Involved” and “Cultivating Sustainability, Literacy and Room Project,” “Plastics: How They Hurt Our
discussed topics including “Starting a Green Dorm and talk about the challenges and ideas,” Bounds said.

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their work on campus” and to create a network among
leadership skills.

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environmental sustainability on campus.

Eighty-five students and faculty advisers from 16
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EcoReps hosted students from 16 regional schools at a weekend conference to discuss sustainability efforts.

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Greene Street to the Andy’s Deli

According to an incident report

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Andy’s Deli, according to the report.

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Scott said over the weekend that

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Pointers, but the officers won’t

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inspiration to stay motivated as an organization.

program, Bounds said. Forty-fi ve students attended last
year to work toward redesigning the school’s own

goal is to have 20 EcoReps next year. Ideally , Bounds

The organization received a $7,500 grant from the

Charlotte Leadership Office to cover the cost of the

potential events, like a plastic bag drive on campus.

campaigns.”

The Five Points Association has spent about $100,000 installing nearly
200 cameras throughout the area,

including a $10,000 project four months ago, and Merritt McHaffie, its executive director, and many

establishments have put up cameras of


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“His going to do a really great job,” Fortanbary said. “I’m excited about what he’s going to do.”

While Tracy appeared alone in his endorsement video, Fortanbary and Bailey appeared together, sitting in a Waffle House.

Fortanbary also called Bailey his friend, despite

Endorsements

Candidates in today’s and Wednesday’s runoff elections for USC’s student body vice president and treasurer have pulled out the big guns to secure more votes, landing major endorsements from former candidates and current executive officers in Student Government.

Ramsey, one of the two candidates for student body vice president, released endorsements from current Student Body President Kenny Tracy and former vice president candicate Drew Fortanbary on Monday.

Both are short — neither runs more than 40 seconds — but both offer the students’ endorsements of Bailey that weren’t public during the general election.

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On the ballot are Ryan Bailey, and Chase White, one of the two candidates for student body president; Haley Guyton and Caroline Hendricks for vice president; and Lauren Stivers, the School of Business and Armond School of Ardus.

Endorsements for one candidate to represent their school.

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State agency conceals climate change study

A report by state scientists outlining harmful effects of climate change in South Carolina has been concealed for more than a year by the state Department of Natural Resources, The State reported.

The study, a copy of which was recently obtained by The State, was authored in November 2011 and says global warming is a reality and the DNR involved in initial work on the report, told The State.

There were concerns about the political nature of it, Barry Braddy, a former DNR staff member involved in initial work on the report, told The State.

Among the study’s projections are hypotheses that temperatures in the South will rise up to 9 degrees over the next 70 years, wildlife diseases will increase and non-native species such as Asian swamp eels will potentially invade.

Pickens county school board votes on prayer policy

Pickens County School Board members were expected to vote on a motion Monday night that, if passed, would change their policy allowing student-led sectarian prayers before board meetings.

The Greenville News reported that district administrators have worked with legal counsel to develop policy for nonsectarian prayer or invocation to be given at the opening of board meetings after the board received a complaint from the Freedom from Religion Foundation. The foundation described the prayers as “a serious constitutional violation.”

Hundreds of people rallied in support of the customary sectarian invocations at the recent school board meeting when the motion was passed to work on developing a new policy, according to the Greenville News.

“I think the appropriate action would be for them to drop prayers from their business,” Patrick Elliot, staff attorney for the Freedom from Religion Foundation, told The Greenville News.

“We’ve all done things we’ve hoped to be forgiven for, and so when you’re in the position of being able to offer forgiveness, you certainly want to do it,” Wolfe told WLTX.

Drunken driver crashes into Columbia cemetery

There was no resting in peace early Saturday morning at Columbia’s Trinity Episcopal Cemetery.

Jacklyn Gary, 27, was driving intoxicated when she plowed her car into the cemetery at 1000 Sunter St., causing about $3,000 worth of damage, WLTX reported.

The crash did not damage any headstones or burial sites, WLTX said.

“Any number of things happen. Some of them are natural causes, some of them possibly could have been avoided by human judgment,” Doak Wolfe of Trinity Episcopal told WLTX.

Wolfe said the church was not angry with the community and is glad she survived the crash.

“We’ve all done things we’ve hoped to be forgiven for, and so when you’re in the position of being able to offer forgiveness, you certainly want to do it,” Wolfe told WLTX.
At the time of the shooting, Cwiklinski was out on bond for a pair of attempted murder charges in 2012, according to law enforcement and court records.

A judge set bond for Cwiklinski at $325,000 for the most recent incident Sunday morning. Scott said Fifth Circuit Solicitor Dan Johnson is working to have the bond revoked.

