Facilities hold pharmacy school back

Dean: Competition ‘10 steps ahead’ with state-of-the-art buildings

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Pharmacy has changed a lot since the Coker Life Sciences Building was finished in 1976, and that worries Joe DiPiro. After the past 20 years, the executive dean of the South Carolina College of Pharmacy said the field moved away from simply filling prescriptions and toward caring for patients, and he says pharmacy education change a lot, too.

“People are designing and more space for group work, patient simulations and administration practice,” he said. “Is it too bad that it’s not very functional for pharmacy training.”

DiPiro said that not much renovation raising labs would cost, but he’s worried the pharmacy school’s old facilities are being passed by its peers — Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, Florida, and maybe others.

Among them, DiPiro said, USC’s pharmacy facilities rank dead last. “They’re 10 steps ahead,” DiPiro said.

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—Joe DiPiro, executive dean of the South Carolina College of Pharmacy

Offerman’s words of wisdom

“Parks and Recreation” star and esteemed woodworker Nick Offerman took the Tooper Center for the Arts Tuesday evening to offer USC students 10 tidbits of life advice — and one bonus.

In his words:

1. Engage in romantic love.
2. Say please and thank you.
3. Carry a handkerchief, handkerchief or handkerchief.
4. Eat red meat.
5. Get a hobby (or a discipline).
7. Avoid the mirror. The mirror — avoid it.
8. Maintain a relationship with Jesus Christ — if it is getting you sex.
9. Use intoxicants.

Bonus: Figure out what you want to do, and then figure out how to get to it. Don’t — ignore your calling. In your calling, by your guidance committee of your calling committee — by your pimple — to do it in a cubicile.

Read more about Offerman’s full performance in The Mix page 6.

University invites two sororities to colonize

Pi Beta Phi to colonize in Fall 2014, Alpha Xi Delta in 2016

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After months of preparation and voting, Sorority Council’s executive committee has decided to invite Pi Beta Phi and Alpha Xi Delta sororities to colonize at USC.

Pi Beta Phi will recolonize its South Carolina Alpha chapter in Fall 2014, and Alpha Xi Delta will be coming to USC for the first time in Fall 2016.

“The push behind bringing additional Panhellenic groups on campus is definitely the desire and need to lower our chapter sizes,” said Chelsea Outchel, the committee’s chairperson.

“The addition of other groups also brings the welcome opportunity for such a large group of incoming women to find a home that really meshes with their values.”

The addition of Pi Beta Phi means every South Carolina Conference school will have a chapter of the sorority come Fall 2014. 

Alpha Xi Delta’s chapter at USC will be its third in South Carolina, and the addition of the two organizations will bring the total number of National Panhellenic Conference sororities at the university to 11.

The colonization of Pi Beta Phi is contingent upon the availability of land to build a house in the upcoming expansion of the Greek Village, most likely on the land where the Carolina Columns parking lot currently sits. According to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, Pi Beta Phi hopes to have a house built in late 2015 or early 2016 — right before Alpha Xi Delta colonizes.

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University among 75 public schools in US to make 2013 list

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While its tuition continues to rise, the University of South Carolina is still a “best value” college, according to the Princeton Review.

In a list of 110 private and public institutions released Tuesday, USC was named one of 75 public schools where students get the most bang for their buck.

The 2013 list noted that more than 90 percent of freshmen received financial aid in Fall 2012 and called USC as “an extremely affordable” university.

“At USC, our mission is to develop leaders through superior academic programming and extracurricular experiences that are accessible and affordable for South Carolinians,” USC Provost Harris Pastides said in a university release. “This ranking affirms that we are meeting that challenge.”

The Princeton Review, which covers all students’ tuition and technology fees for four years, and features the “Your Time” graduation initiative, which converts summer sessions into a third semester, and the “on your time” graduation option, which allows students with financial need.

