

## Shuttle

*Service cut off by university; greeks sticking it out anyway*

Carl Stokes, system vice president for law enforcement and safety, has said the university will have no further involvement with the Five Points Shuttle started by the Fraternity and Sorority councils last weekend. Volunteers will not be allowed to use university vans or buses. The program is cut off. But they are going to try and rent private vans to keep it running this weekend.

Calling the use personal and unofficial and possibly hitchhiking, Stokes cited a State Budget and Control Board law prohibiting such use.

If the shuttle was definitely illegal, then Stokes' decision can't be contested, but it also should have been made last week. But the law he used to cut off the shuttle service isn't a cut and dry, specific, black and white law.

It prohibits personal or unofficial use of state vehicles or equipment. But it allows the transport of "any person . . . in any emergency situation, provided such movement does not further endanger life. . ." If this crime situation isn't an emergency, nothing is.

The law also says any vehicle may be used when "it is clearly serving the interest of the State," which the shuttle does by protecting the state's citizens and guests (i.e. out of state students).

What is personal use? Is it defined from the standpoint of the drivers and operators, because they aren't partying and drinking, but volunteering their time to help other students.

Is it defined from the standpoint of the riders? While they go to Five Points for "personal" reasons, they ride the shuttle to keep safe.

For that matter, what is official use? Here is a list of a few official, non-personal, approved uses of university vehicles:

- The university uses ShuttleCocks to cart alumni to the football games from the Faculty House. Is that official use? Apparently so. Is that right? No double standard ever is. And it's just as much hitchhiking as the Five Points Shuttle.

- The university uses many vans, buses and cars to take students, faculty and staff off campus to attend meetings and seminars. Some of these trips are official, but many, under the guise of business, are for reasons just as "personal" as those of the students going to Five Points — attend conferences to ditch meetings, drink and party.

- A specific example. Around 2 a.m. Wednesday, a USC custodial worker was driving around the Davis, LeConte and Preston buildings, honking the horn on his little green "golf cart." Was he at work? No, he was just driving and honking, looking and sounding like an impatient child waiting to pick up his date. That was definitely more a case of hitchhiking than the shuttle.

- After USC President James Holderman fired former Athletic Director Bob Marcum, it was revealed that the former A.D. had used the Athletic Department's plane to fly to sporting events around the country.

Personal use? You bet. But still official. All of these are "official," but only because the university's the one with the keys to the ignition.

Are we to believe that a program the university allowed to go on last week with the use of vans is suddenly illegal? If so, why?

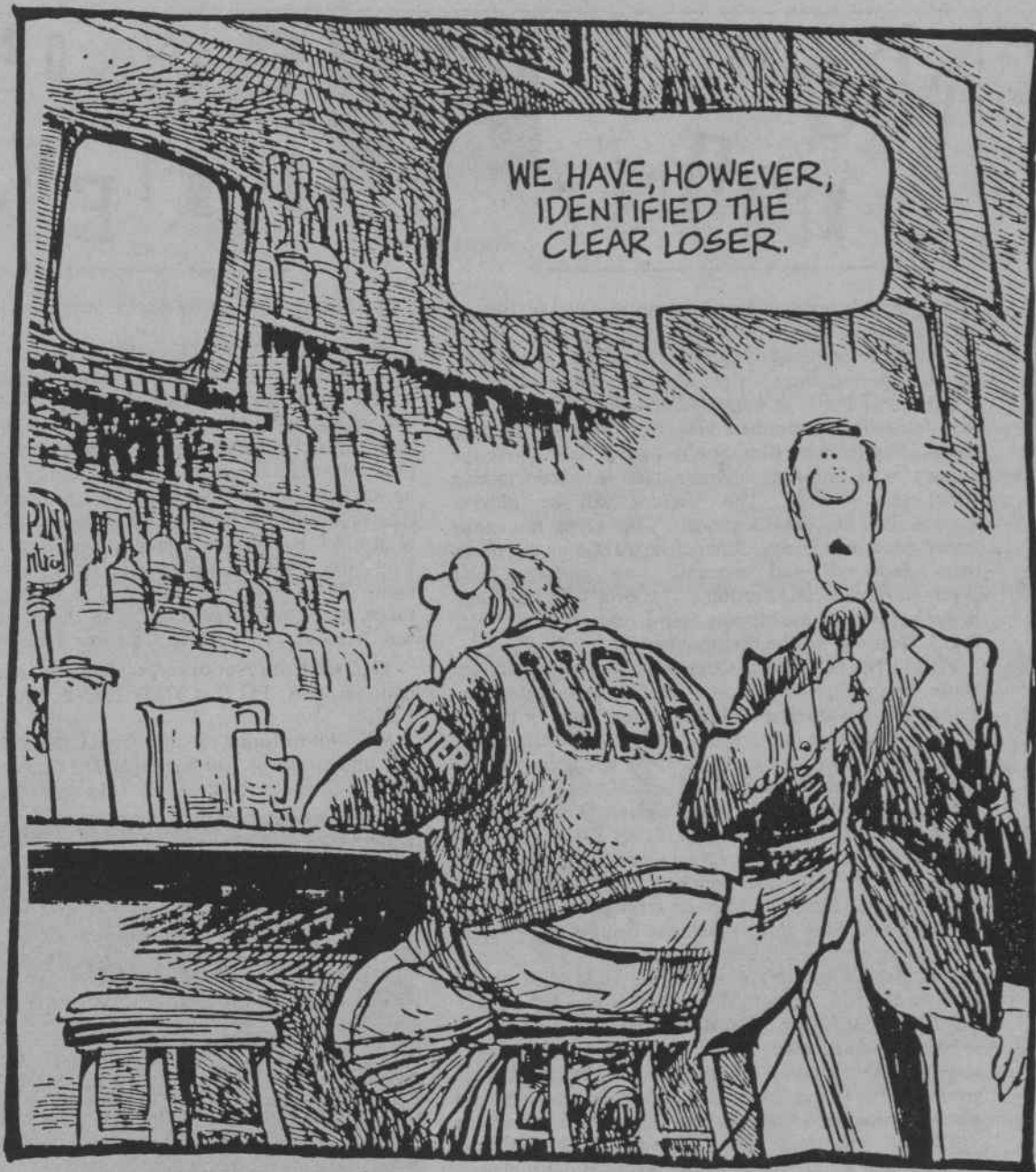
The fact is *that* law really doesn't apply. And yet, we're being asked to believe a law — designed specifically to prevent state senators from flying to the Super Bowl in state planes — puts students in the path of thieves and rapists?

