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Truman finalist hopes to promote rule of law

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USC may soon see another student recognized for his academic and civic accomplishments. The National Merit Scholarship third-year political science student, has been named a finalist for the prestigious Truman Scholarship.

The focus of his application, and hopefully his career, is the rule of law in foreign countries, with the people and government holding one another accountable in order to move forward to fairness. This is especially personal to Santamaria, whose parents, including his Italian immigrant father, did not graduate high school. The father, did not graduate high school. He went to college from high school and he attributes that to the fact that his parents thrilled in a place like the U.S., which provided them the opportunity to make a life for themselves and their children.

"To be able to provide people and society and citizens in general some stability, some accountability in the way that they live and in their lives because once you have that, you have the ability to move forward to work hard, to advance, to progress," Santamaria said.

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"I've seen a lot of people take ownership in the university...[They] feel completely different about college than people who don't have that experience," Reisman said.

Reisman's work focuses on Tumor Protein 53 (p53), a tumor suppressor gene that is mutated in over 50 percent of all human cancers. However, Reisman did not walk in the field of cancer biology. He began as an undergraduate at Illinois doing research on plant viruses, where he quickly became interested in human virology. At the University of Wisconsin, where he graduated work focused on the Epstein-Barr Virus, which is responsible for infectious mononucleosis and in rarer cases B-cell lymphoma. It was not until his postdoctoral work in 1996 that he began working on p53.

He was one of the earliest investigators of p53 - the gene's function - amongst researchers in the early 1990s. "It was not the time to leave," said Reisman with a smile, "and I've been studying it ever since."

His passion for research comes from the lab interactions and working with groups of people to solve problems. He loves the thrill of going into the unknown and creating new knowledge. "You have to be a risk taker," he says, "because you're stepping into a territory where there's nobody there to tell you, no you can't do this, or this doesn't make sense." He likes it being a bit of an enrolment. "You can fail or you can succeed, but you're jumping off of this precipice...it's fun," he said.

Reisman firmly believes that students should be working on projects that are meaningful and not just busy work. He has had students contribute enormous amounts to his research and they have been published in academic journals on numerous occasions.

His advice to students trying to get involved in research is to just jump right in. Whether that be a plant biology lab, a cancer biology lab or a mouse genetics lab, the technologies are similar and the questions are analogous. He says he usually takes students that he has gotten to know through his class or one of his advisers, but he stresses the importance of being persistent. "It usually takes 3 years, it's hard to say no for that third time," he said.
**The Marine motto is ‘semper fidelis,’ always faithful, and what these Marines did was to be unfaithful to their fellow Marines.**

— The budget director Mick Mulvaney said on the new GOP health care bill.

**The blotter comes from police reports released by the USC Division of Law Enforcement and Safety and doesn’t include crimes reported by city or county law enforcement.**

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This comes across well in the store’s prominent slogan: “Reality Stops Here!” Augustine insists that Silver City Comics is “your happy place” regardless of how the world is outside. In Silver City, you don’t have to worry about anything else for just a little while. The only downside to owning a comic book shop, according to Augustine and her mother, is just the fact that there are so many here in Columbia. For a long time, only Silver City and Horrison & Dragons (who we will cover later) were the only comic shops in Columbia. In the past decade, several others have popped up and stretched the market out. Competition is good for consumers but can make things tough for the businesses. Even with a large number of college students visiting their stores, Silver City has suffered from the explosion of other comic shops.

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Shaw also commented on the deep pockets of corporations that give them an advantage over small businesses, leaving local restaurants struggling to compete. “They have huge investment firms and parent companies where they could not make money for six months or eight months and they’d be fine, and you just can’t do that if you’re a small independent business owner,” Shaw said.

The purpose of the Support Local Columbia Facebook page is to raise awareness in the community about these existing small businesses, specifically local restaurants, and to encourage people to show their support for these businesses by inviting followers to visit a different restaurant each week.

Shaw mentioned that open-invitation networking nights on Tuesdays or Wednesdays will become a regular thing for the group, allowing people in the community and other small business owners to come out and show their support for whichever restaurant is chosen that week by dropping in for a drink or a bite to eat.

