hrynkow, a sophomore guard, is tied for the DePaul team lead with an average of 14 points per game, but she tallied just four in 38 minutes of play against the Gamecocks.

Free throws continued to be a problem for South Carolina, making just 12 of 29 free throw attempts.

South Carolina earned a spot in the tournament finals with a 64-54 victory over Florida Gulf Coast on Friday. The Gamecocks have a seven-game win streak and have scored six consecutive points to start the season, building a lead they never relinquished.

Although Welch led the team in rebounds in both games, USC’s freshman also stepped up with key performances. Guards Tiffany Mitchell and Khadijah Sessions added six points apiece in each of the tournament’s final game.

Mitchell, who has started all seven of South Carolina’s games this season, is averaging just under 10 points per contest.

“It was a total team effort from where we started in the tournament, playing against Hampton until now,” Staley said. “We look like a totally different basketball team.”

“We see our team growing up. Our future is going to be in a position where they’re learning and getting some great experience. Hopefully it prepares us to continue to get better.”

Walton named Most Outstanding Player of the Reef Division.

Sophomore Aleighsa Welch was named the Most Outstanding Player of the Reef Division.