Cloudy with a chance of Cup

A bus traveling to Carolina Cup Saturday morning crashed into another bus after the driver swerved to avoid a couch in the road.

The first bus, carrying 47 members of Beta Theta Pi and their dates, hit the second bus carrying 16 people around 9 a.m. on Interstate 20, according to South Carolina Highway Patrol.

As of Sunday night, members of Beta Theta Pi would not comment on the incident, saying it was still under investigation by police and members did not yet know all of the facts.

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Class finishes couple's love story

Erin Stone and Scott Smith tied the knot at the McCutchen House on the Horseshoe.

Stone married a man named Patrick and had her daughter, Cameron, with him. Patrick was diagnosed with cancer less than a year and a half later and died.

Stone and Smith reunited a few years later, and Stone said they have only fallen more in love since.

Their story came full circle when they won a contest for a free wedding thrown by the HRTM 362 class. The wedding took place in Rutledge Chapel on March 29, complete with several personal touches planned specifically for the couple.

Cameron even wore her mother's first wedding dress, which had been altered to fit her, and walked down the aisle as the flower girl.

After Smith and Stone read their own vows to each other, Smith read vows to Cameron as well.

The rustic-themed wedding was smooth for the couple, but there was a lot of planning that went behind the scenes. The class had a $0 budget and just 13 weeks to plan the wedding, so they made the most of both their time and budget.

"As soon as we came in, we hit the ground running," third-year hospitality management student Damarrah Redd said. "Sometimes the tasks were easy, sometimes the tasks were very difficult.

Stone came to every class to help work out the details of her wedding. The students split into about 15 committees, each working on a different aspect of the event.

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For some, the work they had done didn't seem real until Stone entered Rutledge Chapel.
Four Columbia bars were shut down this weekend due to unsafe conditions, according to The State.

Group Therapy in Five Points had 276 people in the building Saturday night, which put the bar over capacity. It was shut down for the night, according to Fire Chief Aubrey Jenkins.

T & T Lounge had an exit light out for combustibles stored in an electrical room, which posed a fire danger, but was permitted to stay open the night after officials counted 321 people in the club. According to Jenkins, the bars’ owners will be asked to meet with Fire Department officials Monday.

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Filing period ends for statewide elections

The filing period for statewide elections ended Sunday, leaving Gov. Nikki Haley and U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott with challenges for re-elections, according to The State.

Haley will go against former state Rep. Tim Ervin in the Republican primary June 10. Mike Campbell, Pat McKinney, Henry McMaster and Ray Moore will face off in the Republican primary before this November’s election for lieutenant governor. The winner will face state Rep. Bakari Vallee, D-Ramberg.

Lt. Gov. Glenn McConnell did not file for the election, as he will become president of the College of Charleston.

Six GOP candidates have filed against Graham, including Don Bonner, state Sen. Les Brotie, Richard Cash, Bill Cameron, Benjamin Dunn and Nancy Mac. Son. Brad Hutto and Jay Stamper are campaigning for the Democratic nomination. Victor Kocher, a libertarian, also filed.

Mark Sanford, R-Charleston, is the only S.C. congressman with no challenges.

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CRIME BLOTTER

The blotter comes from police reports released by the USC Division of Law Enforcement and Safety and doesn’t include crimes reported by city or county law enforcement.

MARCH 15 to March 21

5 Drug/Narcotics Violation
2 Drunkeness
2 Traffic/DUI
2 Larceny from building
1 False ID
1 Trespass
1 Vandalism
1 Drug Equipment violation

—— While driving through an Assembly Street parking lot, an officer saw a blue Honda Accord with two people inside, one of which appeared to be smoking out a window. When asked, both people in the car admitted to smoking marijuana but said the woman did not belong to them, and that the owner was working at Wing Zone. The officer went into Wing Zone and learned the car’s owner had marijuana in the car which the man said and it said it. He also told the officer there was more marijuana in a backpack in the car, along with $2,025 from drug sales. The original passengers were issued citations for simple possession of marijuana and released. The Wing Zone employee was placed under arrest and brought to USC PD headquarters.

—— An officer pulled over a man on a black moped Friday night after the moped swerved between lanes and made an improper turn. The man admitted to making the improper turn and said he was coming back from working in Five Points. The officer smelled alcohol on the man’s breath, and asked if he had been drinking that night, to which the man responded “three beers and a shot.” The man’s attitude changed drastically throughout the stop, ranging from polite and compliant to extreme rage, according to the accident report. The man was cited for driving under the influence 2nd offense and issued a warning for disregarding a stop sign.

—— Two officers arrived at the Thomas Cooper Library last Tuesday in response to a suspicious person following female students around the stacks of books on the third floor. The officers found the suspect getting on the elevator on the main level and verified his identity with the night security supervisor. The officer was able to confirm the suspect’s information and noted that the suspect had been cited for trespass by the library staff in September. He was placed under arrest for trespass after notice and transported to the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center.

—— Compiled by Hannah Jeffrey, News Editor

Briefs don’t include every incident from the last week, and suspects are presumed innocent unless proved guilty. Information could change as investigations continue.

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“We’re changing up the atmosphere,” Mayer said. “We’re excited about it, and it’s an atmosphere change that I think a lot of students will like.”

And with this change of scenery, CP hopes to draw its biggest Koger crowd to date with Grammer.

“Koger holds about 2,000 people, I want to say,” Baade said. “We want it to be the most packed out Koger Center event that we’ve ever had.”

Baade said CP started looking into booking Grammer last semester, and since his prices were reasonable, Grammer was hired.

Baade said he is particularly excited to bring the yet-to-be-announced opening act to USC.

