SNOW DAY: CLASSES CANCELED

Winter storm warning causes closings throughout SC
Josh Dawwey and Taylor Cherry

The first day of school will have to wait.
USC closed its Columbia campus for Monday as an announcement late Sunday night. The University was closed by the city of Columbia, Richland County government, all state government offices and public school districts in Lexington and Richland Counties. The closure came as Columbia residents braced for a walloping snowstorm Sunday evening, and weather officials predicted slick roads and nasty conditions Monday. A forecast late Sunday predicted the snow and icy drizzle to last all Monday.
The city of Columbia said salt and sand trucks are prepared for the snow, and all public safety departments will have additional staff Monday, according to the city.
Jill Linton, a forecaster for the National Weather Service, said January and February prove to be the coldest months of the season.

A prominent national magazine indicates USC is slipping in educational value for the dollar and is now behind Clemson.
USC slid 10 spots from 32nd to 42nd in Kiplinger’s Personal Finance Magazine’s Best Values in Public Colleges rankings for 2011. Clemson was ranked one spot at 31st last year, but dropped to 40th in 2010.
The close rivalry is in stark contrast to the 2008-09 rankings, when USC ranked 60th and Clemson ranked 34th.
Dennis Pruitt, USC’s vice president for Student Affairs, said the drop “is a sole reflection of the amount of state funding we’re receiving in South Carolina.” Pruitt added USC’s ranking in the top 40 “is particularly significant because the University is an institution that, even with shrinking budgets, continues to provide a wonderful educational experience.”
According to the University’s website, undergraduate tuition went up 6.9 percent for 2010-11, an increase of $141 per semester for in-state students. Eight of 10 million dollars generated from that increase is used to cover for cuts in state appropriations. Pruitt said that without state lottery scholarships, students would have suffered more and the ranking would have dropped further.
“Just the thing that’s saving us as an institution, and saving Clemson and the College of Charleston, is those state lottery scholarships for in-state students,” Pruitt said.
“Our students receive a tremendous amount of assistance in scholarships from the state lottery program.”
But according to Kiplinger’s, the price tag of an institution accounts for only about one-third of its ranking; academic quality makes up the rest. This results in some confusion and angst, evidenced in the University’s website.
Efforts to reach Kiplinger’s for comment were unsuccessful.
Kiplinger’s rankings were more favorable for private schools and schools with specialized curricula,
Students left their dorms to play on the snow-covered, historic Horseshoe during last year's massive snowstorm. They weren't complaining.

But after classes were canceled, students grumbled over Facebook and Twitter, reveling in the news. Some wanted to know what bars were open on a Sunday night. Others pledged to build a snowman. A few students from northern states expressed shock at the need to wear mittens or gloves. But all had one thing in common: They said Sunday.

‘It’s just a short drive, but I’m heading back early before the storm starts,” Hsieh said. She lives in her Irmo home, about 20 minutes away.

Second-year chemistry student Christine Hsieh had to leave early from her physics class. She said she would have enough gas to make it home. “We know how to deal with the weather,” Hsieh said.

Eric Yau, a first-year economics student from New York, also used the day to head home. He had to plan accordingly for the iced roads. “I came home this time of year because I was preparing the best it can be,” he said.

If you don’t have to drive, don’t — and make sure they’re clean. — Information adapted from FEMA

**Winter Weather safety tips**

**You:**
- Layer your clothing rather than wearing one heavy coat.
- Wear mittens or gloves.
- Put on a beanie that covers your ears.
- Wrap a scarf around your mouth to protect your lungs.

**Your ride:**
- Check your antifreeze, brake fluid and windshield wiper fluid levels to make sure you have enough.
- Keep a full tank of gas to make sure you have enough.
- Check your battery terminals to keep water out.
- Keep a full tank of gas to make sure you have enough.
- Keep jumper cables and a working windshield scraper in your car.
- Keep the headlights and rear lights working.
- Keep your wipers well at low temperatures.
- Check brake fluid and use a lighter variety filling up with a lighter variety.
- Check brake wear.
- Check wipers and emergency lights to make sure they’re working.
- Check exhaust pipes for leaks to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Make sure your defrost and heater are working.
- Check oil level and consider filling up with a lighter variety.
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**Your body:**
- Wear mittens or gloves.
- Put on a beanie that covers your ears.
- Water repellent material is better than absorbent wool.
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**USC wins global energy challenge**

**Green Quad team awarded most points worldwide**

Laura Beggs

A team from USC recently won the Great Power Race, a global clean energy competition that garnered more than 1,000 entries.

