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Law student hit head-on in suspected DUI

Amanda Coyne & Thad Moore Thursday, September 13, 2012
Second-year law student Alan Martinez, II, was on his way to Chester, S.C., to practice for a national moot court competition Saturday morning. He was driving down I-77 just before 6:30 a.m. when another car driving the wrong way down the interstate hit him head-on, landing him in the hospital, where he’s currently in critical condition.

Martin Martinez struck en route to Saturday studying for practice

The suspect, Santos Gomez, 46, of Eighty Four, N.C., was driving southbound in a northbound lane with a隶属于 Martinez near Myrtlewood, S.C., according to police. He will face charges of driving under the influence and an open container misdemeanor, according to Lance Cpl. Brent Kelly of the South Carolina Highway Patrol.

Each driver’s speed is not yet clear, and the crash was still under investigation, Kelly said.

Martinez was arbitrated from the scene of the Palmetto Health Richland’s intensive care unit and has been put in medically-induced coma while undergoing brain and abdominal surgery.

Gomez was taken to Palmetto Health Richland by ambulance for a stable condition, according to police. When he is released, he will be taken to the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center, police said.

A Facebook page apparently run by Martinez’s family reported that there is no damage to Martinez’s spine and that he will not need back surgery.

Martinez is a member of an eight-way skinnydiving team for a national competition taking place this coming October and has worked for Outdoor Recreation since July.

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The accident involved a single driver in the C1 lot and no injuries were reported.

The Horseshoe was built in 1848 and is the oldest part of USC’s campus. It was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1970.

Grabski said the driver was a USC student is unknown.

— Compiled by Amanda Coyne, Assistant News Editor

Students train in suicide prevention

Workshop focuses on recognizing symptoms

Caroline Bailey

In two and a half hours, Wednesday morning, a small group of fifteen students and faculty learned how to save lives.

In honor of Suicide Prevention Week, which begins Monday, the Counseling and Human Development Center hosted a workshop on suicide prevention to encourage them to take the signs they see seriously. The reasons for attendance varied, but most included one thing: they know someone who had killed themselves or seriously thought about it.

“We had a family friend who killed herself when I was young,” said Erin Fowler, a first-year biology student.

The workshop focused on recognizing the signs of someone who may be suicidal, specifically on college campuses and very specifically on our campus,” said Jennifer Myers, coordinator for suicide prevention services. “We let people know what to look for, or some of the symptoms for someone who’s suicidal and how to help that person.”

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She said the most important thing she learned was that signs can be difficult to pick up on and it’s important to be attentive to others who may be struggling.

“Your can’t always tell in passing. The hints are subtle and you have to be able to see that maybe a friend needs more attention,” Fowler said.

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The campus has a unique system of suicide-connected counselors, according to Bailey.

The counselor used the data on depression, anxiety and suicide thinking on college campuses from the National College Health

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Assessment. According to the data, approximately five percent of college students have considered suicide. Anxiety and depression caused by excessive stress and a new environment can trigger suicidal thoughts, according to Myers. While it can be difficult to pick up on subtle cues, Myers says there are a few basic things to look for.

“Sometimes it’s very direct and they say ‘I want to kill myself’ or sometimes they’ll say something like ‘There’s no point in living,’ or ‘There’s no point in trying,’” Myers explained. “They’re hopeless.” Other signs include increased substance abuse, purposelessness, anxiety, (feeling) trapped, hopelessness, etc.” Myers suggests directly asking someone who could be suicidal if they are considering killing themselves. From there, that person should be helped to the appropriate mental resource on campus. Calling the Counseling Center or the police immediately may be necessary if the person is seriously thinking about harming themselves.

“I learned that asking someone if they’ve ever thought about ending their life, just asking that actually shows them that you care for them, and it probably won’t be an awkward conversation,” said music composition graduate student David Batchelor. “If that situation comes, it’s okay to ask that, and they will probably appreciate the concern. I’m going to do that. I have some people that I’m going to go have that conversation with.”

Many students who should consider counseling don’t because they fear that they will be judged by their peers or that the Counseling Center will tell others that they came for counseling. Myers said that neither is true and that the center is legally bound to keep all information private. The only time information can be released is to keep a person safe from harming themselves or someone else.

“One of the great things our students can do is let others know that it’s okay to go to counseling and let them know it’s okay to talk about mental health problems,” Myers said.

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Fall in ranks stacks up poorly in SEC

USC dropped four spots to 11th in the latest USA Today/Sporting News rankings of the nation’s football teams. The Gamecocks dropped one spot to 11th place among the country’s 125 teams in the Associated Press polls.

Ironically, SAT scores, retention and grades continued to rise over the years. While it is true that the term spin positively affects the rankings, the numerical indicators of success certainly make it look that way. Although we are definitely not all in the right direction as a university community, however, the new rankings offer a dismaying image.

Among other SEC schools, USC ranks in the bottom half of the public and overall universities. And Clemson ranks 68th nationally and 23rd among all public institutions. The story remains the same last year when we have rankings. No matter what the field, they are returning the favor in the classifications. The Gamecocks still stand at the bottom of the league. Unfortunately, our degrees aren’t going to be judged on whether Lattimore wins a Heisman.