“Actually, to a lot of these small business owners an extra 15, 20, 25 people showing up one night and spending a little bit of money is just a huge difference, especially on a slower night of the week like a Tuesday or Wednesday,” Shaw commented.

The group offers great hope for the future of small businesses and has already seen a great response from the community by its rapid popularity and following on Facebook. Shaw encourages everyone to join, share and tell their friends about the page.

“If it gathers enough steam, then I could see this being a way in the future to announce charities, fundraising events, anything that gets the local community involved at its core,” Shaw said.

Shaw also said that the Facebook page will be an excellent way to inform people about local businesses they haven’t heard of before and to raise awareness about the charity-oriented vision of many small businesses.

“If it gathers the public to a lot of small businesses do get involved with local charities because we don’t necessarily do those things and then walk around with billboards saying, ‘Hey, look what we just did, aren’t we a good person or a good business,’” he said. “Luckily though, I think the chain restaurants for a long time became extremely popular, and I feel like that’s kind of starting to take a downturn now, so I feel like a lot of people are shying away from these corporate chains and they want to go somewhere local,” he said. “They don’t want the cookie-cutter.”

Clevelanders - fans: Capital F, those who suffered through the 12-year trophy drought and know what it meant beyond a dearth of parades and banners - don’t need to read this. They saw the second coming of LeBron's Cavs play out live and alone understood where the civic forgiveness of $131 came from and why. Many could have stories of grit and guts akin to LeBron’s, thus having lived this book in real time. Of course, this means that those Clevelanders who pick it up anyway might enjoy it even more than I did. And for readers beyond the grasp of northeast Ohio and its athletic fatalism, especially fans of Rash’s debut treatise, “You’re Welcome, Cleveland” is a must-have.
Experience The Carolina Band

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What: Perform in the Stands - Spring Football Game

When: Saturday, April 1, 2017

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The Daily Gamecock recently reported on a number of alarming alcohol statistics at USC. As demonstrated by this chart, USC surpasses the national average and even the SEC average in a number of alcohol-related behaviors among freshmen. Some of the more concerning statistics listed are that only 42% of USC freshmen don’t drink, 13% have taken advantage of sexual violence and 11% have engaged in “problematic drinking” (more than 10 drinks for men and 8 for women), the last being almost twice the national average.

I find it troubling that illegal and irresponsible drinking is widespread among first-year students and I aim to show you why you should care. First and foremost, what does this mean? Students are not only putting themselves in harm’s way but also the safety of those around them. One reason college students drink is that this is their first time living out of parental supervision. A second reason is that this is their first time living beyond their parents’ supervision, considering that only 42% of USC freshmen don’t drink. USC students may take it for granted, but not every college town is as close to a major city.

Next, enforcement of the drinking age law can’t be left to bartenders, who are not trained in recognizing intoxicated individuals. In my opinion, bartenders do not have the authority to serve alcohol to an intoxicated individual. As a result, students may feel more empowered to drink and consume alcohol.

Finally, USC has a strong Greek system, which is a problem. In fact, there are 1,000 members of both the University alumni organizations and professional organizations who are old enough to drink. Of course, some of these students are old enough to drink, but there is a need to address the issue of drinking among this group.

There are three things you can do. First, you can talk to your friends and family about the dangers of drinking and how it affects your health. Second, you can join a community group that is devoted to promoting responsible drinking. Finally, you can support organizations that work to promote responsible drinking.

In conclusion, the epidemic of alcohol abuse on campus is a real threat to students. We need to recognize that illegal and irresponsible alcohol use is a blight on the university, a hidden epidemic of high severity and high cost. The most obvious way in which it is affecting students is its association with sexual assault and being taken advantage of sexually.

According to a Washington Post poll, 42 percent of women in college who experienced sexual assaults or unwanted sexual advances had been drinking alcohol just prior to the incident and 41 percent reported being sexually assaulted. The message is clear. You may have heard that one in five female college students report being sexually assaulted, which is a shamefully high number. But right here at USC, 13 percent of students of both sexes reported being taken advantage of sexually just during their first semester last fall. Since undergraduate men have higher rates of sexual victimization (7 percent nationally), this figure is even more alarming for female students.

