New health center offers centralization

Lauren Shirley

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SC State president fired by board of trustees

SC State University President Thomas Elcy was fired Monday after a judge permitted the school’s board of trustees to terminate his four-year contract, according The State. Elcy was put on paid administrative leave last month, and he sued for breach of contract when he was no longer able to negotiate with the SC State Trustees. According to his contract, he’ll be owed $400,000 if he is fired without cause.

Elcy sought a motion to stop his firing because he feared the damage to his reputation, however Circuit Court Judge Edgar Dickson turned down the motion Monday. Dickson said the contract allowed the board to fire the president. Trustees named interim Provost Franklin Evans as the acting president.

— Lauren Shirley, News Editor

Police search for suspects who shot, killed high school student

Columbia Police are searching for suspects after a C.J. Johnson student, Eric Washington, was shot and killed Sunday night, according to The State. Columbia Police Chief Skip Holbrook said Monday that Washington got involved in an argument with two others while playing basketball and they arranged to meet Sunday night to settle it.

That night, they fought again, and shots were fired at Washington. One of the shots hit Washington in the head. He was transported to the hospital where he died from his injuries. He was due to graduate in May to continue his career in the National Guard.

— Lauren Shirley, News Editor

Rock Hill man steals $3K worth of women’s undergarments

A person in Rock Hill stole women’s underwear valued at $2,275 from two display cases in a Victoria’s Secret store, according to The State. Bras and panties were among the stolen goods, and they were taken from the shop sometime between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, according to the report that was filed by the store’s staff on Saturday.

Police are still trying to obtain the surveillance video of the incident. As of Monday, no arrests had been made.

—the undergarments have not yet been recovered.

— Lauren Shirley, News Editor

CORRECTION
A guest column by Cory Alpert in Monday’s edition inaccurately placed the city of Ferguson, Missouri in Lexington. The Daily Gamecock regrets the error.

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IN BRIEF

The new student health center will be centrally located between Thomas Cooper and the Thomson Student Health Center behind Russell House when it opens in 2017.

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“We really feed off of our fans and the energy that they bring,” Coates said. “And just knowing that they’re behind us for so long throughout the whole journey and that we can continue to give them possibly two more games at home. And then the fact that we can possibly give them two more games at a closer location is just a great feeling.”

The trip to Columbia will be the second of the season for Savannah State, the MEAC champions. Savannah State lost 111-49 to the Gamecocks back in December.

If South Carolina faces Syracuse in the second round, it would be a rematch of an early season November game, which the Gamecocks won 67-63.

Staley said she was surprised by the fact that South Carolina has already played two of the teams in its regional but believes that could be a good thing.

“It helps us because we’ve been playing them,” Staley said. “We have some familiarity with them and you’re not going in blind, you’re not starting from scratch.”

Ultimately, South Carolina has its eyes on a national championship. The Gamecocks believe they have the talent to achieve such a feat and now the biggest task at hand is remaining focused.

Junior point guard Khadijah Sessions mentioned how she and her teammates set high standards for themselves at the beginning of the year and must now go out and execute.

“We control our own destiny and it’s here,” she said, “so we’ve got to make sure we work hard everyday and don’t take any team for granted.”

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It’s not unusual for the USC School of Music to bring in impressive, visiting artists to work with students, but this week’s arrival of the Parker Quartet, the University’s quartet-in-residence, is raising an exceptional level of excitement among music students.

The internationally famous, Grammy award-winning string quartet, comprised of Daniel Chong, Yong Xue, Jessica Bodner and Kee-Hyun Kim, is also the full-time quartet-in-residence at Harvard University. The quartet will spend the next six days at USC, participating in a wide variety of events.

The concert will take place in the Darla Moore School of Business at 7:30 p.m. Audience members can expect an emotional experience. A second concert will take place in Johnson Hall on Sunday, March 22 at 3 p.m.

"The pieces [on Tuesday’s] program are tied together by the theme of ‘The Hunt,’” Bodner said, “because the Mozart piece is nicknamed ‘The Hunt Quartet,’ and the Widmann is called ‘The Hunt’ because it’s about a wolf and a fox.”

The Parker Quartet has been associated with USC since 2013, so students and faculty members have worked with them before. The quartet’s week-long stay includes two public recitals, chamber music master classes, individual instrument master classes, seminars and coaching chamber music at USC.

"In just one class, I probably learned a month’s worth of knowledge,” said Jordan Barlow, a first-year music student who has worked with the quartet twice before. "I just can’t say enough about it. Some classes are so intense and others are just fun. It’s the perfect mix."

