Public health school patron dies at 86

Norman J. Arnold, the namesake of the Arnold School of Public Health and a prominent local businessperson, died Tuesday at the age of 86. A lifelong South Carolinian, Arnold donated millions of dollars over the years to the School of Public Health and various research endeavors at the university.

In a statement, University President Harris Pastides referenced his personal connection to Arnold from his time serving as dean of the School of Public Health.

"Over the years, his passion for improving the health of all people never waned," he said. "We have lost one of the true 'greats,' but his and Gerry Sue Arnold's efforts will continue to have impact." Current Arnold School Dean Thomas Chandler also referenced his personal connection to Arnold from Arnold's time serving as dean of the School of Public Health.

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UofSC Relief to aid LSU

Emily Barber

UofSC Relief, which formed in October after South Carolina’s historic floods, is organizing a donation drive to help flood victims in Louisiana following heavy rainfall and deadly flooding this past weekend.

Nearly 2 feet of rain—and more in some areas—have resulted in 11 deaths and over 20,000 people needing rescue in south Louisiana as of Tuesday afternoon. Baton Rouge, home to LSU and the destination of USC’s donation, has seen 19 inches of rain since Friday.

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**Columbia continues to reach breadheat**

Summer 2016 continues to break bread-heats in the famously hot city. The Free Times reports. With an average temperature of 89 degrees, Columbia has surpassed the previous high for average temperature set in 2011. This puts the city on track to have as many as 18 heat waves during the summer, which was the peak number of heatwaves in 2013.

-Courtesy of Mary Ramsey

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**Lexington trash company fined for missing thousands of hoses**

A Lexington trash company was told to pay $12,000 in fines, WIS reports. Advanced Disposal is accused of skipping thousands of houses over a two-week period in August, so the Town of Lexington is fining them $10/house. The town says the company has made changes in management and is working to bring ticketing and collection up to speed, whose trash was missed can call the Parks and Sanitation Department.

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-Bethany C. Elbert

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**Columbia considering renovations to Finlay Park**

The City of Columbia may be spending millions of dollars to renovate Finlay Park in WLYT. Following the ceremony, the mayor has vouched for a contract to improve and add to the park. The total renovations would cost about $22 million, with the goal of helping to draw more families to the area with a new playground and other features.

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**RELIEF PAGE!**

Cory Alpert, a fourth-year sociology student who led UofSC Relief’s inception in October, worked with USC’s Athletics Department to organize the collection sites.

“We’re moving quickly to help them because LSU stopped up in our time of dire need,” Alpert said. “Last October, thousands of our friends, family, and neighbors were affected by the flooding here, and LSU did everything they could to make sure we were well provided for.”

Donations will be accepted through Friday. The collection site schedule is as follows:

**Thursday**
- 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. — Bi-Lo, 4464 Devine St.
- 2 - 6 p.m. — Rice Athletics Center/ Carolina Soccer Center

**Friday**
- 3 - 6 p.m. — Bi-Lo, 4464 Devine St.

The athletics equipment truck will deliver the donations to LSU on Saturday, USC President Harris Pastides tweeted.

**ChowPAGE!**

Perhaps you didn’t get quite enough pizza. Not to worry — just mosey on down to Five Points at 2211 Devine St. to enjoy some shagging and sweet tea with the Shandon College Ministry from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

As you make your way back to campus, stop by the appropriate Room for a game night, pizza included, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Snag yet another free pizza from your favorite pop shop at the First College Ministry.

The food and games don’t end Thursday. Students are free to join the International Student Association on the Russell House side of Davis Field on Friday for the International Students Welcome Picnic, which will be held from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

You may have eaten at the picnic, but the games and the making new friends from abroad you might have worn you out and made you hungry again. Campus Crusade for Christ will open the course again with Wings and Trivia in the Bates West Common Room from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Grab some friends and compete in teams of four while enjoying free wings.

If trivia isn’t your thing, head over to the Jewish community of Hillel. Day Feast with a sweet treat at Yoghurt House from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 1610 Greene St.

Once lunch time comes around, you may spend some more time with Shandon Baptist Church as they hold a mid-day feast with a sweet treat at Yoghurt House from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 5250 Forest Drive.

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Donald Trump's campaign has had a tumultuous past several months. Scandal after scandal, blunder after blunder. This may be the beginning of the end for Trump and his combative style of politics. What is interesting, however, is that Trump's polling speaks volumes about what works and what doesn't in the Trump strategy — particularly in regards to who is running his campaign at the time. Comparing polling data to changes in personnel and strategy can give us more insight into the seemingly imminent failure of perhaps the most storied and divisive presidential campaign of the past century.

