Kevin Curtis inspects the trees that he believes will serve as the last legacies of the university.

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**Student searches for stem cell donor for father**

**Test for Tom organized to speed up process of finding a match**

Hamish Richardson

A year ago, Tom Villeneuve noticed a strange rash on his skin. When he went to the doctor's office, he left with a rare diagnosis — Sézary Syndrome, a type of cutaneous lymphoma. "It is hard to diagnose so I felt lucky that my dermatologist ran the right test," he said.

The disease is an accumulation of T-cells on the skin and in Villeneuve's case, in his blood stream.

"I was pretty devastated when I found out because I have been very healthy up until this point in my life," he said.

Villeneuve has done rounds of chemotherapy and radiation, but the only way to fully be cured is with an allogeneic stem cell transplant.

To do a blood stem cell transplant, a donor's blood will be passed through a machine that removes all of the stem cells out of the blood. The original blood is then returned to the donor and the stem cells are given to the patient. Without the transplant, Villeneuve could never truly be cured, as he would continue to go into remission.

"Sometimes remission can be two months and sometimes two years," he said.

His son, Eric Villeneuve, a second-year ROTC at USC, says it was difficult for him to process his father's diagnosis.

"My reaction was that I was shocked, I didn't really want to believe it even though I knew it was true," Eric Villeneuve said.

He has since decided to reach out to the USC community to try and help his father and others who have rare diseases like his.

He reached out to Alexi McHugh, a...
Gov. Haley apologizes for Georgia governor criticism

Gov. Nikki Haley has apologized to Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal after criticizing him during the winter storm last week, The State reported. Haley had told a reporter that while she was “trying to fix South Carolina,” she was “furious” at Georgia for not fixing the traffic problems that had her brother stuck on an Atlanta interstate for 27 hours.

Gov. Deal responded to Haley’s criticism by saying that comparing S.C. and Georgia was like “saying Tennessee did a better job than Louisiana responding to Hurricane Katrina” and that the two states experienced “completely different weather events.”

On Thursday, Haley backtracked her statements, saying she thought that Gov. Deal handled the situation well and that she was just worried for her brother.

Brian Robinson, a spokesman for the Georgia governor, said that not only did Gov. Deal accept her apology, but that the two were good friends and don’t hold grudges.

College of Charleston, MUSC may be merged

College of Charleston and the Medical University of South Carolina may soon be combined into one research university, The State reported.

Two Lowcountry lawmakers have introduced a bill to create Charleston University, in order to ensure “the long-term excellence” of both schools, they said in a statement.

The lawmakers also said that they don’t believe such a merger would adversely affect either institution and that it would be “right” for higher education and the Lowcountry.

If the bill is approved, the colleges would merge on July 1, 2016. The College of Charleston campus would be known as “Charleston University George Street Campus” and the MUSC camps would be referred to as “Charleston University Medical Campus.”

House Speaker Bobby Harrell, R-Charleston, supports the bill because it has been embraced by business leaders, he said in a statement.

A House panel heard testimony on a bill Thursday that would ban abortion at 20 weeks of pregnancy. The State reported.

The state legislative director for the National Right to Life, Mary Spaulding Balch, said the decision said that was unconstitutional for states to limit abortion. Balch said because the decision said states can ban abortions after the 24th week, when fetuses can live outside the womb, then the ability for a fetus to feel pain should be a similar limitation.

Voting on the bill has been postponed until the House returns from furlough next week.

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many impressive plants. USC is home to the state champion Sawtooth Oak, as well as large collections of live oaks with impressive crowns. The largest tree on the campus proper is a 10-inch caliper cherry bark oak behind Pogue.

Curtis works to keep a good diversity of trees on campus, which includes flowering trees, shade trees and ornamentals, in order to prevent a monoculture, or single-species, situation. He and his team are very open to trying new species, but they must first ensure that their selection would grow well on campus. USC currently has many trees that are native to the South Carolina area and prosper on campus.

“Our main goal as far as trees go on campus is to make sure we maintain the tree canopy on the campus, which involves planting the right species, pruning them properly early on and replacing them as the older trees mature to the point that they’re no longer safe,” Curtis said. “That’s the most important focus.”

The trees on campus also support a diverse amount of wildlife, including squirrels, flickers, woodpeckers, hawks and even falcons. Curtis said that sometimes he and his staff are amazed by the creatures and their antics, such as when two young male hawks battled each other for territory across the Horseshoe.

“Even the students got off their texting for a minute and watched that,” Curtis said. “It was one of the craziest things we’ve ever seen.”

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also light the way around the track and symbolize loved ones fighting the disease or those who lost their battle. According to the team’s website, 61 teams and 384 participants have already raised more than $13,000, and are trying to raise $175,000 by the end of the event.

