Man assaulted in Vista early Friday morning

A man was struck in the head and knocked unconscious in an alleged aggravated assault in the Vista early Friday morning.

The victim, a 26-year-old man, was leaving The Big Ugly, a restaurant and bar on Sunset Street, when an unknown man hit him and knocked him to the ground at around 1 a.m. Friday, according to an incident report.

A friend drove him to Richard Memorial Hospital, and a police officer noticed he had a broken jaw and cuts on his head.

The victim had gone to the restaurant with an acquaintance to settle a debt, and they drank together, according to the report. Little is known about the suspect.

A police report describes a white man of unknown age, with unknown hair and eye color, but according to the report, a number of the victim’s friends testified he was someone who goes to do something stupid. All friends texted him that someone was going to do something stupid. All friends texted him that someone was going to do something stupid.

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State sees 200 times more cases than last year

Student Health Services was out of flu vaccines Tuesday and plans to order more in the next few days, health center officials said.

In the meantime, students who still need the vaccine should try to find them at alternate locations, like local pharmacies, said Nicole Carrico, a spokesperson for Student Health Services.

However supplies are limited — the Walgreens on Blossom Street has just 20 vaccines left and isn’t planning to order more.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends still getting the vaccine even though it’s late in the season due to the flu virus’s unpredictability and tendency to circulate as late as May.

“The most important thing people can do is get the flu shot. It’s the simplest best way to avoid getting the flu,” Carrico wrote in an email response. Students should also continue to order more.

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County sheriff searching for rock-throwing suspect

Somebody’s throwing rocks at drivers on the interstate, and Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott is ready to throw the book at him.

Over the past two weeks, the Sheriff’s Department has received 10 reports of someone throwing rocks or bricks onto interstate traffic, said Deputy Chris Bartley. The side road and other cars, The State reported. Most have been on I-26, near Broad River Road and Chapin. The department thinks the suspect is a white man with blond or brown hair, according to The State, and Lott told reporters it could, he said, startle the driver enough to take them off the road or into another car, so the department will throw the book at him.

Scott takes oath as police chief for second time

Columbia has a new police chief — sort of. Randy Scott was sworn into office Tuesday after a brief retirement last month.

Changes in the state’s retirement system forced Scott to take a 13-day break before re-applying for his position, The State reported.

After taking his oath, Scott praised officers in the department for their accomplishments and for reducing the amount of public complaints regarding rude and abusive officers.

— Sarah Ellis, Assistant News Editor

SC State nearing land deal before indictments

South Carolina State University was on the verge of buying a $1.2 million stretch of land when the FBI broke up the deal and a grand jury indicted the university’s chairman and police chief, WIS reported.

In return for convicting the school to buy the 120-acre plot of land near its campus, Jonathan Pinson, the university’s board chairman, would have received a $300,000 Polaris Ranger, and Michael Bartley, the university police chief, would have gotten $80,000 and a new SUV, according to WIS. Both men were charged with conspiracy in connection with the kickback scheme.

Had the FBI not come in December, the deal would have likely gone through this month, according to WIS.

Pinson is out on bond and faces up to 25 years of jail time and a $1,000,000 fine if he’s convicted, according to the TV station. Barley pleaded guilty and faces up to five years when he’s sentenced.

— Ted Moore, News Editor
Wednesday, January 23, 2013

Today’s the last day to register to run for office in Student Government. Filing for SG offices ends this afternoon.

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Students have drawn criticism in the past for paying top dollar for low-yield events, like former South Carolina first lady Jenny Sanford, whose $15,000 talk in 2010 cost CP about $100 per person.

But CP President Erik Telford said that subject speakers typically run at high prices and late-semester scheduling tends to lead to low turnouts.

“(Attendance) kind of balanced itself out. The successes were able to balance out what may or may not be considered not so great,” Telford said. “I feel really good about the fall semester, the entire year of 2012, actually; it felt good. Of course we want to continue that trend, of course exceed our expectations.”

Sixteen live entertainment events at a total cost of $138,150 drew 5,069 students last semester. The cost-per-head average for all those events was $27.25.

At a price tag of $11,000, the Switchfoot concert featuring Paper Route was the semester’s most expensive event and also drew the most attendees, with 995, which Telford said was a fairly typical turnout for the genre. The cost per head for the concert was $31.16.

