Free taxi rides on way next month

Contract with Checker Yellow Cab would give students rides back to dorms from Five Points

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The trial run for Student Government’s Five Points taxi service is planned to begin March 24, Student Body Vice President Taylor Cain said.

Cain said his group has already established a logo, and only awaits final approval from both USC and the Checker Yellow Cab taxi service, President Taylor Cain said.

The Carolina Cab program, the result of a contract with Checker Yellow Cab, will give students rides back to dorms from Five Points Fountain and the Hootie and the Blowfish monument to anywhere within a five-mile radius of campus.

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Tracy said he expected no shortage of cabs, citing that the company has a fleet of more than 100.

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Hit-and-run hospitalizes USC student

First-year remains in critical condition

A first-year USC student is in critical condition at Richland Memorial Hospital after being hit by a suspected drunk driver on Assembly Street early Sunday morning.

Mac Dunbar was walking across the street near Sonic Drive-In around 1 a.m. when he was struck by a car, said Deputy Chief Bob Santos of the Columbia Police Department. The car didn’t stop.

A witness in a nearby taxi saw the event and directed the taxi driver to follow the driver, Police officers were later able to track down and arrest the suspect, Ashley Coleman, 27.

Coleman is charged with felony driving under the influence and leaving the scene of an accident without giving information or rendering aid. Coleman spent the night in the Abdn Glenn Detention Center. His bond hearing is this morning.

Santos said the incident is still under investigation. Dunbar is originally from Spartanburg and lives in Columbia Hall at USC.

RUNOFF ● 2

Runoff candidates aim to create turnout

Kazi, Wright focus on voter apathy as race continues

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The two candidates in the SG presidential runoff race have a common, simple strategy: make sure students know they’re running.

“The general strategy really is just maintaining voter turnout,” Rohail Kazi said. “I think historically it has been a trickiest thing is just getting people to vote and reminding people that elections aren’t over and that winners almost 1,000 voters from last year. Whether voters were interested in the first place is up for debate. Only 2,245 students almost 1,000 votes from last year.

Joe Wright, Kazi’s opponent, won the plurality in the general election with 29.4 percent to Kazi’s 27.1. Wright, who must go back to some of the others to remind organizations that we haven’t before, and we’re not far behind them,” Kazi said. “We’re going to hit up some of the others to remind them.

“We’re going to hit up some of the organizations that we haven’t before, and we’re not far behind them,” Kazi said. “We’re not far behind — I’d say the race is pretty much neck and neck.”

Wright is taking the same general campaign is “just sticking with the same plan” to bring the voters back to VIP and hopefully bridge the gap.

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Kazi’s strategy isn’t tricky. He said his runoffs. With runoffs it’s different; you have to re-evaluate everything because the votes can swing either way,” Wright said. “The trickiest thing is just getting people to vote again.”

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National champions keep winning streak going in series sweep

South Carolina began its defense of the 2010 College World Series championship in style this past weekend, sweeping all three games of the season-opening series against Santa Clara at sunny Carolina Stadium.

— Compiled by James Pritchard, Sports Editor

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Caravan, the current night shuttle service that suffers from low ridership while costing SG thousands. Cocky’s Caravan also only runs Friday and Saturday nights, leaving the Thirsty Thursday crowd thirsting for a ride.

Tracy said Carolina Cab will cost USC $250 per night for three nights a week, as compared to Cocky’s Caravan, which costs $725 per night for the two nights it runs. The new service will save thousands by the end of this semester, Cain said. Carolina Cab will run for five weekends starting March 24 and continue until the start of exam week. Cain said SG didn’t want to inaugurate the service during the hectic St. Patrick’s Day weekend.

After the trial run is up, USC will review the service to decide if they will change or alter it.

While Carolina Cab is currently only planned to serve Five Points, Cain said that if the service is “highly successful” SG will see if it expands to The Vista and other off-campus housing complexes.

Yazdani has endorsed Kazi, current Vice President Taylor Cain, incoming Vice President Katie Thompson and incoming treasurer Emily Supil are behind Wright.

