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USC pays out big raises, for some

Complaints, but few students, at ticketing forum

Despite new system, discontent still present at town hall meeting

Cherita Mack & Sarah Ellis

USC may have a new ticketing system, but students still aren’t quite happy.

At a ticketing forum hosted Tuesday afternoon, Adrienne White, the student ticketing coordinator, said she'd gotten 2,540 emails, more than 500 phone calls and more than 800 other communications from students about the ticketing system this year.

They came with a handful of complaints, she said, ranging from the cancellations of their tickets to delayed fee payments for payments that key students were requesting tickets.

At the stadium, White said, the primary issues affecting tickets are “cards not scanning, bar codes not matching and the technical support behind the GamecockCard.”

While turnout was low at the forum, the students who attended made it clear that they wanted basic issues fixed.

Some students suggested moving up the deadline for claiming tickets. In the current system, students have to claim their tickets by 5 p.m. the Tuesday before a game, which is when the Student Ticketing office closes.

White also pitched various solutions to USC’s ticketing issues, including charging for season tickets. USC is one of only two Southeastern Conference schools that don’t charge for student tickets, she said. The other is Vanderbilt.

The idea has been pitched before, and in as past proposals, it hasn’t really taken root on the Gamecock, although no final decision were made at the forum.

David Stephens, a fourth-year civil engineering student, expressed plenty of qualms about how he knew other

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students had complaints too. 

“I want what’s best for the student body and what’s fair for everyone,” Stephens said. “Everyone likes to complain a lot, but when it comes to actually coming out, they just seem apathetic about it.”

The forum also discussed student basketball tickets. This year, there will not be a student season ticket for basketball games, and tickets will be made available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Only 2,500 tickets are reserved for students at basketball games, compared to 12,000 at football games.

More information about basketball tickets will be sent out sometime next week. White said that in spite of the low turnout, Student Ticketing expects to hold more forums in the future.

“I am pleased with the turnout, believe it or not,” White said. “The students here brought a lot of feedback and opinions.”

A forum to discuss student ticketing Tuesday afternoon in the Russell House Theater was sparsely attended.

Dressed in all manner of costumes, from vampires to cartoon characters to Yoda, local children visited USC’s Greek Village to play games and fill their fists with candy.
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Central Market - Dirt & Worm Cups (Pandini’s), Witches Brew Smoothie (Freshen’s), Boo Cups (Horseshoe Deli) ONLY on Halloween

Colloquium Cafe - Pumpkin Cake Pops & Pumpkin Latte w/ Cookie Combo (Oct 29-31)

Gibbes Court - Pumpkin Carving Contest between employees, students judge (Oct 31)

GMP - Local apples with caramel dip at the farmer’s market (Oct 30)

Honeycomb Cafe - Spiderweb Cupcakes

ALL - Pumpkin Bars (Oct 22- Nov 11)

Witches Fingers & Mummy Cookies (Oct 22-31)
The Association of Minority Pre-Health Students, in conjunction with the Theta Gamma chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and Students With A Responsible Message, hosted their third-annual "One Mic Night" Tuesday night to raise awareness for domestic abuse.

Among the performers and the audience were people who had either suffered abuse themselves, family members who had been affected and those who wanted to show their support.

The event featured singers, spoken-word artists, a rapper and jazz saxophonist.

During an intermission, Yvette Bennett, a prevention specialist of Sistercare, and Corey Ingram, the program coordinator for USC’s Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention & Prevention Office both spoke, and donations were taken for Sistercare.

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For others, this year wasn’t the first time they’d gotten a raise in recent years.

Ed Walton, USC’s chief financial officer, received a $43,542 (18.5 percent) raise this year, taking his salary to $279,942 after getting a $72,000 (41.9 percent) increase last year. Leslie Brumbl, an associate vice president for finance, earned $23,026 (12.3 percent) more, making her salary $210,926, up from $197,900 in 2010. Byrd, the vice president for human resources, made $31,170 (12.3 percent) more, increasing his salary to $211,170, up from $199,000 in 2010.

The Daily Gamecock’s analysis compared the Budget and Control Board’s data for employees’ salaries as of Aug. 31 in those three years.

This semester, Mary Anne Fitzpatrick, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, received an additional $25,000 in pay when she was named a vice provost, taking her salary to $310,897.

And earlier this month, the board of trustees approved a $125,000 pay increase — 21 percent — for Pastides, taking his base pay to $724,000. The board also gave him a $210,000 retention bonus over five years.

On the whole, USC’s top-paid employees weren’t much more likely to receive a raise than other workers. This year, 5.7 percent of employees making at least $100,000 got a raise, compared to 5.6 percent of employees making less than that, according to data provided by Byrd. Last year, 38.1 percent of the best-paid employees earned more, versus 17.4 percent in the latter group, according to the data.

