National Mentoring Month honors community leaders

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education

The University of South Carolina chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, which has been on campus for more than 100 years, was officially closed by the national ATO organization on Jan. 5.

For all practical purposes, Alpha Tau Omega is no longer at the University of South Carolina, a letter notifying the chapter from the national organization read. This termination of the USC chapter was suspended for one year in 2013 for drug and alcohol violations. ATO was also one of 13 fraternities on campus to have rush suspended for possible alcohol violations during the Fall 2015 semester. According to the letter, “the decision stems from risk management violations, deceptive recruitment and the failure of peer review to uphold the standards of the national fraternity.”

Alpha Tau Omega can regain its charter through philanthropy and responsible recruitment.

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School Choice Week encourages choice in education

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Gov. Nikki Haley declared the week of Jan. 24 to Jan. 30 to be South Carolina’s “School Choice Week.” The week is held every year in order to promote educational opportunity and raise awareness about its benefits. The National School Choice Week (NSCW) is held every January. More than 200 celebrations across South Carolina will run during the week, and there will be more than 16,000 events across the country. It’s the country’s largest celebration of its kind. Events will include school fairs, rallies and festivals.

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Local man charged with attempted murder of Richland County deputy

According to The State, Columbia man Artek Breeland, 23, has been charged with attempted murder for shooting at Richland County deputy Chris Bagby on Saturday. Breeland responded to a domestic disturbance at about 11:30 p.m. when Breeland was attempting to get into his parents’ house and fired at least seven shots at Bagby when he arrived. Bagby called for backup, but did not return fire because he was unsafe to do so, he said. Breeland was taken to Palmetto Health Richland and treated for hypothermia after he was caught. He has also been charged with possession of a firearm during a violent crime and unlawful carry of a firearm.

Citatel punishes cadets for controversial photos, enacts new diversity measures

Officials at The Citadel punished 14 cadets for controversial photos posted on Facebook in December, Charleston’s WSCC reported. The photos feature the cadets dressed all in white with pillowcases over their heads. Several cadets were suspended and one was issued a dishonor, meaning the cadet must spend at least two semesters away from campus. The Citadel President Lt. Gen. John Ross said he thought the cadets should have realized their images, meant to be “Photo of Christmas past,” might be offensive. In response, Ross is initiating a task force intended to expand diversity and inclusion.

SC House bill would allow some teachers, administrators to carry guns during school hour

According to WLTX, a recent bill in the South Carolina House would allow select administrators, teachers and school employees called “school protection officers” to carry guns at school as long as the guns were not concealed and locked in a firearm safe. They would have to already have concealed weapons permits and would be required to undergo a two-week training provided by the South Carolina Justice Academy. The program would include rapid response training, shoot or don’t shoot training, room clearing, violent and non-violent conflicts and emergency first aid. Whether or not to allow school protection officers would be at the discretion of individual school districts.

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S.E.T. Fair

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Correction: In an article on Monday, student body presidential candidate Michael Parks was incorrectly cited as having been “charged” with a violation of campaign codes. Parks was only “reported” for a social media post. The Elections Commission has taken no official action against him. The Daily Gamecock regrets the error.

Mentoring Month, we honor all those who continuously strive to provide young people with the resources and support they need and deserve, and we recommit to building a society in which all mentors and mentees can thrive in mutual learning relationships.

Communications from the colony to the National Fraternity and the colony’s decision to continue to engage men in the colony who had been removed as members of ATO.

The letter also indicates that campus officials were aware of and supportive of the decision.

“USC officials have been notified by the National Fraternity,” the letter read. “The University supports the decision.”

The fraternity and sorority report for the Fall 2015 semester indicates that the ATO chapter had 79 members.

The national ATO organization also made clear in their letter that the chapter could earn back its charter in part by building on past philanthropic work and recruiting responsible members.

“It is important to understand that a colony is in a probation period with the goal of convincing the National Fraternity that it is worthy of being fully chartered,” the letter read.