Benjamin said he supported a bill being discussed in the state House Judiciary committee that would close the loophole.

“That’s something that’s very desperately needed,” Benjamin said. “A very small number of thugs are victimizing people all across the state.”

The shooting occurred after Columbia police decided to increase weekend patrols in the area to about 20 officers, up from 10, which is more standard for this time of year, Scott said.

The department will send about 20 officers to Five Points again next weekend, Scott said. How much doing so costs the city in overtime hasn’t been calculated yet.

Scott said the increased presence helped mitigate the damages of the shooting and added to a fast response, so he’s frustrated by criticisms that police stand around or sit in their cars in Five Points.

Surveillance videos show the area flood with officers running over on foot and more than 10 cars respond.

“Some might say that because of the shooting that Five Points is not a safe place,” Scott said. “But where else would you have . . . that kind of police response in that short amount of time?”

So far this year, Columbia police have reported fewer armed robberies (1), burglaries (1), disorderly conduct charges (14), liquor law violations (22), sexual assaults (0) and simple assaults (11) in Five Points compared to 2012, according to figures released by the department.

But it’s responded to more aggravated assaults (3) and issued more drunkenness charges (46) so far this year than last year, according to the figures.

Scott said Monday he wanted people to use “common sense” — that large crowds drink in Five Points and that as a result, some crime is inevitable.

“That’s not Disney World,” Scott said. “It’s Five Points.”
Police officers still best option to protect schools

Ever since the massacre of 20 schoolchildren and teachers at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., back in December and the numerous school shootings since, the issue of how to ensure safety in schools has been highly debated. In South Carolina, public opinion is mixed on how best to keep school safety in place, according to a poll completed this winter at Winthrop University.

A third of respondents supported placing armed police officers in every school, yet two-thirds also reported they were against teachers themselves carrying guns. While people have different opinions on how to maintain school safety, it’s clearly the majority of South Carolina voters agree the best plan for safety in our schools is through the protection of armed officers.

While teachers are devoted to the safety of their students as well as their own, their daily focus should be on the lesson at hand. Being on the possible imminent dangers they could arouse, rather than required to go through gun training. If we were to force our educators to carry guns in the classroom, the government would need to address certain issues of weapon safety and training with such them. Each teacher needs to have the tools to properly train and instructed on how to properly operate it, and teachers and instructors should do so would be unmanageable in these current economic times.

Police officers, on the other hand, are trained professionals in the field of safety and operation, so if there ever were a time they would have the ability to react properly. The role of the brave and courageous police officers is to serve and protect the community, and they are already trained in this task. The very presence of an armed police officer would be beneficial because their only task is to guard the property and act on any suspicions loudsiders. They would be able to ununderstood attention to the task.

Those who favor arming teachers over police presence argue that teachers are presented as defenseless, which makes them vulnerable to assault. But a similar argument can easily be made that police officers are easy targets because they are uniformed and easily spotted, but teachers would be unexpected protectors because their weapons would be concealed. And if the state allowed teachers to carry weapons on school grounds, anyone who potentially would be a victim of violence into our schools would be aware of teachers’ new ability to conceal firearms, thus stripping our educators of their role as leaders.

The overwhelming data from the police supports the belief that the majority of South Carolina voters would feel more comfortable with police officers in the classroom rather than burdening teachers with guns. At a time when gun violence is so prevalent, the state would be wise to simply allow the people who have been trained in a different way to properly protecting to do their jobs.
Warm weather heats up festival season

Indie Grits, Big Nosli, crawfish and cultural events on tap for Columbia spring

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With the twisted weather roller coaster Mother Nature has been taking us on over the past few weeks, it’s sometimes easy to forget those April showers and May flowers will be here soon. In the best case, it will be a reassuring reminder of the possible upcoming summer days that we in Columbia call spring. For the most part, we’re looking at the Woodlands pool finally opening up. With that, it took a house move in August and an empty spare room to convince the boys to put up their instruments. “I started rapping just the two of us, with him on drums and me playing guitar, and it was all for our own enjoyment.”

Fast-forward to late September, when Mayhew ran into old friend Daniel Wood on the Horseshoe. Knowing Wood had a talent for bass guitar, Mayhew invited him to the makeshift music room for an afternoon jam. The trio, along with Wood’s childhood friend (and second guitarist) Paul Nederostek, soon found the organically crafted songs rising from the session were going to fuse into much more than a single jam. “Reading other musicians can be a difficult thing when improving live music, but we all seemed to understand the motion,” Mayhew explained. “After we finished that night we decided we’d liked what we heard and thought others would as well.”