Those numbers should shock and grudge us, but we should urge students to make responsible decisions. To that end, I urge students to be responsible and make responsible decisions. The problem for congressional Republicans is that they want an equal number of Americans think Trump don’t care about their health.

Maybe it’s impossible to lose the votes that went to Trump. But it can be done. We need to work together to prevent the problem and keep the election on track. The only way to do that is to stand together and fight for what we believe in. Together, we can make a difference and ensure that Trump doesn’t get re-elected.
At a time when most tournament-bound teams are peaking, South Carolina is lying dead with its hand outstretched across the finish line. Somehow, this Gamecock team has made it into the NCAA tournament. But it was not due to their recent play.

When listing the Gamecocks’ accomplishments this season, one must step 54 days ago, with their win over Florida. Since that point, South Carolina has not had a top-five team in the SEC, much less a team bound for the NCAA Tournament. With losses to Kentucky, Florida, Arkansas and Vanderbilt, South Carolina has not been able to beat any of the top competition in the SEC down the stretch of the season.

To make matters worse, not only have they been unable to beat good teams, but South Carolina has not performed well against bad teams. The Gamecocks lost twice to Alabama, who has a deep run in the SEC Tournament, posted under 20 wins on the season. They also were blown out by Mississippi State in both late-season matchup, with the latest taking place at Colonial Life and the Bulldogs missing their star, Quinndary Weatherspoon.

The problems for South Carolina as of late have been extensive and all encompassing. The inability of their big men to be a reliable threat on offense, or avoid foul trouble and stay on the court, has put tremendous pressure on the Gamecocks’ guards. And the guards, outside of Thornwell, have largely crumbled under this pressure.

PJ Dozier, who at midseason seemed poised for a breakout season, has taken steps backward in recent games to appear more like his freshman self. He has appeared hesitant and less assertive on the offensive end, seeming much more willing to defer to Sindarius Thornwell than create his own shot. This hesitancy has shown, as he has averaged just 11.5 points per game in under 33 percent shooting from the field through the last eight games. This is more than a four-point drop from what he was averaging through the first 14 games of the season, where he also shot a much better 46 percent from the field through that stretch.

With the fall of Dozier’s play, more pressure has been placed on Thornwell. The SEC Player of the Year has done his best to carry his team down the stretch to the NCAA Tournament and, in that regard, he has been successful. Yet his often herculean efforts have not been enough to single-handedly lead the Gamecocks to victory. Just as his 44 points against Alabama were not enough to clinch a win, South Carolina is not nearly as good with one dimensional, Thornwell-centric offense that has been on display as of late. But you cannot blame Thornwell for the team’s recent struggles, as he has kept his team afloat in each game.

Yet, somehow, despite these struggles and a 3-6 record in their last 9 games, the Gamecocks are going dancing for the first time since 2004. Fortunately, early wins over teams such as Vermont, Monmouth, Syracuse, Michigan and Florida were able to justify a tournament bid for the now lifeless Gamecocks.

Now the question is: Will the lifeless Gamecocks rally and return to the team of old that got them into the tournament in the first place?
Patience paying off for Matt Williams

Caron House

In his third season playing with the South Carolina baseball team, first baseman Matt Williams’ patience is paying off in a big way.

Not only has the junior been selective in the batter’s box, he’s also earned significant time on the diamond.

“He’s just been a steady influence,” coach Chad Holbrook said of Williams. “I hope our other guys are watching him, watching his approach, watching how he plays the game because you can learn something from the way he competes and handles in the batter’s box.”

Williams leads the Gamecocks with a .340 batting average, 39-46 at the plate, in 16 appearances, he’s tallied eight RBIs and has drawn more walks (seven) than strikeouts (five). One of the most integral factors of his offensive game is his ability to hit to both sides of the field.