“Out of every artist we were looking at, the special guest was the most anyone has ever asked for,” Baade said. “All the texts I’ve ever gotten saying ‘bring this person, bring this person’ besides, like, Beyonce, said that we should do this.”

And aside from the performers, Baade said he’s looking forward to showing students the work his committee put into the planning and preparation of the concert, especially after last week’s Sperry Top-sider Vacationland tour.

“The Sperry concert was a great thing, but it was pretty much coordinated and run by Sperry,” Baade said. “This is going to be all our committee and just Carolina Productions, so it’s going to be really awesome to just see our work pay off.”

CONCERT • Cont. from 1

for a safer Five Points,” Pastides said in the statement. “What more will it take to pick up the pace of action?”

In order to break the string of violent crimes Five Points has seen over the last few years, Pastides made several suggestions to increase the area’s safety. The suggestions including upping Columbia Police Department and Richland County Sheriff’s Department police presence in Five Points Thursday through Sunday, Columbia City Council voting to close bars and restaurants at 2 a.m. and making Five Points better lit and monitored, as well as more pedestrian friendly.

“Combating violence is a community problem that requires a community solution,” the statement read. “As friends and neighbors, let’s pick up the pace to ensure that Five Points is safe for everyone.”
It’s a lunchtime, and you just gotten your fingers on a bag of potato fries. You go to grab some ketchup to drink, and suddenly you realize: the carbonation in the fries, the carbonation in the ketchup, the carbonation in the soda you’re sitting on—don’t you realize how ridiculous it is for you to drink that? Is there another answer besides “no”? No anymore. So instead of grabbing ketchup to drink, you grab a bag of Diet Coke. How would it be? Of course it would be a better alternative; there’s no sugar or calories, so it’s not as bad for you, right?

Wrong. Diet coke, diet sodas have a lower sugar and calorie content, but in order to rid the taste of the drink, these companies substitute in more detrimental ingredients, such as artificial sweeteners, mold inhibitors and sodium and phosphoric acid. Overconsumption of diet soda can lead to a plethora of problems, some of which a person would never even think of happening. For example, diet soda can be addictive and can and lead to obesity because of the artificial sweeteners that are put into the drink. Diet sodas also contain high fructose corn syrup, which is linked to heart disease, obesity and reproductive issues. Not to mention, diet sodas can even cause you to gain weight. Most diet sodas are also very high in sugar content and can cause sugar addiction issues. As the body begins to crave sugar, they begin to crave more sugar.

There are some people that are particularly concerned in adolescents, whose body systems are still growing and are more vulnerable to the chemicals being put into their bodies. Teens and even children are becoming increasingly concerned with their body image and weight, and diet soda seem like the perfect way to avoid sugar and calorie counting. Beginning the detrimental habit of drinking diet soda early only makes it worse for their chance of succumbing to other problems.

I’m not advocating that regular soda is healthy in the slightest. Regular soda can lead to high blood pressure and a higher risk of diabetes. Water is a natural substitute for any kind of soft drink. It is the perfect substitute, whereas soda dehydrates you and therefore promulgates the desire to drink even more. It gives you more energy, whereas your soda drinks give you a short burst of energy with a quick crash. Sharp cut. Also, if we’re talking similar things, water has no calories. So if you’re looking to cut down on the sugar and calories, water is the way to go. However, if you absolutely must have your daily fix of soda, it is better to take the sugar and calories out of the beverages that swirl in diet soda.

WHAT’S YOUR TAKE?

Do you want your opinion voiced in The Daily Gamecock? Contact viewpoints@dailygamecock.com for more information.
Daenerys Targaryen (Emillia Clarke) will continue her quest for the throne with the help of her loyal knight Jorah Mormont (Iain Glen) when the series resumes on April 6.

‘Thrones’ weaves plot true to novel

HBO’s fantasy serial shows episodes as chapters of George R.R. Martin’s book

Byline: Erika Ryan

At the start of the fourth season, “Game of Thrones” has 28 main characters and countless more minor characters. Your reward for learning the fictional family trees and tracking characters over an uncharted number of separate plots? Multiple main character deaths a season. “Game of Thrones” is a hard mistress, but a good book, it’s too immersive to quit.

The HBO fantasy series is based on George R.R. Martin’s “A Song of Ice and Fire” novels, and unlike other book adaptations that make wild changes to the novels, “Game of Thrones” shares the wide-ranging novel — you don’t get everything handed to you in an episode of “Game of Thrones” is less like watching a movie. Additionally, an episode of “Game of Thrones” is too short to fully realize the book’s multiple themes and ideas at once. As audiences grew more comfortable with tracking their favorite shows, TV transitioned into more serialized storytelling, linking plot developments directly between episodes. Most dramas are now mostly serial, with a degree of the episodic; for example, “Breaking Bad” has a continuous storyline, but orders its episodes around specific events or themes.

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The Vespers are an indie pop group with a southern folk influence, consisting of two brothers and two sisters. Opening folk revival group, SHEL, are four sisters from the mountains of Colorado. They have paired up with The Vespers for their spring tour to colleges around the country, making Columbia the second stop on their college campus tour. Opening for March’s first Thursday have expanded from City Hall to the State House. The month expect appearances from The Vespers, The Whig, Mast General, Frame of Mind and many more.

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WHO: Current USC Students with previous band experience
WHAT: Perform in the Stands – Spring Football Game
WHEN: Saturday, April 12, 2014

9:15 am   Check-In Copenhaver Band Hall, 324 Sumter St.
9:45 am   Rehearsal
10:15 am  Lunch Provided
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