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The Tunnel of Awareness last year and realized just how many problems people our age face, even if it’s not something I personally experience. Even an anonymous post on Yik Yak can turn someone’s life around,” Wiltshire said. “Tunnel of Awareness opens students’ eyes to problems which are often overlooked and offers a safe place to reflect on those issues. I wish every student at USC could make it to Tunnel because talking about it doesn’t do it all the justice.”
America prides itself on providing equal opportunity in myriad ways. We claim that anyone can make it, irrespective of his or her background. This is a myth that helps to mystify the ongoing violence and class warfare against poor and working class people.

In many ways, we like to think that we are where we are in life because of our good work ethic: People in positions of power especially like to put themselves on the backs for all the hard work they’ve invested in their careers. However, the myth of America undermines the fact that in this country, where you stand is largely a result of the privileges you have or don’t have. We look at how this translates into the educational system. We frame a framework through which we look at how the educational system understands a desiccated to poor and working class people.

Now, I want to be clear. People who manage to transcend poverty and make it big in the world exist, but they are rare. People in positions of power don’t protect their class interests by exploiting those classes, claiming that if one person has made it big, climb the social ladder, then everyone else has an opportunity to do the same. This argument fails to fully take into the social conditions that contribute to poverty and in ways that are beyond our world is shaped by.

In South Carolina, approximately 17 percent of children were living below the poverty line in 2014. If we take the entirety of the South Carolina population estimate, those people should have been set up to take from early on in their childhood, then your trajectory looks great. I often think about the ways in which the school system has made me more privileged, and how people who are poor but know how to work the system in these areas can make it. I went to a school where if you were expected to go to college; there was no doubt about it.

In turn, I internalized the attitudes of my peers. The only method that had expensive sports like lacrosse, where were we privileged enough to take about fifty games per year. Your environment dictates your opportunities. For example, I went to an all-black high school, and put a lot of thought into all the things I would do.

To take, for example, the state line of South Carolina, which is, in November of 2014, was used for failing to allocate the adequate amount of funding to rural schools. If you ask who suffers from the failure of the state to provide adequate funding, who’s answer is poor, working class people in these areas. The most obvious answer to this question is that poor, working class black and brown children suffer even more from these conditions.

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Okay, bear me out. I think that I am receiving is huge blessing, and the friends I’ve made at the University of South Carolina will contribute to my future in every lifetime. I’ve joined clubs, extracurricular activities and intramural sports teams, and I’ve had the opportunity to help others.

But then it is surprising to a teacher a learning how the educational system operates, and I question whether it is worth the $10,298 of tuition per year, the $3,566 for meals and the $4,675 for transportation. (The estimated price per year is $22,896 if you are a resident student.)

Surely I could get the same education from the good “Good Morning” reference to the educational and health care charges at the public and nonprofit systems, where more are prominent and where we explore the systems offered by Yale, Harvard, and Berkeley and many more. These of free offerings are the same as in the physical, introductory level classes offered at the aforementioned institutions.

The allocation of resources matters and leaves a more eternal impact in our trajectories than people would like to think. If you grow up in a rural school, one that is underfunded by our state, then you are at a disadvantage in myriad ways. First and foremost, the school you attend is likely to have outdated textbooks.

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Students for Justice in Palestine raises awareness, hosts play

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Amid the 400-plus student organizations on campus, it is hard for the small ones to get their voices heard. Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) is among the group of modestly sized organizations that are working hard to establish their presence on campus. USC’s chapter of SJP is a relatively new one — after a long hiatus, the club started back up only a year ago. Students for Justice in Palestine is a passionate group of students who believe in their cause and in spreading awareness, even if they only have three consistent members. “We’ve got a lot of people who help out every once in a while, but there’s three of us who do things,” Vice President Cynthia Beavin said. “We want people to know who we are. We want the USC population to be able to see the entire conflict and not just what the media tells us — a New year brings spicy new TV entertainment

Summer Neal

Last year was a year of spectacular cinema but came up particularly short in the quality of new television shows. So here’s a list of five highly anticipated new programs that will hopefully make up for last year’s missteps.