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Honor students were given to many of USC’s academic programs as well, including the Darla Moore School of Business and the South Carolina Honors College, recently ranked the best public honors college in the country. Journalism, nursing, chemistry and hospitality management programs were also recognized.

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Man gets 5 years after football game death

Curtis Simms was found not guilty of involuntary manslaughter Tuesday. He was found guilty of breach of peace of a high and aggravated nature following the death of a USC fan after a 2010 football game, the State reported.

The 27-year-old will spend five years in prison after being convicted of breach of peace of a high and aggravated nature.

That charge stems from an incident in 2010, but Richland County Circuit Judge Diane Goodwin also required Simms to attend substance abuse and anger management counseling.

The sentencing concludes a six-day trial, which began Jan. 29.

The victim, 20-year-old Adam Martin Gasque, was run over by a traffic cone after Simms punched him and knocked him into Shop Road after USC's historic run over by a friend's truck after Simms punched him.

Deputy Coroner Jeff Fowler ruled the death accidental Tuesday and said the toddler died in the apartment where the gun went off. Police and local activists Jack Logan, founder of Put Down the Guns Young People, have both made gun locks available free of charge to Greenville residents to prevent similar incidents.

— Amanda Coyne, Assistant News Editor

Greenville boy killed in accidental gun incident

A 1-year-old boy was killed in Greenville Friday night while playing with a pink gun he and his sister thought was a toy, WYFF reported.

Temorye Smith and his sister were playing with the weapon in a bedroom while their grandparents were in the living room. Police have not said who caused the weapon to fire.

To prevent further deaths, Greenville residents to prevent similar accidents.

— Amanda Coyne, Assistant News Editor

SC among worst in nation for voting issues

South Carolina is among the states most riddled with elections problems in the U.S., according to a report released by the Pew Charitable Trust.

The state ranked No. 45 in the country, including Washington, D.C., according to data from 2008.

Average wait times for South Carolina voters came in at more than an hour, putting the state dead last for wait times. The shortest average wait time was two-and-a-half minutes in Vermont. For the past presidential election, Richland County voters reported waits lasting up to six hours, a result of understaffed polls without enough voting machines.

South Carolina also ranked tied for disability- or illness-related voting problems. There were problems with 5 percent of voter registrations and absentee ballots in 2008 as well.

Voter turnout for South Carolina was in the bottom 10 nationally, and voter registration came in at 59.

— Amanda Coyne, Assistant News Editor

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While Phi Beta Phi will be the only sorority without an on-campus house until its 10th birthday, Ostebo does not think it will hurt its chances during recruitment.

“I do not think they will be at a disadvantage in terms of recruiting women, as we saw Phi Mu recruit without a house with incredible results,” Ostebo said.

Ostebo said she and other committee members began preparing for expansion over the summer.

Several groups came to campus to visit with staff and present packets filled with decorative boxes, personalized envelopes and other goodies. The committee then invited three sororities to have lunch and make their pitch for colonization.

The committee then voted on which to let on campus. “The extension process can be compared to courting a potential boyfriend or girlfriend,” Ostebo said.

“You want to impress them with what you have to offer but also want to make sure it’s a good fit and will be a long-term partnership.”

But students shouldn’t expect the sizes of pledge classes to decrease significantly anytime soon.

“You don’t expect numbers to level out until you have added at least two and maybe three groups to the recruitment mix,” Ostebo said.

“So in the immediate future, 2014, Phi Beta Phi will initially probably bring more women into recruitment and thus raise quotas.”

Other SEC schools such as the University of Alabama have as many as 17 National Panhellenic Conference sororities, while USC only currently has 11, just under the SEC average of 12.

“We would like to continue adding groups, but it would not benefit us to look too far into the future and project a need for 16 or 17 groups,” Ostebo said.

Enrollment numbers and demographics don’t always change consistently, Ostebo said, but USC will need to avoid growing the size of Fraternity and Sorority Life faster than demand.