On June 20, Trump's loyal and highly controversial campaign manager, Corey Lewandowski, was fired. Lewandowski had been with Trump since the primary had begun, in which he trumpeted the demobilized opponent after Trump had lost to Ted Cruz. Many believed that Trump and Lewandowski had rehashed the ways and means of running a successful political campaign. Despite spending less than his opponent and having far less political experience than the vast majority of candidates, Trump came out on top. However, after he became the presumptive nominee, it became clear that firebrand populism wasn't resonating well with independents.

Poll numbers were down. Way down. His offensive way of politics wasn't endearing him to independents nearly enough for him to be successful in the long and drawn-out general election. In a shift from both strategy and personnel, Lewandowski was replaced and with the seemingly more professional and experienced Paul Manafort. Manafort worked to make Trump appear more presidential, keeping him on script and introducing him to new and appropriate topics.

The result was immediate. Trump’s poll numbers stabilized and increased, even before the convention bump was taken into account. This, however, was not to last. Trump ran into issues shortly after the largely successful Democratic National convention. His remarks regarding the Khan family and the aura of damage control following it, tanked his poll numbers. From July 30, the date of Trump’s attack on the Khan’s, his chances of winning the presidency, as produced by FiveThirtyEight, hemorrhaged from roughly even with Clinton at 19% to 18.5% a week later. He has also damaged himself by calling for the Russians to hack Clinton’s email servers and insinuating that second amendment supporters could result in a Clinton administration or Supreme Court. Today, his chance of winning is at 11.6%.

Further confounding the efforts of the Trump campaign is the recent scandal surrounding Paul Manafort. Manafort has been tied to shady cash deals with Ukrainian political parties, raising questions as to the Trump campaign’s ties to Russia. On the 17th, Manafort’s leadership was weakened by the addition of Stephen Bannon, the executive chairman of Breitbart News, and Kellyanne Conway, a senior advisor for the Trump campaign, effectively limiting Manafort’s influence on the campaign.

It is too soon to infer how this mix up will impact the campaign in the long run, but it is likely to revert more towards the style of Lewandowski — combative and bombastic populist politics. This could be particularly damaging for Trump, as this particular style of politics seems to only be wildly popular with core Republican voters. To all appearances, independent voters have largely written-off the polling confirms this, as Clinton leads with independents 44 percent to 30 percent. His numbers are also low with African-Americans and women, polling at 1 percent and 12 percent, respectively. If the Trump campaign wants to be successful in November, polling suggests that Manafort’s strategy, when Trump actually listened to it, works. A failure to address the concerns raised by the polls will certainly result in a failure to win, or even be competitive, in the general election.

Trump campaign headed for defeat

Brian Shaffer
Washington bureau

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In January and February of this year, Atlas Road Crew had the opportunity to go on a six-week European tour.

The name “Atlas Road Crew” came from the hot storage unit on Atlas Road that the band used as a practice space.

What is more, the band’s beginning was a humble one; they played covers songs in various local bars and practiced in a hot storage unit on Atlas Road, where the band’s name came from.

“Be like 120 degrees in that thing,” Drummer Patrick Drohan said.

“No AC or heat or anything.”

Bar shows led to fraternity parties, which led to trips to Clemson, Wofford and Presbyterian College, and eventually the band found themselves touring to places like California, Chicago and many cities along the east coast. In January and February of this year, they were able to go on a six-week European tour.

“We did 30 shows in 11 days, which was really wild that our music could bring us overseas as well,” Drohan said.

The level of success that the band has reached is something that Drohan said he never thought would happen. Drohan and the other members assumed the band would be a short adventure and that they would only make one EP and go on a small tour. One full-length album and years of touring later, Atlas Road Crew is beginning to be known for their original work outside of South Carolina.

“When we would go to other cities and we would have people singing along with our original songs is when it was kind of surreal,” Drohan said. Drohan said that taking opportunities and having patience is key for student musicians who are trying to build a band in the way that Drohan and his fellow band members did when they were students.

“Nothing happens overnight!” Drohan said. “The only way to really expand your audience is to just keep playing live. Take any show you can get and just have some passion.”

After extensive touring, Drohan said that each of the five members of the band are more modern influences for the band’s sound is their backgrounds that they bring to Hopkins’ music scene, such as My Morning Jacket and other music groups.

In addition to Atlas Road Crew, the show features Brave Baby and Dear Blanca. Features are such as coffee and tea, The Wired Goat, which are coffee and ice blended drinks. They also have unique flavors, such as a Canadian bacon and cheese sandwich, and a coffee and get away from the hustle and bustle of life for a little while.