USC’s Great Power Quad team was announced as the top scorer during the United Nations climate change negotiations in Cancun, Mexico, last month. USC finished with 657 points, topping the Indian Institute of Technology in Delhi, India with 660 points.

The Great Power Race mainly included college campuses in the U.S., China and India. Registered teams worked on implementing climate and clean energy solution projects to earn points.

Anjana Sukumar and Myoung Su Ko, the two captains of USC’s Great Power Race team, are graduate students working toward master’s degrees in the Earth and Environmental Resources Management program at USC. Sukumar said this competition raised awareness and promoted clean-energy efforts among youth and hopes it will increase the nation’s green efforts. She said the success of the U.S. in this competition puts pressure on President Barack Obama by showing him how deeply American youth care about environmental issues.

David Whiteman, one of the faculty advisors for USC’s team, gave Sukumar and Ko the credit for USC’s involvement in the Great Power Race.

“It was all student-initiated. Those two learned about it and pulled everyone else along with them with their enthusiasm,” Whiteman said.

The only stipulation for participation in the Great Power Race was the projects must be initiated and performed by students. Since students in the Green Quad at USC already perform green initiatives, Sukumar said USC was a perfect candidate for the competition.

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SG promises major action

Taxi service, off-campus

Carolina Card envisioned

Kathryn Kranjc

This year promises to be one of action as SG's student-focused offices at USC, such as Student Government representatives. This year, SG anticipates the implementation of several new student service programs that have been under way for the past year, including, in Student Body President Elks. Yeadon announced in November, a free student taxi service and the less acknowledged acceptance of Carolina Cash off campus.

“….a long, crazy year,” student Body President Elks. Yeadon said. “Our biggest hope is that students will be able to get see and benefit from all our hard work.”

The most imminent of the proposed student service programs is the taxi service to replace Cody’s Caratun, the on- campus shuttle service that transports students from campus to Free Points on Friday and Saturday nights within the spring semester.

SG Chairmen of Transportation and Safety and second-year public relations student Karis Thompson said the program is currently weighing offers from two different Columbia companies. Once the decision is announced, which Thompson said will be within the next two weeks, students will be able to use their Carolina Cards for free transportation anywhere within the city. Yeadon announced the SG service will use the University up to $60 per night and will cater to more students. Cody’s Caratun, which has returned to the venue in the last two years, has frequently drawn popular acts such as The Jackson 5, Metallica and The Grateful Dead. Yeadon said. “We’re already along the way toward designing the renovation of the Health Sciences Building.”

According to Yeadon, a fourth-year history student, the proposed upgrades of the Carolina Card at off-campus locations has been the forefront of student requests for over a year and will most likely take effect during the fall of 2011. While an SG committee will commission specific vendors over the summer, they have worked out a compromise with Sodexo, the University’s main dining supplier, in which only non- competitive vendors will be included in the expansion, such as gas stations, grocery stores and late-night dining locations. Sodexo said the administration is looking for an increase in Carolina Card deposits before the program takes off. SG is also appealing to the state attorney general in order to introduce a new legal counseling service for students in the fall semester. The propositional attorney, appointed by the chancellor, would include services for non-legal matters, such as employment and housing contracts.

Graduate students can also expect new proposals in student affairs this year if a new bill is passed during the February SG elections. The bill would alter the constitution to create a bimonthly council of graduate and undergraduate students in order for graduate students to be more cohesively involved in legislation over issues such as university health care policy and room and board. Also currently on SG's agenda this year are the promotion of digital textbooks, a state- wide student lobby for a bond bill at the State House in February and an opportunity to dig a rock quarry less than half a mile from West-Brace Stadium, next to the Student Activities and University Office.

As Yeadon and Cain prepare to relinquish their offices in March and more focused on graduate studies, they hope that this year’s administration will continue to initiate changes that affect graduates. “The Coliseum is the key to student body continuity to voice their concerns and opinions in legislation in order to improve sustain Carolina’s environment.”

“The past, we’ve haven’t shown on a consistent level what we can do about things that affect students. I think this year might be a different year.”

For a lot of initiatives to become successful, they need students to be steadfastly present for them. And they need officials who understand that making change is a long-term effort.