“Vinyl” (HBO) Feb. 14
Produced by Martin Scorsese and Mick Jagger, “Vinyl” is a drama series based in 1970s New York. It centers on the president of a record label company who is trying to save his business during a time of musical rebirth as disco, hip-hop and punk are on the rise.

“Fuller House” (Netflix) Feb. 26
Sure to be a guilty pleasure for many Netflix subscribers, “Fuller House” continues the misadventures of the Tanner crew. As a sequel, it features many of the original cast members and has Carly Rae Jepsen performing the iconic theme song “Everywhere You Look.”

“You, Me and the Apocalypse” (NBC) Jan. 28
From the title alone, “You, Me and the Apocalypse” certainly sounds like the next big comedic achievement for NBC. Featuring Joanna Fisher from “The Office” and Rob Lowe from “Parks and Recreation,” the absurdist series follows a group of unrelated individuals navigating their last few days before an apocalypse is said to occur.
Palestinian culture night last semester organizations on campus. Their message and raise awareness but not in its intent, wishing to spread their and you're not being told the truth. “Really! Just after World War II, everyone wanted a safe place for Jews to live, and that's totally fine. But at the same time, when creating that safe place, they ended up removing the people that were already living here,” Dana Al-Hasan, president of USC’s SJP, said to give background. SJP does not want the Palestinian people to be branded as terrorists by the outside world — an assumption that is all too common. To counter this claim, Reavin uses children’s shoes as a metaphor for the death toll that is actually disproportionally higher in Palestine than in Israel. “Let's say you took a pair of shoes and lined them up or put them in a pile for every Palestinian child that died, you would have 500 pairs of shoes, roughly. And you would only have one pair of Israeli shoes,” Beavin said. “And so it's not meant to say we want more Israelis to die, because we don’t, we don't want anybody to die. But it's just to show ... we're not the media shows. The play will be held in Booker T. Washington Auditorium on Feb. 11 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free for all. “When you look at students here and anywhere, like the general population anywhere, people are not very interested in politics, especially if it's something that’s 8,000 miles away,” Al-Hasan said. So that’s why I’m really excited about the play ... it's still very creative and artsy, but it does tell the story of Rachel Corrie, which I think is a story that really should be told and heard.1603063089160306308916030630891603063089
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Taurus

Come up with creative ideas and plan divestments. Fun and games. Romance plans. Get inventive. Talk to others. Consider a change.

Gemini

Domestic projects entice you with delicious flavors and fragrances. Think home for a new appliance or tool. Imagine something without straining your hangers. A distant acquaintance sparks your imagination. You're especially clever. Express your ideas in words, images and sound. Study the situation. Practice your skills. Send your communications.

Virgo

Focus on joint communications. Make plans and set achievable goals. Talk to people with relatable experiences. Consider a new hairstyle or outfit. Find new ties to your role at work.

Libra

Enjoy peaceful contemplation. Make plans and set small, achievable goals. Get inventive. Talk to others. Consider a change.

Scorpio

Get involved in a team project. Meetings, gatherings and parties go well. Schedule carefully. Work out quirks with everyone in advance, or risk wasted efforts. Build a strong foundation, especially for support.

Sagittarius

Enjoy your work today. Abandon theory for practice. Get hands on today. Learn by doing. The pace is picking up, so work hard and get moving. Keep finding success of your own. Don't get stuck on your own. Keep moving forward.

Capricorn

Review financial plans, including for the long-term future. Focus on what's in the bank, not what others hope is coming. Keep generating momentum. Replenish reserves, and cut unnecessary spending. Dream big and dream beyond the conscious mind.

Aquarius

Focus on joint communications. Minimize costs, invoices, insurance and investments to keep current. Discover unneeded daily costs. Stage your moves. Completion leaves things in place. Enjoy a brand new you.

Pisces

A partner's opinion is important, and it's important to hear it. Push each other past individual limitations. Dance gracefully with unexpected circumstances. Discover romance hidden in plain sight.
Former Alabama running back Tyren Jones gave his official committal to the South Carolina Gamecocks Sunday night, adding another piece to the team's backfield.