The quartet’s four musicians’ passion for teaching and mentoring is evident from the amount of time they spend working with students.

"It’s really worthwhile for the students,” said Dr. Robert Johnson, a cello professor who worked closely with the quartet. “They get a glimpse into the life of touring, internationally famous, Grammy award-winning quartets and so that’s a great thing for students. While they’re here, it’s an incredibly intense week. We work with the quartet really hard.”

A small village somewhere in an unknown forest is being raged by werewolves. After the sun sets, the werewolves emerge and claim their victims. When the sun rises, the villagers are safe once again and must determine who among them is a werewolf—sympathizer or perhaps a werewolf themselves. In the mysterious role-playing game, Werewolf, the players argue, vote and “kill” each other to win the game.

At the start of the game, each player selects a character card from the deck. It is possible to draw a werewolf card, which is rousing an exceptional level of special abilities tied to the alchemist or a character card that can use its abilities to protect the villagers. Each role is paired to kill all of the werewolves, and the werewolves must keep the villagers safe until they have eaten the last villager.

Werewolf is a variant of the original Russian game, Mafia, based on the same concept of an informed minority (the Werewolves or Mafia) versus an uninformed majority (Villagers). Werewolf has since become a popular game at board parties, tech conventions and university psychology classes. The game has been used in courses to teach methods of reading body language and non-verbal cues in psychodynamics, and it has also been used in classrooms to teach children the differences between right and wrong as well as the role of honesty in difficult situations.

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Brock uses the song “Sirens” to muse about the recent death of his father. “I made a mess of me and the trip on the bus,” he sings in a gut-wrenching manner, “I was really prepared to leave the unknown forest is being ravaged by werewolves. After the sun sets, the werewolves emerge and claim their victims. When the sun rises, the villagers are safe once again and must determine who among them is a werewolf—sympathizer or perhaps a werewolf themselves. In the mysterious role-playing game, Werewolf, the players argue, vote and “kill” each other to win the game.

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In addition to Tuesday and Sunday’s concerts, they’re spending the week with college students, high school students and even students from the Department of Juvenile Justice completing outreach programs. “I actually wish we could have talked to some of the [DJJ] students there more,” Bodner said, the quartet’s violist. “I felt like the ones that had experience with music really latched onto it. It was something that they felt was also theirs, which was really nice. They were all respectful, but hopefully at the end of the day we gave them something that they can think about and that they can hold on to.”

In general, the string quartet is one of the more emotional musical media. The repertoire is vast, and the interaction between the small group of musicians tends to add an element of intimacy to the repertoire. “So many wonderful composers really chose in as their medium for either exploring what’s possible in their writing, or for writing the most personal things that they’ve ever written,” Bodner said. “Beethoven, for example, wrote 16 quartets over the course of his life, and you can really feel in the quartets the exploration of his own writing, and also the exploration of his own soul of who he was.”

For anyone interested in an introduction to string quartets, or for longtime fans of the Parker Quartet, Tuesday’s concert will provide a great sample of the quartet repertoire. “First of all, they play on such a high level technically and have so much to say musically, so I think any listener hears them and is completely drawn into their sound world,” said Jesselson. “It’s very special.”
What is the first thing you do when you wake up?

For me, it’s either turn off my alarm or check to see what time it is.

Second, I look up the weather forecast for this day.

I check my email.

All of this can do while still in bed, thanks to my smartphones.

Nearly 70 percent of smartphone owners check their phones within an hour of getting up. It is such a commonplace practice that it would be considered unusual if you owned a smartphone and didn’t check it every morning.

In fact, it is almost unusual if someone does not own a smartphone. A 2015 Statista study found that ownership more than doubled between 2010 and 2013, increasing from 62.6 million to 144.5 million owners in the United States. This same study predicted that ownership would pass 200 million by 2017. This means that nearly two-thirds of Americans would own smartphones.

In addition, smartphones are becoming faster, sleeker and smarter with every new model. Every new data plan advertises more data at higher speeds. Countless apps are advertised for anything you could imagine, from games to fitness to budgets.

"Mobile phone addiction" is not an official diagnosis, but there is strong evidence of its negative effects on our ability to interact. Boredom is becoming obsolete. Any spare moment can be spent fielding a call or checking your smartphone; the average American checks his phone 85 times a day—900 minutes per day. This adds up to about 24 days per year.