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First Man excited for Haley's inauguration

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Mayor Steve Benjamin dubbed Jan. 5 “Kappa Alpha Psi Day” in honor of his former fraternity’s centennial. “As mayor of Columbia and a Kappa myself, I am proud to honor and celebrate 100 years of dedicated service to this community and to the spirit of excellence everywhere,” Benjamin said.

The mayor, who graduated from USC in 1991 and the USC School of Law in 1994, said “Kappa Alpha Psi has had a significant and positive influence on my life and the lives of young black men across the nation and the world.”

Kappa Alpha Psi has four chapters in Columbia, including Zeta Epsilon at USC.

“I believe Steve Benjamin is showing great representation of not only my fraternity and my chapter but my race as well,” said Steven Magazine, Polemarch of Zeta Epsilon and a third-year integrated information technology student.

Magazine added that Benjamin is “a great representation of what my fraternity is built upon: achievement in every human endeavor and serving the community.”

Benjamin visited the regular 7:30 p.m. meeting of the Columbia Alumni Chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi, where he made the announcement. The fraternity later celebrated at Wild Wing Cafe.

Alpha Kappa Psi charity events in recent years have included organizing food drives, partnering with St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital and providing scholarships for young men.
VP for Student Affairs wins national award for best dean

NASPA awards

Dennis Pruitt for fourth honor

Dennis Pruitt, USC’s vice president for Student Affairs, captured another national honor for his long career in student affairs. He was given the 2011 Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Service as a Dean by Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. The organization, once called the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and still abbreviated NASPA, gives the award to an institution’s lead student affairs officer who has demonstrated sustained professional service in student affair work.

Pruitt cited University Provost Jerry Brewer. “He does that in a minute that you feel good about your job, you feel good about working for him, you feel good about working hard and you feel good about what the University of South Carolina is doing in making how successful the students are,” Pruitt said. “We’re just thrilled that he got the recognition.”

Pruitt maintains the award is not just for him, but the entire university, citing “student-centeredness” as the key to USC’s success.

The board of trustees and the administration over the past 10 years have always been dedicated to the improvement of the University of South Carolina,” Pruitt said. “They’ve enabled the University to hire a very talented group of professionals who have developed a series of outstanding and noteworthy programs that have gained national recognition.”

“Dennis has served the University of South Carolina for over 10 years, and in doing that he has built a wonderful organization in student affairs that I think mirrors provides opportunities and makes sure that no students ever, ever, ever fall through the cracks,” said Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Jerry Brewer. “He does that in a minute that you feel good about your job, you feel good about working for him, you feel good about working hard and you feel good about what the University of South Carolina is doing in making how successful the students are. We’re just thrilled that he got the recognition.”

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has topped the list for a decade, and was followed this year by the University of Florida.

“Chapel Hill for 10 years has received twice as much funding for students as we have, think about the money they’ve accumulated,” said Pruitt. “We all have to acknowledge that South Carolina is a small state — we don’t have the same amount of resources as North Carolina has.”

According to Kiplinger’s data, provided by Peterson’s/Nelnet LLC, the cost after need-based aid for an in-state South Carolina student at the prestigious UNC Chapel Hill is $14,245 — more than double.

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CNN: Somali pirates hijack another ship in the Indian Ocean. The U.S. Navy states that pirate attacks are getting redundant, but as much as “Pirates of the Caribbean” U.S. agents.

Dec. 11
BBC: Delegates at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Cancun, Mexico, strike a compromise. In Spring Break style, the delegate from the U.S. then takes her top off.

Dec. 12
AP: A blizzard in the midwestern U.S. causes the inflatable roof of the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis to collapse under snow. One official responds, “That’s why you don’t name things after guys named Hubert Humphrey.”

Dec. 13
BCC: A 2,400-year-old pot of soup is dug up near Xian, China. It is confirmed to be Humphrey.”

Dec. 14
BBC: Russia warns Senate Republicans that attempting to renegotiate the START treaty would end the pact. Republicans threaten legislation.

Dec. 15
New York Times: China denounces the world’s plan to modernize its yak-based currency. It is the first step in the country’s plan to adopt the euro as its currency.

Dec. 16
AP: Yahoo! lays off 600 employees. One of the former employees remarks, “I didn’t know Yahoo! was still around!” and goes back to playing on Google Maps.

Dec. 17
BBC: U.K. prisons serving less than four years gain the right to vote. A national referendum banning “dropping the soap” immediately passes.