Jones, a transfer from Hutchinson Community College in Kansas, committed to South Carolina after just one visit to the school. South Carolina was Jones' only official visit, but he did pay an unofficial visit to Auburn for the Iron Bowl in November.

The 5-foot-9, 212-pound running back last appeared in a Crimson Tide uniform in 2014, his freshman season. Jones, a four-star recruit coming out of high school according to ESPN, rushed for 224 yards on 36 attempts and two touchdowns in 2014 while splitting carries with T.J. Yeldon and Derrick Henry.

The talent is evident in Jones, but lack of discipline is what made his Alabama career a short-lived one. Alabama's head coach Nick Saban suspended the running back at one point for failing to comply with team rules. While suspended, Jones was arrested for drug possession, which ultimately forced Saban to dismiss Jones. Jones joined the Hutchinson Blue Dragons for the 2015 season as a junior college transfer, with the intent to continue his college football career afterward. Jones rushed for 658 yards and five touchdowns on 106 attempts last season.

With senior Brandon Wilds graduating this spring, there was a clear void left to fill in the backfield by head coach Will Muschamp. It's unlikely Jones will be an every down running back, especially with his slight frame, but he's yet another solid addition to Muschamp's recruiting class.

South Carolina currently has six enrollees, highlighted by four-star quarterback Brandon McIlwain and four-star wide receiver Bryan Edwards. Muschamp has also received committals from four-star cornerback Jamarcus King and four-star offensive tackle Javon Kinlaw.

South Carolina's incoming freshman class is ranked 31, according to 247sports.com.
When Peyton Manning takes his first snap on Feb. 7, he will set the record for the oldest quarterback to start in a Super Bowl. Manning will be 9-10 the time of the game, one year older than John Elway when he played on the game’s largest stage at age 38. Manning will not doubt try to copy Elway by leading the Denver Broncos to a victory just as Elway did in 1998, but he should also take one more page from the Elway playbook. Manning should retire, even if the Broncos lose on Super Bowl Sunday. Growing up in rural South Carolina in the days before fantasy football, my family cared little about the NFL, some about the Carolina Panthers (only because they were the closest team to us geographically) and lots about the SEC. Going to every South Carolina Gamecocks home game, we did not have enough left in the tank to bother with football on Sundays. However, like many southerners who still believe that Saturday reigns supreme in terms of football, we did have two rules about the NFL. 1. Always cheer for the Manning brothers, and 2. Never pull for the Patriots.

Ah, the Mannings. Peyton in particular was the embodiment of the SEC. A good, southern boy who played at Tennessee, came from a good family, and by all accounts was the consummate professional. He outworked every player in the league; he was arguably the best sports-related student ever on Saturday Night Live and he had the best commercials (I guess he was the closest thing we had to an athlete in Corporate America). It’s not that his one constant was that he still has some left in the tank to pull out a win when absolutely needed. He made a remarkable comeback from the potentially career-threatening neck surgeries he endured in 2011. Recently, rumors of Manning’s retirement have surfaced, as the Broncos have not expressed an overwhelming desire to bring him back, proven by the $4 million pay cut in his 2015 contract.

The Manning name carries weight and a loyal fan base that will follow him wherever he goes. The Broncos don’t want to lose that element, but at the same time they are not exactly eager to keep him around, especially with the potential of backup Brock Osweiler blossoming into a full-time starter.

The thought of Manning’s retirement, however, is far-fetched. His leaving the Broncos, on the other hand, could be a possibility. Coincidentally, the Cleveland Browns owner, Jimmy Haslam, is a contributor to the Tennessee Volunteers, which also happens to be Manning’s alma mater. Those two already have a working relationship, and although Cleveland isn’t exactly a glorious situation, it wouldn’t be surprising if the two sides were to collaborate in the near future.

Another brewing rumor is the possibility of Manning returning home to the New Orleans Saints. We know the scenery is that Manning will return to the Saints, but I’d say he would retire before doing that.

Manning has caught a second wind and could potentially have offers coming his way whether it be for a starting job or something else. After being an whipping boy in the last two playoff games of the season, Manning’s performances will leave the fans wanting to see more.