“The more we foster [the idea of promoting Greek unity] within our women, the more groups will want to come and the more successful those groups will be at recruiting and leveling out numbers and lowering chapter totals,” she said.

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When a team from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education came last fall, it took note of the building’s limitations and reported that they would likely impinge upon the college’s success. “Given its current physical facilities, the College is likely to struggle in achieving its goal of moving into the Top 10 tier of all pharmacy programs,” the report said.

The report also recommended that the college write “a comprehensive facilities master plan.” The college is responsible for writing such a plan, according to Provost Michael Amiridis, and it’s currently finalizing one, according to DiPiro, but so far, top university officials haven’t seen it.

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Wyatt conducts research in a lab designed for teaching, not research, and he said it’s not well suited for working efficiently or comfortably; it was designed for short class sessions, not full days of work. Like DiPiro, he’s making do, but walking through his lab, he points out the issues with the space. A safety shower doesn’t have a drain because Coker was built before those protective measures were required, which makes its required monthly tests a hassle. There’s no space for the ultra low-temperature freezer that holds human tissue and “decades and decades” of work, Wyatt said, so it sits next to his office door. And for years, when Coker has lost electricity, the university has had to scramble to protect those samples because it doesn’t have backup power — the building isn’t wired for it, DiPiro said.

USC’s fallback: setting up a generator in an adjacent parking lot and running a series of extension cords through the building. It pulled together a similar setup last year when the adjacent James Physical Science Center had an outage. “Having backup power is an absolute necessity,” Wyatt said.

Some of those problems should be remedied this year, said Jeff Lamberson, Facilities’ director of Operations.

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design and construction. By the end of the year, Lamberson expects USC will have installed emergency generators, and over the summer, USC will spend $1.15 million to renovate about half of the seventh floor, Lamberson said — a project that should be done by November.

The latter project will house the SmartState-endowed translational cancer therapeutics center and will upgrade labs and offices for the fire faculty, 12 staff members and 10 students associated with it, Lamberson said.

But that’s only a handful of the college’s 16 professors and 440 students in Columbia.

Making do

Even as faculty are making do, DiPiro said, they’re losing sight of the college’s main focus — pharmacy.

Randy Rowan, the dean of the college’s Columbia campus, spends about 10 hours each week dealing with building issues and Facilities’ bureaucracy, according to DiPiro.

“(W)e’re having to spend time and effort on facilities rather than the science,” DiPiro said.

USC hasn’t drawn up any specific plans to update the college’s Columbia campus classrooms or labs, but the university knows it will need to help pay to outfit a classroom for distance education, according to Amiridis.

Last year, the Office of the Provost and the college split the cost of updating one of pharmacy’s two main classrooms at a total cost of about $600,000, DiPiro said. He’d like to see the second room updated soon — possibly next year, he said.

For now, the college’s classroom space is mostly comprised of theater-style rooms that DiPiro said were ill-suited for distance teaching, a key component of its curriculum.

Courses have been shared between its campuses in Columbia and in Charleston at the Medical University of South Carolina since the college was formed in 2014. It also offers classes at the Greenville Hospital System.

To teach in two separated classrooms, professors need spaces with plenty of outlets, individual push-to-talk microphones for students and a short distance to the back of the room, DiPiro said.

The confined spaces aren’t limited to USC, he said.

They’ve presented a problem in Charleston, where the college is housed in a building from the 1930s that DiPiro said reminded him of his time in grade school years ago.

Those issues have mostly been resolved, he said, because MUSC assigned the college a part of classrooms elsewhere on its campus and updated one of its training labs.

In Columbia, faculty and researchers are doing their best, but, Wyatt said, issues with the building are impacting their work.