The shuttle drivers last weekend said they saw a girl being chased by three men, and when they stopped and picked her up, the drivers said she was crying and frantic. And a student.

This service has already prevented one tragedy. Thinking about that girl, one might also begin to think what *The Gamecock's* headline would have been Monday if Stokes had made his decision a week earlier.

Not a pleasant thought, is it?

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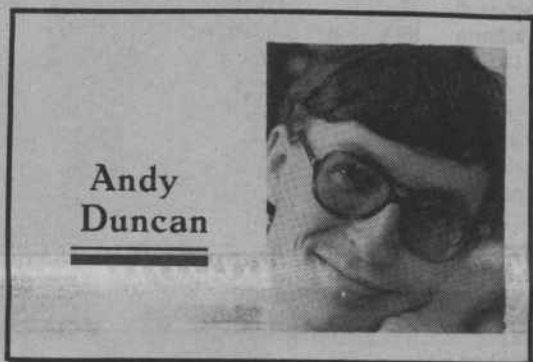
## From 1985: Monday, we all got real high

**Editor's note** — In 1985, the space shuttle *Enterprise* flew over Columbia on its way to Kennedy Space Center in Florida. USC alumnus Andy Duncan was *The Gamecock's* columnist at the time.

I guess it must have been going a few hundred miles an hour, but it looked slow, real slow, as it crawled across the Monday sky over the heads of the Greene Street crowd.

For a couple of seconds, my brain didn't make the connection. I just gazed at the thing dumbly, with surprise and fear too, the way a bushman would look at his first helicopter before bolting. It was my first space shuttle, but I didn't bolt. We all stood there.

I had read a sentence or two in a newspaper that the *Enterprise* would be riding a jumbo jet piggyback over Columbia on such-and-such a day at such-and-such a time, but I immediately had forgotten the particulars. So when I heard the



Andy Duncan

engine above my head, I looked up with only a casual glance, not expecting glory, and I didn't look down again until the craft had dwindled to a bleary smudge in the sky above the building where the registrar sits.

I looked at my watch while the craft was overhead — not by looking down, which would have been heresy, but by holding my wrist up to the level of my eyes so that I could look past it at the shuttle and not fudge the revelation — and saw that it was 1:14 p.m.

At 1:13 p.m., Greene Street was the usual hub-bub of students pounding from English to history to food to bed to books; at 1:15 p.m., everybody was bound tight to the sky, not saying a word.

I lied about the motionless, I guess, because with the shuttle gone I found myself about 20 yards from where I first heard it.

That night, I picked up a Robert Heinlein novel, but I couldn't read it. The shuttle kept passing between me and the sentences.

And while I was lying there, I thought: Icarus just kept on going this time.

## Letters to the editor

### Heat illnesses still possible

To the editor:

Autumn days in South Carolina, often with temperatures in the 90s, can be associated with unexpected problems for people involved in outdoor activities. The use of alcohol and certain other drugs can contribute to the development of heat related illnesses. Dr. Kendall O. Fields Jr. of the Thomson Student Health Center states that the use of alcohol, through a complex set of mechanisms, combined with high temperatures can place someone at higher risk of having a heat stroke. According to Dr. N. Peter Johnson, Coordinator of Alcohol and Drug Studies at the School of Medicine: "The body is trying to cool off in the heat. Alcohol inhibits that process because the blood vessels in the extremities dilate, causing blood to pool in the legs, and the person becomes faint."