In those cases, Pastides said, administrators usually took on new responsibilities or absorbed other positions. Walton, for example, took over the role of vice president for facilities, he said.

For others, it’s an issue of retention, Pastides said.

An analysis of faculty salaries in the U.S. by the Chronicle of Higher Education shows that USC falls below the national median in faculty wages. The university is in the 84th percentile for pay for full professors and assistant professors, and in the 76th percentile for instructors.

The university will start requesting further “regular, moderate raises” across the board from the state legislature in the coming years, Pastides said.

Barring that, raises would be funded by USC’s Educational Foundation, with money the university’s endowment generates from income on investments, or by its billion-dollar Carolina’s Promise capital campaign, Pastides said.

Pastides said that the university would avoid using tuition money to give universitywide raises, in light of growing tuition costs at USC.

Over the summer, the board of trustees increased USC’s tuition by 3.15 percent for in-state students and 4.9 percent for non-resident students. For residents of the state, it was the smallest tuition increase in more than a decade.

But tuition and enrollment increases play a part in an ongoing struggle at the university, Byrd said — to retain its staff and make the most of its money as state funding shrinks and the economy continues on a slow recovery.

“it’s very important that even during difficult economic times to be able to assemble a strong team of highly qualified, motivated and committed faculty and staff so that we can deliver a high-quality product to the students,” Byrd said.

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Students should assist in efforts to rebuild

After the worst of the destruction from Hurricane Sandy—specifically on coastal New Jersey—and, according to N.J. Gov. Chris Christie, “inhospitable” damages. These heartbreakingly poignant and stories will continue to linger throughout the next several days and possibly even weeks. For students at USC from New Jersey, including myself, as well as those from Delaware, New York and other northeastern states that faced formidable damage, this is doubt one of the hardest parts about being away from home. As Twitter erupted for about 1.4 million tweets with pieces of a song, “Sandy” from “Spongebob Squarepants” punes and manner updates, as well as home photos of friends and families playing board games or drinking together, many students are realizing what their friends and family’s help feel like. It is as if we were chasing the natural path of life by being down here instead of up there with a lot of the people that we care about. That is when it is most apparent that something tragic was happening not far away from us.

Victims of the hurricane in the northeast will now, as just the people of New Orleans did in 2005 when Katrina struck. It’s likely going to take a very long time to rebuild what has been lost on the Jersey Shore, but people have many hearts have been broken and many homes have been destroyed, they will need all of the moral and material support we can give.

So if you’re away from home, go home for the weekend or at least try to talk to or Skype with your family. Even if you aren’t from the Mid-Atlantic or the surrounding areas and you know someone who goes to school around those parts up north, shoot them a text and let them know even though you can’t be there physically, you’re still there for their support group. Even if we are students who could get involved and hose fundraisers or other events in order to help raise money for reconstruction and donate our support as a school community. As many found ways to assist during the aftermath of Katrina, it’s important that we also find ways to help out the victims of Sandy in any way we are able to. What just happened to the Northeast is an unprecedented tragedy for those in the region. Because it is home to the most densely populated states it is estimated that New York and New Jersey is home to more than 8 million people and the region is leaving millions without power. Houses and cars have been crushed, factories have been shut down and transportation in affected areas has been halted. However, with a support group and the help of our neighbors that house intelligent and charitable people it can be a reminder for all of South Carolina that even through the hurricane that is home to us, we have a duty and the obligation to help our friends and neighbors as well.

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I don't care how much time you spent bulking up in prison or on a raging, bloodthirsty killing spree. GETTING SHOT HURTS. Considering all the clichés in horror like Myers and Jason Voorhees, this has to be the most repeated cliché ever used. The villain just keeps coming back as if he's been blessed by Satan. No matter how many times they get stabbed in the chest, fall to their death or are shot in the head, they still take death and eventually rip our hearts off.

The Invincible Killer

The month of October is mostly associated with Halloween, and Halloween is usually associated with horror, and nothing can scare you more than a great horror film (except maybe the stomach upset). In horror films, it's always great to have a villainous horror story. "Promiscuous Girls pop up in scary movies all the time."

The Split-Up Tactic

I was so stoked when "Cabin in the Woods" brought this up. Whatever happened to "strength in numbers?" You know, the tactic that helped the ancient Romans and the Spartans from "300" win so many battles. I mean, why do you think Shaggy and Scooby-Doo always ended up running into the monster when it was just the two of them? Because Fred always wanted to have alone time with the ladies.

Promiscuous Teenagers

In horror films, it's always great to have a diverse cast. But in slasher films, we always get the same stereotypical characters, including the promiscuous girl. No matter how innocent she is when she's married, she always goes back to being promiscuous when she's married. Whatever happens to her, she always goes back to being promiscuous. This has been overused countless times and is getting way too predictable. Watch any of the "Friday the 13th" films or "Sorority Row" and you’ll understand what I am talking about.