“You have to do what you have to do,” Wyatt said, “but it certainly makes a difference.”
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MARIJUANA INDUSTRY MUST BE PROPERLY REGULATED

Increased governmental oversight could further legitimize cannabis use. During this past year’s elections, Colorado and Washington became the first states to legalize recreational marijuana use. The actual implementation of a “legal” marijuana industry has seen mixed results, as some states have been able to operate efficiently while others have struggled to regulate and enforce policies. States like Colorado are considering similar policies to leave law enforcement with little choice but to let the industry grow unchecked. The federal government’s stance on marijuana is clear-cut and must be challenged.

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Menchie’s holiday dishes out free fro-yo

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Ron Swanson says ‘flesh we can’

**Chloe Gould**

Flesh we can.

He did, across the stage in a proud circle with the leather strap of his acoustic guitar slung against his bare chest.

Nick Offerman, the great and mustached Mr. Ron Swanson, spoke to a full Roger Center for the Arts Tuesday night in a Carolina Productions performance.

“Oh, hell,” Offerman said.

The “Parks and Recreation” personality and real-life woodworker — of hobbit pipes, canoes and, one day, an arc — schooled the crowd on his tips to successful living. It was a program he dubbed “American Hamm: My Ten Commandments for Prosperity.”

His expertise, talent and authority to preach on such matters came from two things: his time in “theater plays” and three weeks having “born-again-Christian sect” at a Wisconsin Bible camp.

Offerman is married to Megan Mullally, or Tammy 2 on “Parks and Recreation.” He’s been married for 10 years, and he loves his wife.

“The answer to your question is I have a terrific personality,” Offerman said. “That’s a new joke I just thought of.”

He apologized for not eating both hats, and instead he revealed a marriage full of HGTV, books and puzzle games, where he would do while acting — “a hundred percent cocaine.”

“Cardinal blue fields — I find them calming when I’m using amphetamines,” Offerman said.

The key to a good marriage, and not sleeping with the dog walker, is card making. There are just five steps to the one you can succeed: Take a piece of paper out of your printer, fold it in half, draw a heart on it with a red crayon, open it up and write it. “You love me.”

“You will get so kissed,” Offerman said.

If you attach a piece of nature, a small piece of a leaf, for example, you’re going on a nice rule to the land of continents,” he continued.

Then, the musical portion of the evening began. Offerman broke into his set with a few well-crafted ditties about handmade chiefs, Pontiac Plateau and “horsey heaven.”

His closing number was the “Parks and Recreation” dedication to L. J. Sebastian, the Penguin miniature horse that was “5,000 Candles in the Wind.”

He repositioned himself on stage left to put the half of the audience could have a better view of his package. It needed to be moved from behind the mic stand, to reveal more than the “low-hanging fruit.”

“I lead you to suspect that some of the dudes who wrote the Bible were s---holes,” Offerman said.

He shared his distaste for three key people Rush Limbaugh, Adolf Hitler and “Parks” character Jerry Gergich.

But still, he insisted they all deserve respect. He harped on “please” and “thank you” and advocated for gay marriage.

“Meanwhile, vegetarians are marching, having 4,000-kg children, riding our bikes, drinking from our water fountains — making a mockery of the sanctity of eating animal flesh,” Offerman said.

His list of life advice continued to fill the room as Offerman breathed, “I'll drink the fro-yo tips, like eating red meat, and a few other, more obnoxious tidbits. Always carry a handkerchief. It serves as a pouch to gather acorns or bear teeth — of hobbit pipes, canoes and, one day, an arc — and can be used to plug a hole in a dike in Holland while you get some apple pancakes.

“Because that is — it’s delicious,” he said.

Offerman’s handkerchief of the evening was a salmon color with tiny pea green swirls.

He appealed to those in the audience who were “looking for a mate.” The female 40-to-50-something generation can either he really fast at texting and surfing the art of “happy Face” or they can knit their own dress, he said. A yarn.

“They may as well be building a nest from straw,” Offerman said. “It’s sexy.”