As a result, people are increasingly common to use our smartphones during social situations. Sometimes it’s practical, like calling a friend’s phone to take a picture. But as often — if not more so — we use our smartphones in place of direct social interaction.

Lisa Merlo, director of psychotherapy at University of Florida, reported having a patient who preferred to call her on her smartphone rather than discuss her problems in person. Her phone call lasted 90 minutes, 90 percent of which was spent talking. The next day, the patient canceled the appointment.

The new building will collect all of Student Health Services on campus, which, as is now, are spread pull-tab-style across five different buildings. Centralization of SHS is directly helpful to students: no matter what illness a student might have, there’s only one place to go to know about getting comprehensive care.

Having every form of care located in one building also fits with the SHS’ recently implemented idea of “care teams.” During simple medical check-ups, doctors will be integrated into a comprehensive care. They will be working closely with other specialists if necessary.

If all of these different medical practitioners are in one place, coordinating different appointments could prove much, much easier. And the university is also promoting some much-needed features, like an expanded pharmacy that will offer over-the-counter medication.

The ideas put forward by the school to justify this... project just don't hold water.

Centralization can result in a more efficient system because there would be a single office of fact that can service all the needs of a student. In our opinion, the first step to improving the current system is to construct a new building on campus.

One advantage of the new building is that it would be more comfortable and energy-efficient. The new building would also house a pharmacy that will offer over-the-counter medications.

Perhaps more important is the increase in the number of patient rooms that the new building would offer, jumping from 15 to 36.

This new capacity allows the long lines that have been a common sight at the current health center may be a thing of the past. (Or, at the very least, less of a hassle that they are now)

Practical concerns aside, centralization is a necessary change that would benefit all students. This new building is worthwhile and, in our opinion, the first step to putting in place the necessary upgrades to the present system of USC’s decentralized and relatively slow student medical services.
Aries
Focus on your breathing to counter stress. Get busy making money over the next three weeks, with Venus in Taurus. Rake in the profit. Friends help out. Inspiration comes in a dream. Run new tests before proceeding.

Taurus
Your luck in love improves immensely over the next several weeks with Venus in your sign. Enjoy feeling especially beloved and irresistible. Get a new style, haircut or beauty treatment. Polish your presentation for professional benefit. Opposites attract.

Gemini
Allow yourself more time over the next month, with Venus in Taurus. Watch for career advance. Assume authority. Put love into your work and it flows. Only discuss business with someone who can help. Keep it practical.

Cancer
You're especially popular over the next month, with Venus in Taurus. Your research gets fascinating. Explore your research to lead you. Savor what you're learning and the heart to lead you. Make long-range plans. Set up your space to facilitate workflow.

Leo
Take on more responsibility over the next month, with Venus in Taurus. Watch for career advance. Assume authority. Put love into your work and it flows. Only discuss business with someone who can help. Keep it practical.

Virgo
Consider all possibilities. The next month is good for travel, with Venus in Taurus. It’s easier to set goals and work towards them. Class convenses and studies get interesting. Make long-range plans. Set up your space to facilitate workflow.

Libra
Balance work and play. Making money can be fun. Expect expenditures. Find a sweet deal. Go over the numbers this next month, with Venus in Taurus. Saves and increase your assets. Share ambitions with some admirable.

Scorpio
Partnerships will have greater ease over the next month, with Venus in Taurus. Form new ones, and renew old bonds. Compromise comes easier. Enjoy the practical penny-pincher in charge of household expenses.

Sagittarius
There’s more work coming in over the next month — the kind you like — with Venus in Taurus. Clean and beautify your workplace. It’s getting fun (and profitable). Upgrade infrastructure to provide necessary access. Finish what you started.

Capricorn
You're even luckier in games and romance over the next month, with Venus in Taurus. Artistic efforts work in your favor. Keep playing to increase your skills. Learn from mistakes (especially financial). Play with young people.

Aquarius
Make your home your love nest. Household chores and improvements are more enjoyable over the next month, with Venus in Taurus. Focus on home and family, and settle into some domestic bliss. Get what you want delivered.

Pisces
Take it easy. Trust your intuition over the next month, with Venus in Taurus. What you’re learning over the next month, with Venus in Taurus. Your research gets fascinating. Explore your research to lead you. Write about what you love. Venus rules for an inspiring cause.

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Connor Mitch’s quarterback status is one of the Gamecocks’ most pressing questions.

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Offensive Preview

New faces at wide receiver

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Defensive Line

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