The Gourmet Shop is located in In the heart of Five Points Gourmet Shop is the perfect place to try the perfect plate to grab a cup of coffee or have a meal and bundle of life for a little while. This restaurant is located in a small alleyway on Gervais and has the familiar cozy cafe vibe. The building has exposed brick walls, complete with velvet couches and a sitting area downstairs, making The Wired Goat one-of-a-kind. They serve a variety of drinks, such as coffee and tea, which are coffee and ice blended drinks. They also have unique flavors, such as a Canadian bacon and cheese sandwich, and a coffee and tea.

Any coffee fanatic will definitely enjoy the unique flavors that can be found at The Wired Goat. As well as coffee and tea, The Wired Goat has a breakfast menu featuring products from local farms and businesses. Nominals

Nominals is on Gervais Street is the perfect place to try unique food features such as a white chocolate ginger cheesecake or chocolate cheesecake cake — both chocolate cake(frost with ganache and topped with chocolate wafers — everyone is sure to find a dessert they will enjoy. Nominals describes their atmosphere as “relaxed” and “laid-back,” with a combination of warmth and sophistication, making it a great place to take a date or to rub elbows with friends.

Founded in 1996, Nominals is a classic family-owned restaurant that has been voted “Best in Columbia” for dozens of years in a row. Not only does Nominals serve desserts, but it also features brunch, lunch and dinner menus featuring unique crepes and pastries.

All it takes to find good food in Columbia is a walk down the street and suggestions from locals. There are so many restaurants to explore and good food around every corner, so don’t be afraid to try something new and impress your taste buds.
This fall, take part in the bustling activity of USC and the Columbia area with a calendar that features all kinds of events from concerts to film festivals, every student is sure to find an event that appeals to them in the City. Here are a few events to help you start exploring Columbia:

Aug. 26-28: Hoechella 2016. Held at the New Brookland Tavern, Hoechella is a free music festival that raises awareness of and fights against slut-shaming, rape culture and other social topics. All ages are welcome to come to the festival and watch a packed musical lineup. All donations will go to Girls Rock Columbia and Girls Rock Charleston. The event will be located at 122 State St. in West Columbia and will begin at 6 p.m. on Aug. 26.

Aug. 27-28: Soda City Comic Con. Opening at 10 a.m. on Aug. 27, Soda City Comic Con is sure to provide plenty of entertainment for cosplay fans alike. Featuring special guest comic book writers, illustrators and others, Comic Con offers tickets for a busy schedule of events for two full days. Comic Con will take place at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center at 1001 Lincoln St. One-day tickets are $10 each, and two-day tickets are $15 each.

Sept. 3- Carolina Pride Parade and Festival. Celebrate Carolina Pride in style with parades, parties, picnics and parades as Cola City celebrates the LGBTQ community of South Carolina. The city will come alive with various events and celebrity guests such as Jordin Sparks and J. Satta. The highlight event—the parade—will take place at noon on Sept. 3 in downtown Columbia. Anyone can march in the parade as long as they assemble at 11 a.m. with the other parade participants at the corner of Main and Laurel streets.

Sept. 10: Maroon 5 at Colonial Life Arena. One of the world’s most famous pop/rock bands will visit Columbia on Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. Maroon 5 will take over Colonial Life Arena as part of their 2016 tour. If you are planning on purchasing tickets, keep in mind that tickets to this anticipated event are selling quickly. To learn more about the concert and purchase tickets, visit www.maroon5.com/columbiavm.

Sept. 23-24: Indie South Fair’s Fall Festival. The Indie South Fair is the perfect place to find unique vintage clothing, gift items and apartment accents at affordable prices. This handmade and vintage festival will take place at 7:00 Whaley St. and will kick off with a ticketed VIP pre-event being held at 6 p.m. on Sept. 23. The VIP event will feature live music, drinks and other goodies. On Sept. 24, the market will open free to the public from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Oct. 20: South Carolina State Fair Student Night. Each year, the South Carolina State Fair is a fall favorite for USC students and Columbia residents. On Oct. 20, this fall fair will offer free admission to college students with a valid college ID. The fall features shows of food booths, rides, animal exhibits and more and opens until 11 p.m. If the Oct. 20 date won’t work for your calendar, look into attending the fair on another discount night such as $1 admission day on Oct. 11.

Nov. 11-12: “Daughters: Celebrating Emerging Female Filmmakers” Festival. The Nickelodeon Theatre will host the “Daughters: Emerging Female Filmmakers” Festival at the Nickelodeon and other locations around Columbia in honor of the 1991 film “Daughters of the Dust” by Julie Dash. The festival will show shorts, feature films and documentaries that were made by female filmmakers and will also offer panel discussions and introductions with some of those directors. For more information on the festival and tickets, visit the Nickelodeon Theatre at 8007 Main St. or www.nickelodeon.com.
For both incoming freshmen and returning upperclassmen, college life can be difficult. With cramped course loads, friends, part-time jobs and finals, life as a student can often be overwhelming. If you’re worried about the upcoming semester, nothing is better than a cinematic pick-me-up. Skip movies about the high school life and instead settle down with one of these four college films for a relatable movie night.