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Let’s be frank. We all love Columbia’s Greek Festival. There’s just something enticing about waiting in long lines for freshly smoked meat and hamburgers while a swarm of children donning traditional garkwl swivel around a handmade dance floor. But this year, it’s time to step out of the box a little bit. Swap out the spanakopita for a hot knob and line up for the hora because it’s time for the fourth annual Jewish food festival. Taking place at the Temple of Life Congregation on Trenholm Road, this event encompasses all of the music, eats and activities of the Jewish way of life.

Local band blends jam, rock style in live, high-energy shows

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wabbit? Bunny habit? Oh, it’s Runny Babbit. For the past few weeks, the name of Columbia’s newly-formed indie band has been rocking the house as the unofficially titled Rolling Stone Bar on Rosewood Drive. Their high-energy sets encompass a cornucopia of musical flavors – one minute they’re waiting like the long-lost second half of the Allman Brothers, the next they’re paying quick tribute to alternative rock gods Radiohead, all sandwiched between jam sessions. You don’t always know what pulsating sounds are going to come next, and, truthfully, you may not want to.

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a regular Friday night spot at the Rolling Stone Bar thanks to their dynamic first showing. Mayhew says the band has been having a “blast” at the Stone, keeping constant movement and endless intensity staples of each set. And after positive vibes from a number of new fans, it appears Runny Babbit must be doing something right. And they’re thankful for all the love they’ve been getting.

“The experience has been great thus far,” he said. “People that hear us tend to give great feedback about our energy and wish us much luck. It’s great to be in a band with some of your closest friends, and I think people that see us can tell how much fun we’re having playing music together and that sticks with them the most.”

Naming talented artists like Nirvana’s Dave Grohl, Alt-J’s Thom Green and Elton John as a few of their most recognizable influences, songwriters Mayhew and Nederostek often tackle each track with the force of another high-profile pair of partners in crime.

“Paul and I share a deep love for the Beatles,” Mayhew said. “We write songs together a lot like Paul McCartney and John Lennon did. Right now we are in the writing process and will be recording after spring break.”

When it comes to long-term goals for the band, Mayhew said they’re hoping to set up roots in Columbia before branching out to other festivals and venues around the state. From there, he’s not sure what will happen. One thing he does hope? The band never grows tired of the passion for tunes that brought them together.

“We’ll just have to see how far our love of music will take us,” he says. “Because when you stop loving your craft, then it isn’t genuine anymore.”

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The band takes its name from the classic rhyming storybook by Shel Silverstein.
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Women's tennis rebounds

Joann Anderson, Gamecocks 'crushed' week's competition

After losing three of its most recent five matches, South Carolina's women's tennis team bounced back this week, defeating Furman Wednesday and sweeping College of Charleston and Charleston Southern Saturday. The Gamecocks beat Furman 6-1 and thumped Charleston Southern and Charleston Wednesday and sweeping College of Charleston 5-0 in each match.

Senior Josefin Andersson was encouraged by her team's performance. "We were supposed to win both matches, but we really...crushed our opponents," she said.

Both Anderson and coach Kevin Epley said they felt the week's success would provide valuable momentum for the Gamecocks start off SEC action against No. 10 Texas A&M on March 1.

Epley praised Andersson's improvement over the last year and noted her key contributions to the team. "She's actually holding down a couple of really important spots down on this team," Epley said. "She's been just an unbelievable surprise, quite frankly. With seniors, you never know how committed they'll be, particularly going through transition, new coaching staff, that sort of thing."

Andersson, a native of Sweden, has relished the opportunity to play collegiate tennis in the United States. "It's very different in Sweden," she said. "We don't have college tennis. This is a great opportunity to come here and be able to play for an additional four years."

Andersson is the doubles partner of Katerina Popova, the No. 114 player in Division I. As veterans, Andersson and Popova have known each other for a long time, which has helped develop a strong chemistry between the two players.

"Both of us are such competitors," she said. "The last thing we want to do is lose. She knows that I want to win, and I know that she wants to win."

Although Epley categorized their doubles play as somewhat "unorthodox," he acknowledged its effectiveness. Together, they hold the No. 2 doubles spot, behind John Alwis and Dominika Kanakova.

Saturday's win wrapped up the Gamecocks' opening weekend of play and began the gauntlet of SEC play.

"The best outcome would be to go out there, throw four innings and have 12 strikeouts, but that's tough to do," Britt said after the game. "I'm just glad it was a big day today."

Pitcher Colby Holmes started the first game of Sunday's no-hitter, paving the way for USC's first no-hitter since 1975.

"It was the day to do it," Epley said. "We're not going to win all of the matches," he added. "We were supposed to win both matches, but we really...crushed our opponents."