Fields states that some other drugs can increase risk include cocaine, aspirin, antihistamines, LSD, and certain antidepressants and medicines for stomach virus.

Previous athletic training in high temperatures makes a difference. At a sporting event, for example, fans are at greater risk than the athletes. Fields explains that under ordinary circumstances, a person who is unaccustomed to extended periods in the heat loses up to one liter of fluids per hour, including valuable minerals. While athletes trained to perform in high temperatures continue to lose body fluids, they become acclimated to the conditions more readily and do not lose critical amounts of precious minerals.

High humidity also contributes to the problem by inhibiting the effectiveness of the body's natural cooling mechanisms. Lack of food and sleep also increase risk of heat-related illnesses. "An evaluation by the U.S. Army clearly points out an association between fatigue and lack of sleep and a predisposition to heat stroke," Fields states.

In addition to the use of alcohol or certain other drugs, previous athletic

training in high temperatures, fatigue, lack of food and humidity, the following conditions can also place a person at high risk for developing heat-related illnesses:

**Age - infants and older persons are at higher risk.**

**History of heart problem.**

**History of heat strokes - For some unexplained reason, some persons are more susceptible than others, probably due to something inherent in their individual systems.**

Along with abstaining from alcohol or other drugs, getting plenty of rest and taking into consideration high risk factors, Fields recommends wearing light-colored clothing during these fall days with very high temperatures.

Katie Aultman  
Division of Alcohol and Abuse

### Doublespeak, apathy typical

To the editor:

I cannot but smile at the incredulity of *The Gamecock* towards the administration's complacency on the parking problem. Has it not yet sunk in that the administration is not accountable to the students, that they are quasi-civil servants who cannot easily lose their jobs despite gross incompetence and/or apathy?

But I must say, they have given wonderfully specific information to your queries. Take parking director J. Baker, whom you quoted Sept. 19 as saying, "We do conduct surveys of lots, and they have shown us that we still have availability." Actually, I haven't a clue as to what that means, but luckily senior vice president of facilities planning, D. Rinker, clarified things when he "called the parking problem 'one of convenience rather than one of necessity.'" Certainly, sir, but, then again, nothing is really necessary, now is it? Neither college, nor food, nor life and limb; barbaric man was denied these 'necessities.' So, of course, everything has an alternative, and rather than park near our classes and rooms, we should consider mile-long walks, increase risk of robbery and

rape, missing classes and applying for an administration job (which comes with a parking space), to list a few.

Baker and Rinker are merely reiterating attitudes we've been hearing for years but which were best put by housing services' director of administration, James Smart, who, when asked about the severe housing shortage, you quoted Aug. 29 as saying "It's certainly not ideal, but then you have to compare it to the alternative, which is no housing."

So stop complaining about lack of housing, parking, football tickets and the like and cease griping that the administration doesn't care or could be doing better. Give them some respect. After all, they could be even worse. Whenever I get frustrated at the system, I remember what Mr. Smart said to me regarding the mandatory meal plan: "That's our policy. If you don't like it, you're free to go to another school."

Hard advice from someone who cares...

John R. Hanson  
SCC junior

### 'Shout!': It's an adventure

To the editor:

I must address the response to Mr. Andrew M. Robinson, whose article deriding *Shout!* magazine in *The Gamecock* Sept. 23, was in slight error. Mr. Robinson, I implore you to examine the following account of my travels *Aux Antilles*, the good fortune of which is due to *Shout!*

I had been adjusting the springline of my Morgan 38 at a private dock in Negril for several moments when a particularly slim and well-proportioned, dark-haired, bronze-skinned woman in her early 20s inquired about the origin of the Magenta Zinc Oxide, which cleverly coated my nose.

"Why, my dear lady, I ordered it from *Shout!*'s Spring break issue," I replied.

Thoroughly impressed, she enticed me into joining her at a local night

spot and later at her hilltop home overlooking the beach.

Now, my dear Andrew M. Robinson, I owe quite a bit to *Shout!*

Edward H. Charles  
Chemistry junior

### USC ignores art majors

To the editor:

How many times will President Holderman present a false front? I do not mean to deride the man, but, yet again, he has put the name of the university up on a pedestal while leaving the students below in the mire.

My complaint deals with President Holderman's recent activities with the Koger Center for the Arts. Granted, he has gotten prestige for the university; however, he has not helped a single student in the venture. Does a single student, art major or otherwise, have use of the center? Is Sloan Art College in poor condition, to the point of falling down? How many city blocks are between Sloan College and BTW? How archaic are the facilities that the art students use? Are any privileges granted to the students of the university that support the Koger Center with their funds?

I admit that the number of art majors (graphic design, studio, art history, music, theater and the other art-related majors) do not make up the majority of the student body, but it would be nice to have the money we paid to come here to go into our majors and our educations instead of having the Koger Center for the Arts sporting the university's name. I believe the university has the right to allocate money where it sees fit, but I also believe that President Holderman is responsible for providing everyone, even the lowly art major, with a good education and a proper environment. It would be nice if we had a president who did.

Thomas C. Kelly  
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