

A VERY IMPRESSIONISTIC SURVEY OF SOME OPTIONS
FOR LUNCH ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2013.

In Five Points, there is a Chili cook-off and a Blues Festival. You must decide if these are reasons to head towards or away from Five Points.

The Russel House is the student union. It has the same chain restaurants that all student unions now have: Starbucks, Einstein bagel, pizza options, Chinese options, etc. It might not be very open on the weekend.

The Blue Cactus Cafe (2002 Greene Street) is delightful, but very slow. The menu consists of Korean Food and Tex-Mex food. The restaurant is run by three generations of one local family. (Their restroom arrangement is fairly inconvenient. One should plan ahead if one is going there.)

I (i.e., Andy) find the Gourmet shop (724 Saluda Avenue) to be very civilized. There is nice bread, paté, cheeses, salads.

Drip coffee house (729 Saluda Avenue) (so across the street from the Gourmet shop) is VERY highly recommended by Frank.

Carolina Cafe sits at spot 1. The official address is 925 Sumter. This is a bagel store. The place is quiet and sells sandwiches and salads. There are other restaurants near by.

Al Amir sits at spot 2. The official address is 629 Main. (There are other restaurants near by.) Various Commutative Algebra in the Southeast meetings have eaten at two other Al Amirs. The owner is Syrian. The baba ganoush and the humus are very good. The Damascus bread is wonderful. This version of Al Amir is very student-oriented. (It is noisy and sells hamburgers.)

spot 3. El Burrito (934 Harden) is a fine place. One can get something fairly healthy and inexpensive. There is no indoor seating, but if the day is nice, be sure to sit at one of the outdoor tables because the burritos are packed with lots of goodies and you will have a big mess if you try to eat while walking. Frank and I both recommend this place.

Cool Beans (1217 College) sits at spot 4. This was my daughter's favorite place when she was in college. Of course, it has a new owner and it has expanded greatly since then. This is a coffee shop with food.

spot 5. Miyo's 922 Main. Asian. We took Jesse there when he interviewed (and he took the job). This restaurant is locally owned. One woman started the first restaurant maybe 20 years ago; now there are nine restaurants.

6. Pho Viet (2011 Devine St) is a Vietnamese place. Adela has been there and liked it and our friend Sabine El Khoury liked it very much. (She had lunch there every day during one visit.)

7. Hunter-Gatherer (900 Main) They brew their own beer. The food is very good. We took Matt there when he interviewed (and he also took the job).

8. Pawleys Front Porch (827 Harden St) A Burger place. It smells wonderful and always has a long line. It is "famous": featured on ESPN Gameday and on "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives".

Note: You can walk to Harden on College Street, just scoot around the Capstone.

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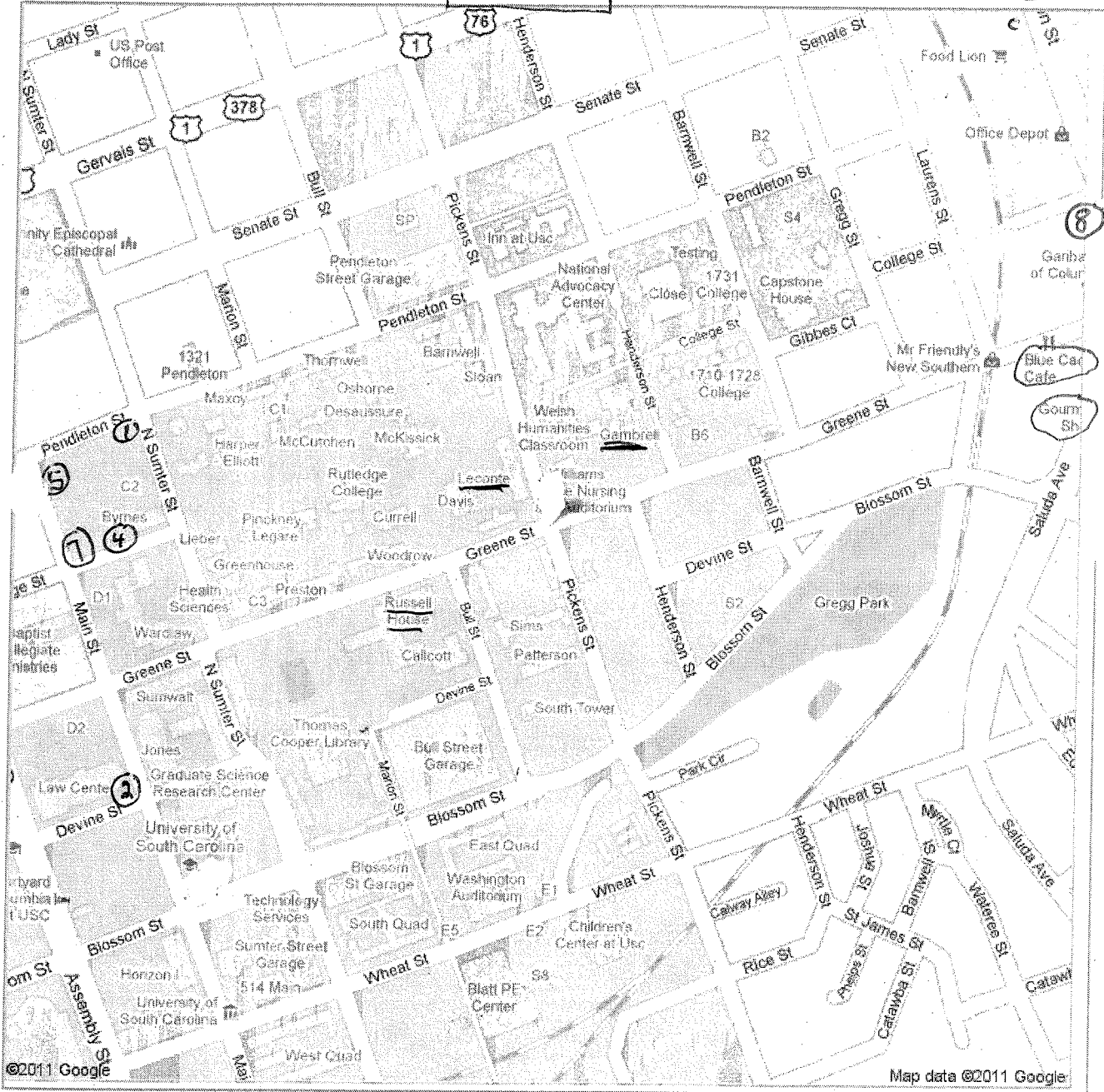
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