“Damsels in Distress” (2011)
“Damsels in Distress” is the story of three college students determined to make a difference. These preppy young women attempt to assist those at their university who are not as cultured and intelligent as themselves through a suicide prevention center and other advice-giving platforms. The movie is a tongue-in-cheek commentary on social classes and college life and also may or may not include a fabulous dance craze and a huge amount of grunge fighting. This Whit Stillman-directed gem leaves the viewer feeling empowered and ready to change his or her campus.

“Rudy” (1993)
Rudy is an underdog story.
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about an undersized football player who plays on the Notre Dame college football team. With hard work and determination, Rudy overcomes countless obstacles as he learns that hard work really does pay off and achieves fame through shining school spirit and a single senior year football game. Starring Sean Astin, this film will inspire students to work hard and to chase dreams even when stress and other seemingly insurmountable obstacles stand in their way.

“Monsters University” (2013) While not quite as memorable as its predecessor “Monsters, Inc.,” “Monsters University” still remains a perfectly heartbeat-inducing prequel to the original Mike and Sulley story we all know and love so well. Following the little green monster Mike Wazowski as he battles his way through Monsters University and befriends Sulley, the film accurately captures the freshman struggles of adjusting to a big college such as USC, finding friends among crowds of students and learning to play to your strengths. This film will make students feel warm and fuzzy inside and take them back to childhood while still managing to transition into a worthwhile movie about post-high school life.

“Legally Blonde” (2001) Spend a couple of hours with this film, and that far away degree will seem a little less daunting after all — if Elle Woods can make it through law school, that bachelor’s in psychology should be a piece of cake. “Legally Blonde” tells the story of a sorority darling who sets out to prove her intelligence through obtaining a law degree. On the way she bumbles, stumbles and finds love, becoming the ultimate endearing character. This film can provide comic relief on even the most homework ridden days. The hijinks of Woods and her sorority sisters, law colleagues, friends and foes are sure to make the college experience look slightly less serious and a little more laughable.
This full moon is a powerful and transformative time. Consider philosophical questions that interest you, and explore new concepts. This full moon illuminates a new direction in your life.

**Leo**
Take a new tack with your shared finances today. You might take risks with new knowledge. New friendships could be made.

**Virgo**
New projects and endeavors begin. You might apply artistry and craft. Shift creative direction.

**Libra**
A financial turning point. Profitable new opportunities may come your way. You might experience shifting relationships.

**Scorpio**
A new phase of work, service, and healing. Expect a creative shift.

**Sagittarius**
Shift your research in a new direction. A new phase in communications, intellectual discovery, creative expression and travel may unfold.

**Capricorn**
A turning point in your career. Expect unexpected change. Keep track of new opportunities.

**Aquarius**
Balance and barter. Keep track of the new opportunities that come your way. You might experience unexpected change.

**PISCES**
A new direction in your life may be illuminated. Consider philosophical questions that interest you, and explore new concepts.
Will Muschamp was hired as the head coach in December of 2015. He has experience coaching on the college and professional levels, and he played his college ball at Georgia. Muschamp was the coach-in-waiting at Texas before being hired away half way through a national contender during his ten-plus seasons. He coached the Gamecocks through the 2015 season, a year in which the team finished with a record of 3-9.

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Soccer team gearing up for 2016

The 24th-ranked South Carolina men’s soccer team opened preseason play with "a good performance against a good team" Monday night, head coach Mark Berson said after the Gamecocks played No. 8 North Carolina to a 1-1 draw. South Carolina took the field with a squad made up of experienced players for the first 45 minutes before subbing in an entirely different set of 11 for the majority of the second half. Looking forward, here are three things you can expect to see from Berson’s squad this year.

1. Lineup Changes

When asked about a potential starting lineup, Berson said the situation was "very fluid" with many players vying for spots. The team will likely continue to experiment with different combinations to find the best fit for each game.

2. Gamecocks add 4-star safety for 2017

Bobby Ballano (CB, Elk Grove, Calif.)

The addition of safety Hamas Nasrildin has helped change the complexion of South Carolina’s 2017 recruiting class. Coach Will Muschamp had steadily been building a deep and versatile class, but Nasrildin’s commitment Tuesday gave the group a signature prospect to complement its breadth of talent. Nasrildin is a hyper-athletic player who can contribute immediately.