Nick Offerman of “Parks and Recreation” delivers a stand-up set of life lessons on religion, morality and sexuality in a star-spangled button-up Tuesday evening.

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Ron Offerman offers lewd life lessons at Roger Center for the Arts Tuesday night

**Chloe Gould**

It’s free, frozen and festive — a day for lovers of waffle cone creations and hordes of double-chocolate banana split creations.

Today has been dubbed National Frozen Yogurt Day by Menchie’s, North America’s largest sell-from-frozen yogurt franchise.

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In honor of the Menchie’s-deemed holiday, it’s more than appropriate to indulge in your favorite frozen treat today. Whether it’s a low-fat creation sprinkled with granola and honey or a fist full of rainbow treats, times are ripe for gathering acorns or bear teeth with a scope of green.

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National Frozen Yogurt Day is a holiday worth celebrating at spots across the nation, even in the frozen state of Wisconsin. Columbus is a little igloo of tasty yogurt treats, so if you can’t make it to Lexington, honor the day with a sweet cup from somewhere else in the city.

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Fall Out Boy ‘Saves Rock and Roll’

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of your head. The tune blends many of FOB’s more successful elements to create a sound that’s new for the band. Heavily influenced by hip-hop and classic rock, “My Songs” combines the thumping beat of a rap song (rapper 2 Chainz is in the video, and the song is called the “2 Chainz Edition”) with a screechy wail on the hook by Stump (the lyrics and style of “I’m on fire” sound as if it’d fit just as well in a Van Halen or Motley Crue track).

Fans can pre-order “Save Rock and Roll” now on the band’s website falloutboyrock.com.

Fall Out Boy will also be hitting the road this summer with stops in Charlotte, N.C., on June 1 and Atlanta on June 2.

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One victory was all coach McGee Moody needed to help both the USC men’s and women’s swimming teams past Crimson Tide in a thrilling finish Friday night.

Moody, who started his career at USC, has now guided the men’s team to a 3-1 record and the women’s team to a 3-0 mark this season.

"I think the women swam well,” Moody said. “They raced hard. They battled hard.”

Two Gamecock women set personal records in the 100, helping Moody capture his milestone victory. Freshman Althea Olayiwola posted 2:03.98 in the women’s 200 backstroke, coming in first in the event and giving her the eighth best time in school history. Senior Waters Polly had his second adversity this year, the women’s 100 freestyle with a 2:49.77 time, which is fourth all-time at USC.

“Althea’s been through a lot this year,” Moody said. “She had shoulder surgery at the end of last season so to be where she is right now, that’s a good thing for her.”

Moody will be looking for a big performance out of Peggie in the SEC Championship meet on his way to the end of the season and after marking the end of Chem’s season, as she will not travel to Texas A&M with the team for the meets.

The guys did their job.

"In everything we ask, the guys get us to do it," Moody said. "Not what USC swam away from it is: You can’t rely on each other anymore. We’ve got to make our own opportunities. And then I think we did that on the men’s side, and we’ll return to the pool in two weeks in College Station, Texas, for the SEC Championships.

"There was a lot that we’ve been through, but it’s been a test for the men’s meet," Moody said. "I think Patrice is one of its most recent meet's, the guy got a raw deal.

Despite the miscommunication, the men were able to overcome a 41-point deficit to take the meet down to the last lap, which they ultimately lost. South Carolina had one individual winner on the men's side in sophomore diver Colby Miller, who swept the men's competition with both the men's 1-meter and 3-meter boards.

"He's a leader both on and off the field as he always works hard and genuinely enjoys his experiences," Cheripka said.

"I recall having coaches with different styles. I’ve always worked on my training and stay focused and get better. In turn, Sergeant acknowledged her role as a teammate as "friends that you can rely on for anything." She hopes her teammates will push women’s swimming team past Crimson Tide.

"I think there’s a lot to me to have a good staff and a good group of swimmers that are under us," Moody said.

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