“It’s kind of split right now. Kind of the older group is endorsing Rohail and a lot of the newer kids are endorsing me,” Wright said. “I think at this point that brings such new energy to the position that they’re afraid that I’m going to change things — and things do need to be changed — and they’re afraid that that’s going to upset their legacy.”

Voting for the runoffs will open 9 a.m. Tuesday and last until 5 p.m. Wednesday. To vote, log into VIP, click on the Personal tab and click on the Show Me button next to Student Government Elections.
Every college student’s wildest dream is finally coming true. For many of us, the idea of never having to worry about the stress of driving home after a long day of class is almost too good to be true. The university, with their conservative and often inefficient system of shuttles, has decided to cut all federal funding for Planned Parenthood. This will lead to a significant decrease in the number of students who can afford to get the services they need.

In order for the new service to stay running, SG needs to let students know how the cabs work. Too many students have had trouble getting in when they go downtown. If it’s a good experience, let friends know you liked using it, and give positive reviews to the website. If the service is not good, please let the SG know.

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The only explanation I can possibly come up with for this grave misjudgment is that he is as misinformed as he is sexist. I am truly ashamed, as a fellow student can be, for the racist and white supremacist banners, who understand the difference between us, to be unfiltered down to the Daily Gamecock staff.

— Grace Sall
Ph.D., research assistant
anthropology student

Planned Parenthood misconstrued by conservatives

Republicans try to shift voter focus from cutting funding to organization

From slavery to gay marriage, hot-button issues have been used by political parties to divide and distance itself from the American voters. For Reagan in 1980, the issue was state rights. For Bush in 2000, affirmative action was used to turn out white voters who disagreed with Clinton’s progressive agenda. For today, Republicans are focusing on abortion services. In voting to cut funding for Planned Parenthood, Republicans know that this will encourage those who support the defunding of abortions to take action in this country. On the other hand, Planned Parenthood can use this opportunity to make sure that this issue is one of those that help promote unneeded prenatal care in the first place, including access to affordable contraceptives and comprehensive sex education.

It’s hard to paint Planned Parenthood as a group of abortion lovers whose primary goal is to provide as many abortions as possible. The problem with this depiction is that it is not new. Since the founding of Planned Parenthood, it has always been a goal of the organization to make sure that women have the choice to make their own decisions regarding abortion. It is a goal that has been embraced by women across the country.

The South of today has moved beyond the traditions and traits of the old South, and in that respect, the flag represents the South as a place of tradition and community. A place of pride, where Southerners have come to embrace the region as a whole. Let us not take for granted how they can make the system run more smoothly and effectively.

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Radiohead releases latest eccentric album

**The King of Limbs**

*Take a step back* and *listen in*, and you’ll hear a story of a kingdom, a race to the throne, and the struggles faced by those within it. The album’s name, *The King of Limbs*, is a nod to the ancient British custom of the “king of the green wood,” where a king would be chosen from a group of men in a tree. The album explores themes of power, control, and the idea of a king who is not always deserving of their title.

**TKOL**

The track “TKOL,” which opens Radiohead’s latest album, is a statement of their musical intent and direction. It’s a track that demands attention and requires the listener to engage fully with its intricate layers and hidden meaning. 

Radiohead fans will be pleased to find that the band’s signature sound is still very much in evidence, with the occasional foray into more experimental territory. The album’s highs are much more subdued than “OK Computer” or “In Rainbows,” and its creativity is less overt than “Amnesiac.” It’s not for anyone’s guess.

**“The Suicide” at a glance**

*Radiohead* released its new album, “The King of Limbs” Feb. 19. The words “suicide” and “comedy” are rarely paired together. In the case of the Longstreet Theatre’s latest production, it seems so right.

*The Suicide* focuses on the melancholy life of Samson, an unemployed worker living in the midst of societal chaos in communist Russia. When it appears he has had enough of it, his wife reveals to a neighbor that she thinks he is considering suicide. The rumor spreads throughout the town, and locals begin to bargain with Samson, in hopes that he will die in honor of their proposed causes. While each offer is increasingly outlandish and hysterical, the real kicker is that Semyon actually dies in honor of their proposed causes.