Dec. 18
New York Times: The Senate repeals “don’t ask, don’t tell.” Despite the worst fears of homosexuals, the military doesn’t fall apart, and the entire U.S. Navy sings “Bohemian Rhapsody” in unison.

Dec. 19
BBC: More than 100 people in Austria are arrested for possessing child pornography. “The Sound of Music” suddenly becomes creepy.

Dec. 20
BBC: Spanish Senate Republicans that attempting to renegotiate the START treaty would end the pact. Republicans threaten legislation.

Dec. 21
CNN: Lunar eclipse occurs for the first time in 137 years. Jettison wizards of Green Quack, jubilee. When a depot.

Dec. 22
AP: Congress approves more than $4 billion in aid for rescuers and residents whose health was affected by the 9/11 attacks. Happy holidays to our heroes.

Dec. 23
AP: Lunar eclipse occurs for the first time in 137 years. Jettison wizards of Green Quack, jubilee. When a depot.

Dec. 24
Herald Sun: Despite North Korean threats, South Korea says it will keep up a giant Christmas tree on the border in until Jan. 8. The birthday of NK leader Kim Jong Il’s son. Kim also suspends the Christmas lights near his compound.

Dec. 25
AFP: Atlanta gets its first white Christmas in 128 years. Snow was last realized in 1887.

Dec. 26
The Star: Wikileaks founder Julian Assange reveals he has autobiography deals for over $1 million. His chance to make money is promptly ruined when the entire manuscript is leaked on the Internet.

Dec. 27
CNN: A 100-vehicle pileup occurs in southwest China. A driver who initiated it was reportedly from Ohio.

Dec. 28
BBC: The Elton John and his partner, David Furnish become parents after adopting a child and naming him Zachary. Jackson Levon Furnish-John. And Levon, “he’s like his money. He makes a lot they say!”

Dec. 29
AP: For the second time in six months, the minimum wage in Beijing is raised 20 percent. Meanwhile, pay at The Daily Gamecock remains abysmal.

Dec. 30
BCC: North Korean broadcasts its first Western film, “Bend It Like Beckham,” on its state-run television. One film critic describes it as “up young in almost a century of Western trimming.”

Dec. 31
BCC: Estonia becomes the 17th European Union member to adopt the euro as its currency.

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Carolina Coliseum in need of makeover

The Carolina Coliseum may get a makeover in the near future, according to the Administration and its building and maintaining the status of the University of South Carolina. This is a radical idea we strongly support. Considering how empty the Coliseum often is, it is expected to provide logical arguments to the University of South Carolina and redeveloped the Coliseum before its transformation.

CORRECTIONS

Published in a new version of the book that the last time the N-word with the word “alone” a single word could be a book that should be left.

Sarkodie once said this could not be considered a discussion of freedom of expression? Without the freedom to offend, it ceases to exist.

The truth is, the Washington Times, Magazine’s classic novel is among the most noted in the United States just as much as the next American in the 21st century ago, so it seems sold this fine attempt to publish a “sail” edition. we still alive and

New year, new Congress, same old politics

Republican take over House, fail to focus on creating jobs

Throughout the midterm elections, Republicans across the country and the nation’s touch of the average American voter, who apparently view Republican tax cuts for Mark Zuckerberg and Warren Buffett than they do about providing unemployment insurance to millions of Americans who depend on these benefits for survival. These arguments from the Republicans took back the control of the House and weakened Democrats’ majority in the Senate. The same folks who paid for doing nothing for the past few years, may have to prove to the American people that they can actually govern. Now that they are in charge of one-half of one-third of our federal government, will Republicans put “FDR’s New Deal” to put our people back to work?

The GOP really wants to be the Party, or can we expect more of the same from the party of small businesses and refused to extend unemployment insurance until President Barack Obama and Democats agreed to extend tax cuts for Americans? Having watched the first few days of the 112th Congress live on C-SPAN, I am pleased to report that Republicans have failed to device to the American people.

Republican legislators have already introduced the first week of this session, that they are concerned about the Tea Party. They determined to keep their own and will do whatever is necessary to ensure that Obama does not lose his in 2012. Instead of drafting serious issues facing families across this country, Republicans spent the first few days of this legislative session, which is another clear indication that the Republicans and respect the Constitution of the United States just as much as the next American in the 21st century ago, so it seems sold this fine attempt to publish a “sail” edition. we still alive and

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