Stupid Cops

Time for a pop quiz. Which character will be the most likely to survive a monster’s killing rampage? The funky self-obsessed football player, his cheerleader girlfriend, their wise-cracking dope-smoker friend or the innocent virgin heroine? Hint: it’s definitely not the cheerleader who’s been around the block more than once. It’s always the preppy white virgin, as in all the Christian aesthetics within classic horror films have shown us. So long as you’re pure, you’ll survive, even if it’s you that the killer monster is gunning for.

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Happy Halloween! Many of you have probably had costumes picked out for weeks, but there may be a few who have left it to the last minute. You might be able to figure something out from the 30- and 50-percent-off bins at Halloween Express or your local retailer, but if the bottom of the barrel isn’t really your scene and you have an eye for creativity, here are a few last minute costumes that you probably have lying in the bottom of your closet.

**Mumford or Son**
For this costume all you need is a deflatable snake, a guitar, a vest and a sizable amount of hairpray.

**Middle Schooler**
Pay homage to your former self: drop all of the makeup you were thinking about putting on and emphasize all of the embarrassing things you thought you’d left out. Maybe even “forget” to shower or put on deodorant. If you want to prove you really embrace the worst, don a plastic vampire fang and black pants. Don’t forget a baguette.

**Nudist-on-Strike**
The nudist may not be very family-friendly, but if you wear a trench coat with a cardboard sign that says “Nudist on strike,” people might think you’re clever.

**French (wo)man**
Paint on the curliest mustache you can, tack on a beret and don your favorite black-and-white striped shirt and black pants. Don’t forget a nose and glasses, you have the option to whip this up at home or scrounge the nearest Halloween, dollar or Acme store.

**Vampire**
If you’re into ditzy teens, take the nearest mound of glitter and just roll around in it. Grab a V-neck and some plastic vampire fangs if you feel like going the extra mile.

**Bat**
Find a headband that is meant for a cat’s costumes then draw on whiskers with eyeliner, but mix it up by taking a plastic tulle skirt from the Dollar Store and cutting it to look like wings. Pair this with a black shirt and black tights and you’re set.

**Witch**
Goodwill has a variety of graduation gowns for only a couple of bucks. Grab a broom from your closet and a stick from under a tree to serve as your magic wand, and hopefully that won’t be the only magic you are able to stir up.

**Black-Eyed P(s)**
If you can get a group together, take a fake cardboard check, balloons, a cameraman and someone chasing the1441. Take it to the tanning bed, but now you can rock on.

**Static Cling**
If you are looking for something that barely counts as a costume, paint on the curliest mustache you can, tack on a beret and don your favorite black-and-white striped shirt and black pants. Don’t forget a nose and glasses, you have the option to whip this up at home or scrounge the nearest Halloween, dollar or Acme store.

**Cocky**
As a testament to our dear mascot, you may not recognize the name, but you know the face. This is the disguise you know the face. This is the disguise you wear a white T-shirt and white pants and staple socks to yourself. If you want to stand out from the crowd further, and black pants. Don’t forget a nose and glasses, you have the option to whip this up at home or scrounge the nearest Halloween, dollar or Acme store.

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guessed all six in ten minutes.
In an interview with The Daily Gamecock, the comedians revealed what made them get into comedy as a profession. Peele was enrolled in Sarah Lawrence College and had an interest in puppetry. However, after joining his college improv troupe, “Judith,” his goal of being on a sketch show was in clear view.

“I left a very expensive school to move to Chicago, and from there my journey took me to Amsterdam, and eventually to MADtv,” he said.

As for Key, his story is a little bit different.

“Comedy wasn’t something that you could major in. I wasn’t going to be able to make a living in it, so I just [said] ‘I’ll be a dramatic actor, work on the stage for the rest of my life and do Shakespeare,’” Key said.

He eventually found his way to Second City — a notorious improvisational troupe in Detroit and Chicago — and decided to pursue comedy.

Key and Peele began their act together shortly after they left MADtv, describing it as, “a moment of opportunity for both of us.” They said the fact that they wanted to work together was beneficial for them, calling it a “force multiplier.”

“You want a show with one of these guys? How about both?” Peele said.

But Key said the duo aims to make their material accessible to all demographics.

“We’re not making a show for everybody so it feels like there’s not really a particular group,” he said.

“Key and Peele” airs every Wednesday at 10:30 p.m. on Comedy Central. You can also check up on them by visiting comedycentral.com.

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Key & Peele made the crowd part of the show on Tuesday, keeping students on their toes.

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the police department won't take it seriously. And why do they always send policemen who lack peripheral vision?