The play is rarely performed due to its surprisingly bumpy past. Playwright Nikolai Erdman wrote the script in 1929, but it was banned after being seen by Stalinist bureaucrats. It wasn’t until 40 years later that the play was revived, and a few decades more until it was performed again in Russia. But Longstreet celebrates it in a way that makes up for all those years that were lost.

Working on this production held a personal connection for set designer Nic Ulm, who was born and raised in Romania. His firsthand knowledge of growing up in a communist society was an inspiration to the rest of the cast.

“The repression in these types of societies changed the face of the world,” Ulm said. “It needs to be discussed even after so many years because it is beneficial for all generations to learn how, in many cases, not to act.”

“The Suicide” revives farcical comedy, a style often associated with Shakespeare that highlights subtle and intelligent humor, as opposed to slapstick comedy.

So, enjoy the only time that anything involving a suicide will be a treat, and visit Longstreet Theatre. Performances are Feb. 16-26 with student discounts on tickets.

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Ularu especially loves this type of theater because it causes the audience to think. “It’s for everyone, and presents a type of intellectual humor that everyone can laugh at and have something to learn from,” he said.

The charisma of the cast is what really makes this production a must-see. From their pre-performance exercises to the final bow, it is clear that this is a closely-knit group of theater professionals. Actors with varying experience are featured, including graduate students Don Russell, who plays Samson, and Catherine Friesen, cast as his wife, Mariya. These two, along with several other undergraduate students, are given the chance to work in a real professional environment alongside Rohny Hunt, a professor of acting at USC, as well as other faculty and theatre experts. Ulm said that the performance is a perfect combination of a new generation of young artists and professionals, creating an incomparable quality of acting too.
PICTURE OF THE DAY

International business student Rupert Hudson (left) and other hosts of “One, Two, 1234567890-=”.

Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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TODAY

MIT’S ACOUSTIC CONTEST 8 p.m. free over 21 / $5 under 21 New Brookland Tavern, 122 State St.

ART BAR EURO MOTO CLUB 8 p.m. Art Bar, 1211 Park St.

TOMORROW

MINIATURE TIGERS, ALL GET OUT, TYLIE 8 p.m. $5 New Brookland Tavern, 122 State St.

VICTORIA NDAKUE 8 p.m. $5 The White Mule, 1510 Main St.

CALENDAR

WHAT: What’s In Speak Out WHEN: 8 p.m. WHERE: RH 201

WHAT: Debate Union Members Meeting WHEN: 6 p.m. WHERE: RH 205

WHAT: ICE General Body Meeting WHEN: 6:30 p.m. WHERE: RH 203

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WHAT: News From Last Tuesday Meeting WHEN: 9 p.m. WHERE: RH 309

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BY JORGE CHAM

HOROSCOPES

ARIES There may be conflicts with partners today. You can definitely work it out. Put yourself in their shoes. Others appreciate this and ask you for advice.

TAURUS To avoid feeling neglected, surround yourself with friends that truly love you. In the face of intensity, keep your calm. Cultivate your own peace.

GEMINI Even when your heart’s broken, you can still enjoy simple pleasures, like the miracle of a rainbow or a falling star.

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A team of Air Force fighter jets passes over Carolina Stadium on Friday as part of the military-themed pregame ceremony honoring South Carolina's 2010 national championship.

“Enjoyed it. I really did,” coach Ray Tanner said. “I thought it was outstanding.”

The ceremony continued with a video recap of Carolina’s victories in Omaha, followed by the raising of a “National Champions” flag in right-center field as hundreds of garnet and black balloons were released from stadium rooftops.

After the singing of the national anthem, the show was concluded with an Air Force F-16 and former pitcher Blake Cooper throwing out the ceremonial first pitch to former catcher Kyle Enders.