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Students interested in enrolling in university business: Darla Moore’s powerhouse earned a diploma over the next decade.

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Stephanie A. Brown

Editorial Assistant

September 11 anniversary witnesses even more violence

Shameful video incites killing in Benghazi, Libya at US consulate

On the anniversary of the worst attack on American soil, the United States is still reeling from the attack, a part of the world where violence seems to thrive.

In a speech at the Republican National Convention, Mitt Romney expressed the belief that the greatest problem facing America is the division and what it represents to people of all faiths around the world, “Since our founding, the United States has been a nation that respects all faiths. We reject all efforts to denigrate or mock the religious beliefs of others,” said President Barack Obama. “But there is absolutely no justification for this type of senseless violence — none.”

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In recent conflict necessitates more tolerance understanding, respect and the religious tolerance now more than ever. It is unfair and unjust to usay that they have a candidate planning to help to rack that up through tax cuts.
Rock took the spotlight on Tuesday at the New Brookland Tavern as Grayson Venters, The Vespers and USC alumnus Ned Durrett and Kindly Gents all played sets. The concert featured independent, unsigned artists as well as some of Columbia’s own.

Vensters opened the show with a high-energy, free-funk song, which featured all original music. The singer/songwriter has been around the Columbia music scene for quite a while but is recently returning from a break from music. Last night’s performance made it clear that he was happy to be back. The crowd at New Brookland caught on to his vibe from the beginning.

Next, The Vespers took the stage. Sisters Phoebe and Callie Uyar and brothers Bruno and Taylor Jones continued the good vibes for the night. Phoebe and Callie — who provide vocals as well as jump, guitar and ukulele — delivered solid vocal performances. The opening vocals in their first song “Grinning in Your Face” brought the background noise to an immediate stop and the sisters kept the audience’s attention for the rest of their set.

The Vespers’ instruments keep things interesting as well. In addition to guitar, drums and banjo, they used ukulele, double bass and the tambourine, supplied by brother Taylor. Their closing song — a cover of Van Halen’s “Jump” — was one of the highlights of the night.

Ned Durrett and the Kindly Gents closed the show. USC alumnus Durrett has become the focal face in the Columbia music scene over the years, ever since he was a finalist on USC Idol. He and his band of gentlemen played mostly newer songs, including a track off the band’s 2011 EP, “Hi, My Friend,” titled “Boyhood Pride.”

Durrett and his band weren’t afraid to let loose and brought “southern charm to make you dance.”

The venue was small, but allowed the acts to interact with the audience. The crowd was enthusiastic and supportive of all bands — even The Vespers — who are not Columbia natives.

One complaint: the starting act took the stage nearly an hour and a half late. But once the music started, it was clear all those acts had great sets and complemented each other — not always a guarantee when you have three different bands on the bill. Vensters’ rock set was a nice way to start the show and was just enough contrast for The Vespers, who had the most Americana sound of the evening. The Kindly Gents offered a perfect ending for the show, showcasing some great blues riffs and a mature sense of sound.

The heart of the show can be described best by one thing that Durrett said just as he began his set. Instead of trying to explain who they were as a band or how great their fans were, he simply said, “We’d like to play some music for you.”

And they did.
Real Housewives of Atlanta’s NeNe Leakes shines as Rocky, Ryan’s savvy fashion-addicted assistant who is always in need of a raise. Relative newcomer Bebe Wood is a marvel as Goldie’s daughter Shania, a misfit who just wants to make friends and make her mother’s dreams come true.

With Murphy at the helm, it’s hard not to make comparisons to “Glee.” Before “The New Normal” premiered, critics and bloggers were saying that David and Bryan seemed like a grown-up version of “Glee’s” Kurt and Blaine. Like “Glee,” “The New Normal” stays on top of pop culture, with references to Lance Bass and “Grey Gardens.” The show’s realistic depiction of a homosexual couple mirrors the relationships seen in the halls of “Glee’s” fictional William McKinley high school, too, but so far, none of the characters have burst into song.

Rannells did get his big break on Broadway, though, so maybe a song and dance number is in the cards? “The New Normal” is a breath of fresh air for network television, a nice break from cop dramas, workplace comedies and reality television. Let’s hope Murphy continues to give his characters genuine material to work with and that it ends with a “happily ever after.”
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South Carolina aims to stay undefeated

Paula Berkovich

Everything came together for the Gamecocks’ Season Opener, Saturday, and particularly in the second half.

The defense shut out an opponent for the fourth straight game this season, while the offense more than doubled its season-high goals.

USC’s final nonconference match gave the team a chance to measure its progress against a SEC play against Mississippi State on Friday and Missouri on Sunday. The two matches will give the Gamecocks an opportunity to extend a streak of eight regular-season wins in a row against SEC opponents, which started mid-season last year.