“Everything you do for Relays, every moment you put in is worth it,” Mizzell said. “Every meeting you come to, every lap you walk, it’s worth it. It is saving someone’s life.”
Indoor amenities unsatisfactory, lackluster

Campus cleanliness needs more funding

If there is one thing that can make a student say, “Boy, if this were my job,” it is cleaning the institution. We refer to this time of year, it’s coming down upon us, as flu season. This year, however, it’s only the beginning of our problems. Our health services have increased in an aggressive vaccination programs, and are now trying their best to keep students healthy. However, if you ask a student what is the most convenient location to be geographic, it will be the centered on Trust. The American Cancer Society is recruiting the USC Relay for Life team Thursday night, commending them on the campus facilities that have been improved in the past year. This might not be the case for all students, for it’s because the hosted itself the highest fundraising event in the nation, with a grand total of $750,000, with the top school staggering $570,000. That’s a lot of money, but more importantly, USC also had the largest increase in participation over the past year. On second thought, maybe we should consider employing an active member of the community, because it certainly seems like a smooth handle on it. And it certainly doesn’t hurt to get even more participation through. And if anything needs as much as a promotion as possible, it’s the swab drive. According to Dr. David Begay, second-year criminal justice student, is ramping up with other students for the paper towel issue is to combat these issues. The custodial staff cannot avoid the high cost of the bathrooms around campus given the budgets they have experienced. More funding should be placed in each department to organize poor student health. One easy remedy for the problem in hand is the use of automatic hand dryers. With a few exceptions, the environmentally clean and functional campus, this should be a no-brainer. Normally, automated hand dryers and hot water are necessities for hygiene. There is much talk by the academic community of “costing” every year, meaning running costs. If health insurance and related costs are the same as the expenditure, if we can find a way to reduce the number of patients who need to travel and come to the gym, the number of students who are sick will increase. This is due to the fact that there is no background in epidemiology and public health. I feel certain we recognize these issues need attention. If anything, this is a public health issue. A study conducted the spread of disease is providing high numbers of new cases for hook bag placement. I have visited numerous locations on dirty floors which have trash and water on them. Perhaps the best time to hit the bottom of these bags. It would be a relatively simple task to be insightful to observe the cultures growth and always be looking for action to improve the quality of our service. A recent move to an alcohol-based hand sanitizer could be credited. The goal is to promote campus to combat these issues. 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Remnants of the Jazz Age are still rooted in American culture, but the movement influenced the Far East as well.

Exhibit explores Japanese jazz culture

For nearly two years, the Columbia Museum of Art has been working on showing an exhibit that is almost revolutionary in what it reveals. "Japan and the Jazz Age" opens today, and with its opening comes a slew of new information about this period of extreme social and political change. While most may not guess Japan was influenced by the jazz movement, "this was a radical and new movement — that was embraced by the young and the cosmopolitan. It was a kind of avant garde happening," Monk said. Even Japan had its own version of the flapper, called the moga. The idea for the exhibit started with Museum Director Karen Brosius, and Curator Victoria Cooke. These pieces are from the Meiji period that displays 13 different ceramic Sound the of the town

‘Two Fell in a Foxhole’ to release EP

Two Fell in a Foxhole has created music since 2012. The band lacks in experience, they make up for in sound. The fairly young band is based out of Columbia and have already performed in a few local venues, and will be performing this weekend at The New Brooklyn Tavern.

Two Fell in a Foxhole describes themselves as an indie folk band. However, this project in Columbia allows them to leave out the vocal harmonic lead vocals. Matt Crompton and rhythm guitarist Ben Morgan. The indie-acoustic band shared their influences as The Front Bottoms, Bright Eyes, and even the pop band *NSYNC.

Crumpton and Morgan began writing songs together and initiated the early stages of Two Fell in a Foxhole. "Matt Crompton and I wrote songs individually for a long time while we were in different bands," Morgan said.

Two Fell in a Foxhole will share The New Brooklyn Tavern stage February 9 with Senseless Bearings, Ampstories and Beyond Drive. Additionally, the band will also release their debut EP, "Stitches and Fiction" in April.

The thunderous stomps of river dance and the dress-up hoppage in the lineup announcement for the 32nd annual St. Pat's in Five Points, which will be held on March 15. The announcement event, held in Delaney’s Irish Pub, featured a performance from students at Rince na h’Eireann School of Irish Dance. If you missed it, the river dance troops performs again on March 7 at the ceremonial corn flagging of the Five Points fountain.

Musician Cameron Klost closed the show with a solo on the harp. Here are the artists coming out to help celebrate one of Columbia’s most cherished traditions.

St. Pat’s in Five Points lineup announced

Indie rock bands to dominate 2014 celebration

Alex Buscemi

The trenchmarm of the town

Left to right: Matt Crompton, Charley Potter, Ross Swinson, Ben Morgan, Jeremiah Black make up the Columbia-based group.