“I think it went really well,” Telford said. “Every time, we want to improve what we do, so of course bigger concerts is one thing we definitely want to look into doing.”

The concert budget for the spring is larger than it was in the fall, and Telford said he hopes that will mean larger attendance numbers as well.

Behind the concert, the next three highest attended events were also the least expensive per head.

Hypnotist Joshua Seth cost CP $2,600 for his performance that drew 656 people, for a per-head cost of $3.96, the lowest of the semester.

Illusionist Reza’s $6,600 performance at the Koger Center attracted 707 people, costing CP $9.34 per person.

Comedy Central’s Key and Peele was another high-attendance, low-cost event.

For $14,000, the sketch comics pulled in 716 guests, for a per-head cost of $18.12.

“We didn’t really expect that to be as big as it was,” Telford said. “We knew they were pretty big, but we were judging based off (Key and Peele’s) season one. And by the time they got here, season two had played, and they had just become so, so big.”

Telford said CP had to turn away more than 100 people for that event, which packed the Russell House Ballroom.

In addition to its live entertainment, CP spent $34,960 to bring 28 movies to Russell House Theater last semester. More than 9,000 students attended the movies. The per-head cost came to $2.75 — a bargain compared to typical movie ticket prices.

“Everyone loves to enjoy a free movie or something stress-free when they’re coming from exams or tests (or) homework,” Telford said.
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to practice other preventative measures by washing their hands and avoiding contact between the hands and face, Carrico said. “Make great use of hand sanitizer and soap and water at every chance you get. If you have gotten the flu shot and keep your hands clean, you’ll fare the best this and every flu season,” Carrico wrote.

This year’s flu season, which began in September, saw a significant increase in cases both in South Carolina and in the United States. In fact, this season is turning out to be the worst flu season since the swine flu outbreak in 2009, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“We are anticipating a 10-year high in regular flu — not withstanding a pandemic like H1N1 — this season for our state and are expecting the USC campus to be hit hard as students return from holiday break,” Dr. Delbius Beck, Student Health Services’ executive director, said.

South Carolina saw 2,206 positive flu tests during the last week in December, which was 700 times more than last year, according to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

So far this flu season, roughly 100 positive flu cases have been tested through the university’s on-campus lab, Carrico said. Last year, the first positive flu case of the season did not occur until late January. This year’s flu is not just more prevalent, but also appears to be more dangerous in its years past.

As of Jan. 11, 22 people in South Carolina have died from the flu this season, and 1,084 hospitalizations have been attributed to it. Those numbers are still lower than 2009, when a flu pandemic resulted in 49 official deaths in the state throughout the course of the season.

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Friday, January 25
Monday, January 28
Wednesday, January 30
Tuesday, February 5
Thursday, February 7

All workshops will be held in the Senate Chambers, Russell House 322/326.

Oscar nominee Jessica Chastain (left) plays the troubled girls’ uncle’s girlfriend.

If you want to see a horror film just to get the wits scared out of you, “Mama” is one frightfully entertaining film.

Unfortunately, when Mascherti’s witch reveals herself, she turns out to be a badly visualized bit of CGI, with spindly cockroach limbs and a face like a hatchet. Visual trickery and pleasing moments of discovery let the audience in on Mama’s existence, even though they’re partially what make the movie pretty clichéd. Either the flickering of lights or the presence of moths indicate that Mama is somewhere in the shadows. There’s also the overused “why would you open the door right over there?” scene. Mama also has a little pacing issue. The movie travels slowly, with too little story to fill the 108-minute runtime. It often resorts to repeating itself or relying on the jump scares to keep the audience’s attention from wandering when nothing else is going on. There are plenty of intriguing subplots, but they’re quickly dropped or abruptly concluded in favor of the characters just doing all the “ stupid horror things.”

However, “Mama” does accomplish what it sets out to do — scare us from start to finish. This is mostly thanks to young Megan Charpentier as Victoria and Isabelle Nelisse as the creepy Lilly, whose smile would melt your heart if it wasn’t so scary to look at. Even after they ceased their animalistic habits and behave like sweet girls, they neatly balance pure terror with playful giggling.
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Berkovich, Sports Editor

Adams was the defensive line coach at North Carolina last fall and for a long time that’s not time for me to give up and let someone else take over,” Ross said.