“Every opponent is going to try and find something you expect... Our goal Friday night is to go out and go out Sunday and do the same,” Smith said. The team’s two goals were to outscore its opponent, and the offensive side with 11 goals, to a low of a 5-0 win over Charleston Southern.

USC welcomed MSU after dominating win vs. East Carolina last Friday, the third largest crowd faced by the Gamecocks to face MSU.

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Gamecocks start SEC schedule

Freshman forward Courtney Angotti-Smith was named SEC Freshman of the Week for her two-goal performance against East Carolina.

Winning the first two SEC contests, USC looks to build on its success this season.

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Gamecocks to face Mississippi State in first conference match of 2012 season

Colton Mercier

Last Friday, the Gamecocks defeated Clemson for the first time since 2009, sweeping their rivals to kick off a successful weekend in the Carolina Club tournament.

South Carolina won two matches on Saturday to improve its record to a perfect 10-0 in nonconference play.

USC looks to open SEC play on a high note this Friday. Across the net will be the 6-3 Georgia Bulldogs, who have yet to win a match on the season.

Despite Georgia’s shortcomings on the road thus far, Swanson made it clear that the Gamecocks won’t be overlooking the Bulldogs on Friday.

“I think we’re well-coached and have some good athletes. They’re going to be tough,” Swanson said. “Because it’s SEC play, everybody is amped up to start on a good note.”

However, the outcome of Friday’s match will do little to impact the season just the win-loss record. Swanson said the team is being extremely patient in its recruiting front for both programs.

“For us it’s another signature match because we’re very close to Georgia in proximity, and a few of our coaches are also from the same kind,” Swanson said. “The more we win these kinds of games, the more talent we’re going to attract to help build a better team than the one we’ve had before.”

Swanson also noted that the current state of the Gamecocks’ softball and volleyball programs have a stunning resemblance, making Friday’s match even more of a measuring stick for the program.

“I think we’re two similar programs in that we’re both kind of in the building process right now,” Swanson said. “Two coaches going into our second season trying to gain an identity as to what kind of team we’re going to build in the SEC, which is a really tough conference to be competitive in right now.”

Junior outside hitter Juliette Thevenin has been a force for the Gamecocks thus far, posting 11 or more kills in each of South Carolina’s last three matches. Thevenin, along with senior setter Taylor Bean, have provided a surge of kills and offensive power for the Gamecocks, particularly this past weekend when South Carolina swept both North Carolina and Clemson in strength.

The Gamecocks, according to Swanson, will be the best test yet for the young Gamecocks.

“It’s a very confident team that’s coming in to South Carolina, and [the game] says a lot about their ability to finish teams off. We know we have hands full on our first conference match.”

When the two teams faced off last year, the Gamecocks escaped with a 1-0 win on a goal by then-senior forward Kayla Goettl. But Smith said the team’s overall performance against SEC play.

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Cross country looks to build on home meet

Gamecocks will travel to Nashville for Vandy’s Pre-SEC Invitational

Katie Hackett

After an outstanding performance at last weekend’s Vanderbilt Invitational on Aug. 11, the South Carolina women’s cross country team returned to Columbia last weekend to participate in the Vanderbilt Pre-SEC Invitational.

“The [upcoming meet] is a really good one,” coach Stan Rosenthal said. “It’ll be a good test for us to see where we are to where we’re hopefully we’ll be.”

Rosenthal said more than 20 runners from the field goal is to be as high in the top half as possible.

“At this meet, we’re hoping to crack the top three,” Rosenthal said. “We’d be happy if we’d have a phenomenal race.”

However, there are some difficulties in preparing to face the other teams at the race. Some SEC schools that hosted meets off in the season did not have their cross-country teams compete to protect them from potential injuries.

“It’s hard to know where everyone else is because almost everyone is running at a different site, there hasn’t actually raced for the whole season,” Rosenthal said. “Teams like Ole Miss and LSU are running with bigger meet [number]. They ran, in effect, the way we think they’re going to be looking back against teams who’s coming back or who’s in preseason.”

The Gamecocks hosted their own invitational earlier this month. South Carolina won the race, with 10 runners finishing in the top 15. Rosenthal was particularly impressed with the performance of freshman Kayla Lamp.

“[She] really got the measure of a race as a runner that doesn’t seem to lose some of their competitiveness,” Rosenthal said. “She tends to be a little bit of a loner at the beginning.”

The race finished with a meet record of 17:30.21, the fastest 5,000-meter time for a female for the Gamecocks.

The showing was an impressive start to the season, a 5,000-meter race usually raced earlier in the season.

“My goal for Kayla is to have her perform at her peak this weekend,” Rosenthal said more than 20 runners from the field.

Rosenthal explained that Lamp’s peak is to “get out there with the lead pack... and be able to run with the pack.”

Lamp will be paced by teammate Chloe France, a senior who finished 6th at the Vanderbilt Pre-SEC Invitational.

“Our goal for Kayla is to have her perform at her peak this weekend,” Rosenthal said. “I think Kayla is in front and Penny in the middle in the last... I think Kayla will be a phenomenal runner if she can keep the pace well, hold their own, and then we’ll do well.”

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