“It was really special,” Tanner said. “I was standing under there thinking ‘I’m kind of glad I don’t have to play because this is a little difficult right now.’

Newcomers shine in USC debuts: Carolina’s opening weekend against Santa Clara saw many players make their first appearances in Garnet and Black.

Playing most of the new additions was starting Peter Mooney. A junior college transfer, Mooney started all three games and finished the weekend with a hit and two walks while making a number of big plays defensively.

“I thought Mooney did well,” Tanner said. “He swung the bat a lot better than his numbers indicate. He had some good contact, didn’t get a lot of hits, but played well in the field. He’s probably disappointed in his offense, but I thought it was fine.”

Also making his debut was sophomore Dylan Williams. The righty earned 12 innings of relief in Saturday’s 2-1 win. Harper allowed three hits and no runs while posting two strikeouts.

“I thought Harper attacked the zone good,” Tanner said. “That was encouraging to see.”

Strengths on base paths: Following a scoreless opening day, Carolina saw three players single-steal and one sacrificed off pitcher after another, three of which came in the first two innings.

Junior Adam Matthews proved to be the first victim on the new call as second base in the first inning. In the second, Santa Clara caught sophomore cooperation from a rundown single in the sixth when Santa Clara third baseman Kyle DeMarchi smashed a pitch into right field with runners on first and second. As first baseman Carter Wagner rounded third, third base quickly fielded the ball and fired it home, giving him down to make the out.

“At the end coach Chad Holloway is letting us throw more this year. Usually when we’re out there we throw it as hard as we can,” Wagner said. “I made a good throw and [pitcher Adam Thomas] had a good game and it worked out.

Leading off in the bottom of the inning, Matthews proved his case with a base hit single. After Bradley added a single of his own, Walker drilled a double off the top of the left-field wall, bringing around Matthews and breaking Carolina’a 2-2 lead.

Walker — who finished the weekend 6-12 with a home run and six RBIs — advanced to third on a sacrifice hit but shortly after scored on a wild pitch. Moments later, an Evan Marzilli sacrifice fly allowed Thomas trot to home, putting USC ahead 4-0.

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A BANNER WEEKEND

Taking the field for the first time as the defending champion, South Carolina kicked off its new season the same way it did last year. Playing host to Santa Clara, the Gamecocks rolled to a three-game sweep, culminated by a 6-0 victory Sunday afternoon.

"We very happy about our weekend — being able to win all three games against an outstanding Santa Clara team," coach Ray Tanner said. "All the games we played were in balance at some point or another. It wasn't an easy weekend for us, but we did some good things. We played some good defense, had quality pitching and timely hitting."

After one last celebration of the national title in a pre-game ceremony, Carolina wasted little time picking up where it left off. Powered by preseason All-American Jackie Bradley Jr. — who finished the day 4-4 with a home run and three RBI — the Gamecocks went to the field for the first time this season and put away the Broncos 12-5, but behind Bradley, Carolina rallied for three runs to cut the lead into the eighth inning of Friday's opener and three runs later for the Sunday starter and fellow left-hander Tyler Webb.

As much offense as was seen in the opener, however, Saturday and Sunday's matchups fell on the other end of the spectrum.

A day after Michael Roth went 5.2 innings and allowed four hits and two runs, game two starter and fellow left-hander Tyler Webb showed off his power with a two-run shot to right, securing Carolina's 2-1 win.

"Even the great ones in this game still make outs, and [Bradley] didn't make an out today," Tanner said. "He was up there in some tough situations, and that's what you want. You want your guys to be there in run-scoring opportunities, big at-bats and clutch situations. Sometimes, your guys don't come up at the right time, but today he came up in some critical times and delivered."

With a double to right-center field that advanced outfielder Adam Matthews to third. Moments later, first baseman Christian Walker crushed a three-run homer into the Santa Clara bullpen to make it 9-5. After an RBIsacrifice fly from designated hitter Robert Beary shortly after, second baseman Scott Wingo showed off his power with a two-run shot to right, securing Carolina's 12-5 win.

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