“Ninety percent of the pitches we get are off the play in a way, so I just try to put on the dish, try to cover the half of the center side of the field, see the whole field,” Williams said. “I’m just trying to get a good pitch. I’m just trying to get a good pitch at the plate, and you know what the pitches is trying to do with lefties,” Williams said. “I tell (Alex) Destino to watch me, watch my at bats and other lefties, like Danny (Hurt) and LT (Tolbert). Just those guys, watch what he does to me. Then he’s probably going to try to do the same thing to you.”

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Coming in just a few weeks after South Carolina’s tough to-back College World Series games in 2013 and 2014, Williams knows he was young a talented enough and would have to be patient to get any playing time.

“From the start, Holbrook told me that I was going to be a big part of the program eventually and I just kind of was patience and trusted him and now it’s kind of paying off,” Williams said. “I don’t really think about that too much. I just try to go out there and have good at bats every time.”

Right-handed pitcher威尔·克鲁斯, who started in Saturday’s victory, credits Williams’ development to his relentless work ethic from the batting cages to the weight room.

“His crazy to see where he started, now where he is and how he’s progressing,” Crowe said. “He’s tireless. He’s in there working on his swing with (Bryan Besch), working in the cages, working in the weight room. He’s a great worker and on top of that he’s a great teammate.”

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South Carolina in NCAA Tournament, will play Marquette in Greenville

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For the first time since 2004, South Carolina will be playing in the NCAA Tournament. Selected as a seventh seed, the Gamecocks will play the tenth-seeded Marquette Golden Eagles out of the Big East Conference, who finished the regular season with a 19-12 record.

“When I saw the seven, and I saw the South Carolina come up next to it with that beautiful block ‘C’ I was standing with my wife and I didn’t realize that was us,” coach Frank Martin said as he reflected on the moment. “Pretty powerful moment for me.”

SEC Player of the Year Sindarius Thornwell spoke to the team’s reaction upon hearing their team was in the tournament, saying, “Once we saw our name pop up, just like any other team, we all jumped up, started screaming, hugging each other, giving each other high fives and stuff.”

The Gamecocks will be forced to face a balanced yet explosive Marquette team. The Golden Eagles come into the game ranked 17th in the nation in points per game, as they average 82.5 points per contest. This high score has been equally distributed among their players though, as five Golden Eagles average double figures on the season.

When asked what he knew of the Golden Eagles at the moment, Thornwell was frank, laughing as he said he knew “nothing” about the Golden Eagles.

Thornwell then followed this by saying that all he knows is that “they’re a good team because they made the NCAA Tournament.”

Coach Martin had a similar reaction to Thornwell, joking that all he knew about Marquette was, “That our trainer weighs more than me.” Martin later expanded on this comment, saying that Marquette’s trainer, Brandon Yoder, was a past trainer of his at Kansas State.

The game will take place in Greenville, South Carolina, which Frank Martin saw as a major advantage for his team. “We’ve played in that building, we’ve won in that building.” Martin said on playing in Greenville. “Not everyone on our team, but guys on our team have. Having the security blanket of knowing that your friends and family are with you makes it powerful.”

The Gamecocks have lost six of their last nine games, yet Thornwell talked about a pressure the team has felt down the stretch of the season, and how that pressure has been lifted with the NCAA Tournament bid. Despite these struggles of late, senior guard Justin McKie spoke to the team’s way of thinking now that they are in the tournament, saying “We’re a clean slate.”

Martin even took these struggles as a positive, tying it into the overall body of work that made his team tournament-ready.

“Every single thing we did since August till Friday, whether it was a positive or a negative, a good, a bad, a win or a loss — it didn’t matter,” said Martin. “It was... to harden us. To create an opportunity for us to be good enough, to be able to be sitting here talking about this right now.”

Now, South Carolina is in search of its first win in the NCAA Tournament since 1973. And as their coach explained, they aren’t content to just be in the tournament, or to just get one win, no matter how long it’s been since either of those things happened.

“There’s nothing like the NCAA Tournament, it’s an unbelievable experience,” Martin said. “And the one thing I’ve told our players is don’t just be happy to be in it. Be focused and prepared to make a run.”

The Gamecocks will look to start that run Friday against Marquette.