In horror films, bad stuff usually goes down in some abandoned house where people were killed or in some lake where a poor kid was drowned. Yet for some reason, somebody thinks it's a great idea to either take a weekend trip to that same lake or move in or near that same house. So if people start dying or some ghost starts haunting dreams, do we blame the idiots who didn't ask how Killer-Ghost Manor got its name? If not, they still deserve a punch in the face.

Just once when I watch a horror movie about a group of teenagers taking a vacation to a lake house or cabin in the middle of the woods, I wish they'd listen to the creepy old guy at the gas station who warns them to turn back. I mean, what ever happened to listening to your elders? I'm pretty sure this guy has been around much longer than you, so he must know what he is talking about.

Just have to not wear heels and pick up some green hair spray from Walmart. People will either find you adorable and endearing or totally yucky? Get what you need at the campus pharmacy. People will either find you adorable and endearing or totally bizarre. And if all else fails, just wear a hiking suit and pick up pieces of costumes that have fallen off the drunken masses in Five Points throughout the night. If you somehow wind up with a Viking hat and a homemade beer-can staff, you are officially the Viking God of Beer. Stumble upon a headband halo and a forked devils tail and you are a bipolar demon. Fall face-first into a vat of punch and you are now Carrie, from the famous 1976 film of the same name. Just about anything can be a costume if you come up with a clever enough name.
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- Cover all the bases, both count. Watch out for hidden dangers.

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**Horoscopes**

- **Aries** You’ll learn quickly for the next few days. Complications and challenges could arise, so revise plans. Study the angles. Don’t share with friends yet, and avoid gossip at all costs.
- **Taurus** Cover all the bases, and tap another source of energy. Postpone a travel issue for the next two days — No more procrastination. It will require willpower into action instead. It’s not all about fun and games now, but you can still enjoy yourself. Choose to empower your interpretation.
- **Gemini** You’re getting more sensitive and stronger. Postpone travel and daydreaming, and jump into action instead. It will require willpower and you have it. Choose to empower your interpretation.
- **Cancer** No more procrastination for the next few days — don’t put it off for the weekend. It’s emotion versus reason now, and both count. Watch out for hidden dangers. Create love and peace.
- **Libra** Working your agenda with care is good, but there’s only so much planning you can do. Get into action. Don’t be afraid to hit the trail (or the slopes). Just do it.
- **Scorpio** Fantasy doesn’t quite measure up to reality at least for now. Make the best of it, even with unwanted conflict. Plan a special romantic evening. Love finds a home now. Be open to new opportunities.
- **Libra** Your loved ones encourage you to take on a new challenge. Silence is bliss now. Plan a special romantic evening. Love finds a home now. Be open to new opportunities.
- **Aquarius** Discover the truth, and erase all doubt. Make household decisions for the next few days. Face your demons. Provide advice only when asked. Stick close to home.

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**Sudoku**

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**Crossword**

- **ACROSS**
  - 1 Hidden drawback (help your house?)
  - 5 Drive, as wages
  - 10 Fish hamper
  - 12 Peter out
  - 26 Migratory feeder
  - 25 Lake Nasser
  - 28 Et __: and others
  - 29 FIFA: and others
  - 30 Wahine’s strings
  - 31 Ballot abbr.
  - 32 Dispense in acres
  - 34 “I’m c-c-cold!”
  - 40 Matter makers
  - 42 Line through the middle
  - 55 Over there, please
  - 56 Chianti, in Chianti
  - 57 “How __ Your Reputation?”
  - 58 Half a round
  - 60 Year in Trajan’s reign?
  - 62 Top bond rating
  - 63 Optima maker
  - 64 Go off
  - 65 Fanny __
  - 66 Worth of the share?
  - 67 CNBC topic
  - 68 Easter celebration
  - 69 When brunch may begin
  - 701 Center for Contemporary Art, 701 Whaley St.
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South Carolina basketball coach Frank Martin knows that if his team has more than one rebound, they will come out on top. But once the lead is gone, it's not easy to find it again.

"You have my word on that one," Martin said.

"I think it could be better," Martin said. "But we have to get over that mentality of how we play." The Gamecocks played with just seven players, as Mike Mangotic notched his first goal of the season. Though he's famous for his spirited outbursts, Martin maintained composure during the game. At one point, he called a timeout and looked down at the stat sheet, but took the time to bury his face in his hands on the bench.

"Those are two things there's no excuse not to do better," Martin said. "There's been a lack of effort; they are not giving their best. It's just in the end, there's been a lack of effort." Berson also acknowledged this season has been unfamiliar territory for most of his team — many of the guys were a part of the back-to-back tournament and regular season conference championships, respectively.

"These guys have worked hard, and have struggled to be their best," Berson said. "Now we need to go out against Kentucky and show everyone the quality of team we have here at South Carolina, and we're determined to do that."