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The fascination with Japan doesn’t stop there. While this exhibit is on display, there is another exhibit called, "ami Magic: Imperial Porcelain from Japan," that features 13 different ceramic pieces from the collection of Alex and Barbara Kasten. These pieces are from the Meiji period, which took place from the late 1850s to 1912.

See the exhibit through April 20 at the Columbia Museum of Art, located at 1511 Main Street.
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Tennessee’s depth is shown the closer you move to the basket.

Forward Jerrell Stokes has been a beast on the glass this year, averaging an SEC-best 10.4 rebounds per game, and he is backed up by the third-best rebounder in the conference in forward Jerome Maymon, who averages 8.2.

“Josh Richardson and Milam, those two guys are on go. They’re in attack mode. They’re big, they’re athletic,” Martin said. “And then they’ve got two helments inside that I’m scared they might eat one of my freshmen.”

The Volunteers (14-8, 3-3 SEC) sit at No. 5 in the conference and are just outside the top-25 nationally having received two votes in the most recent Associated Press Poll. But they enter Saturday’s contest on the heels of a disappointing 64-60 upset loss to Vanderbilt, a fact that the Gamecocks will be looking to achieve when they get their turn with Tennessee.

South Carolina has played three of the SEC’s top-five teams already in Florida, Ole Miss and LSU, also against all but one of them the Gamecocks have managed to keep the game close before falling in the end. And Martin says that while he and his team know they will be in for a challenge against the Volunteers, there is no one in the South Carolina locker room hanging their head.

“We’ve got our hands full,” Martin said. “But you know what, what are we going to do? Go home and cry? Pout? We ain’t going to do that.”

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has received praise for having the third-best scoring defense in the country. Arkansas has been a step better. The Razorbacks sit a slot above the Gamecocks with the No. 2 scoring defense in the country, holding teams to an average of 51.5 points per game.

Six players on Arkansas’ roster have 20 or more steals this season, totaling in a whopping 202 team total. Their defense has been stingy to say the least, allowing no more than 70 points all season.

T h o u g h S o u t h Carolina’s defense has been on par with some of the best in the nation, Staley still sees areas of improvement for the team.

“We’re holding our opponents to a good field goal percentage defense, which I like,” Staley said. “But sometimes when you get into 65 to 70 points, that’s a bit too much, and it puts a lot of pressure on our offense to perform all the time.”

Notice posterizes Auburn’s Alex Thompson in South Carolina’s 79-74 defeat.

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Sports

Softball set to start 2014 season at home

South Carolina will host four teams in three days during opener

J.P. West

Bouncing around the bottom floor of the brand new softball stadium, laughing and chatting away, many believe that the Gamecocks are ready for anything. The team is full of life and energy.

Under the Gamecocks’ new head coach and leader Kim Lotz, the team was forced to cancel games and reschedule games since 2007, many believe that the Gamecocks can get back to the status they once held under Lotz. Committed players have already been tabbed as the starting first baseman for the Gamecocks and will serve as the cleanup hitter on offense. Over the past two years, Snaer has been a vocal leader on the team.

Snaer was named a MaxPreps second-team All-American in 2012, and was a member of two consecutive national championship teams while traveling ball with SoCal Athletics. Snaer attributes her early success to the mentality the Gamecocks brought into college.

“As a team, we are very good for the top spot on the team this year. We're just so excited to actually face an opponent. Certainly we feel very confident. Our team has become all too familiar with potential bounce-back scenarios after tough losses. In just his first year with the program, Notice said that the season has been a learning process for him and his fellow freshmen. But with nine SEC games under his belt, he feels he's ready to help take the reins of this South Carolina basketball team.

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Women not slowing down

Gamecocks earn 71-64 win at home to host Arkansas Sunday

David Roberts

The success of No. 6 South Carolina’s own towering centers Elem Ibiam and Alaina Coates has been documented throughout the season. Centers Elem Ibiam and Alaina Coates, who are second and third on the team in scoring, respectively, while the Gamecocks as a team have only scored double and often times triple-digit numbers in defense.

When finding themselves under duress, Ibiam and Coates are playing for something bigger than ourselves, something we want to continue to do for our team and for the fans.

Senior outfi elder Chelsea Hawkins said that she expects the team to win each of the four games this weekend. "I guess I just came in with the mentality that I was going to be an impact player and I worked hard alongside my teammates to help make this team better," Snaer said. "We always say that we’re playing for something bigger than ourselves, and that’s what I’ve been doing."

The weekend ahead for the Gamecocks has some very favorable matchups against the likes of Ohio, Presbyterian and UNC-Greensboro and many expect them to take care of business with a sweep. Their stumbles in games on Buckfield Field, however, may prove to be their toughest challenge as they face an Iowa team also coming off a 10-5 season and the cusp of a top-25 ranking.

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