

NEWS BRIEFS

NATIONWIDE

Economy isn't as robust as previously thought NEW YORK (AP) - Economic news was mostly grim this week. Consumer confidence fell for the fourth straight month, the dollar hit an all-time low, worker wages are creeping up only slightly and interest rates are rising.

Taken together, the news suggested that the economy, which had been thought to be growing at the healthiest clip since the 1990-91 recession, isn't necessarily as robust as forecasters believed.

The freshest signals on the economy's direction came from the Conference Board, a New Yorkbased research group. It found consumer confidence dropped in October for the fourth straight month

Consumers who lack confidence in the economy spend less and borrow less. That means merchants sell less, factories cut back on output and employers eliminate jobs. Consumers account for two-thirds of the nation's economic activity.

The Conference Board attributed the drop largely to rising fear there will be fewer jobs in the months ahead. Consumers also scaled back plans to buy cars, appliances and homes.

The results came against not only a backdrop of anxiety over jobs, but a steady rise in interest rates that began early this year when the Federal Reserve reversed a five-year era of lower rates.

TODAY

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 26, the 299th day of 1994. There are 66 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Oct. 26, 1881, the Gunfight at the OK Corral took place in Tombstone, Ariz., as Wyatt Earp, his two brothers and "Doc" Holliday shot it out with Ike Clanton's gang. Three members of Clanton's gang were killed; Earp's brothers were wounded.

On this date

In 1825, the Erie Canal opened in upstate New York, connecting Lake Erie and the Hudson Riv-

In 1942, the U.S. ship Hornet was sunk in the Battle of Santa Cruz Islands during World War IL

In 1949, President Truman signed a measure raising the minimum wage from 40 to 75 cents an hour.

In 1957, the Soviet Union announced that defense minister Marshal Georgi Zhukov had been relieved of his duties.

In 1958, Pan American Airways flew its first Boeing 707 jetliner from New York to Paris. The trip took eight hours and 41 minutes.

In 1967, the Shah of Iran crowned himself and his Queen after 26 years on the Peacock Throne.

In 1972, national security adviser Henry Kissinger declared, "Peace is at hand" in Vietnam.

NOTEBOOK

Leadership Conference accepting proposals The Office of Leadership Training Programs is now accepting programs proposals for the 1995 Student Leadership Training Conference. The 9th annual conference will be held Saturday, Feb. 4, 1995 and the theme is ~Student Leaders: Risk-Takers and Role Models." This concentrated one-day event provides an opportunity for new and established campus leaders to enhance their leadership skill development as well as their personal growth. More than 400 students from southeastern schools attended the 1994 conference. The 1994 conference featured over 30 development workshops focusing on leadership development, organizational skills, diversity issues and successful leadership programming. Proposals are open to faculty, staff and students. Student presenters must have the cooperation from a faculty or staff member. Program proposals may be obtained at the Campus Activities Center in the Russell House University Union and are due by Nov. 11.

Physics TAs hold grades over stipend disp

MAI LI MUNOZ Staff Writer

Teaching assistants in the physics department do not want to jeopardize the academic welfare of their students by withholding grades, but they refuse to release grades until there are some specific changes at the college and university levels.

Nearly two weeks ago, TAs circulated a memo through the department and to the students stating that although they would still be conducting labs and tests, they would not release grades until changes are made concerning their stipend.

According to graduate TA Ashley Abbott, their salaries have not been raised in the past five years.

"All other colleges in the department have been getting annual raises except the physics department," she said. "We were promised a small raise, but then tuition went up and nothing happened."

Abbott said the stipend for physics TAs at the university is almost 50 percent below the mean for southeastern school stipends, 25 percent below the next lowest department and below the single-person poverty level.

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Graduate TA Ashley Abbott

been allocated \$100,000 to help departments in stipend trou-

"Based on ... the money that has been given to the College of Science and Mathematics, there should be a weighted sum given to TAs considering they are so far below the mean for southeastern schools," she said.

The TAs also believe it is unfair for the department not to split up the overhead on research grants to pay them.

"I think this is a blatantly unfair situation," said TA Kurt Koltko. "We've even had TAs quit in the middle of the semester because they couldn't afford to lose anything else."

Although most of the faculty supports the TAs actions, several TAs claim that a faculty member threatened every person involved in the situation with termination of his or her job, which was of concern to the TAs because they are not allowed to seek outside employment without permission from the department.

"Dr. Farach basically threatened us with termination if we refused to release the grades," said TA Michael Bleiweiss. "He offered us somewhere around \$730 to stop striking."

Bleiweiss said Farach was adamant about pointing out how much higher Koltko's salary was to each TA he threatened. "I think he figured it might upset us and turn us against

Kurt," he said. Farach would not comment on the situation.

Although there is only one TA who is openly opposed to the action, those who are reacting do not want it to be said that

they are striking. "I don't like the fact that people are accusing us of coercion because this is after two years," Koltko said. "This is not a full-blown strike. It is only a grade strike for right now, until it turns into the real thing."



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The panelists were asked if they thought

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"Victims can make mistakes, like not re-

Frier pointed out that when working with

"It is my responsibility to aid the victim in

Sex crimes topic of Rape Crisis Network panel

TAMARA LAW Staff Writer

former Queens, N.Y., district attorney, was the keynote speaker at a panel discussion on sex crimes in the Russell House Theater Mon-

rates of sex crimes and the difficulties of pros-

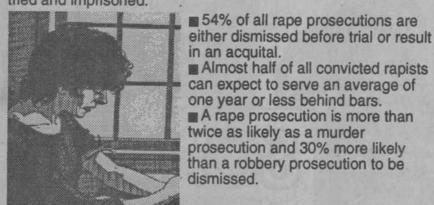
The panel included 5th Circuit Solicitor

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84% of rapes each year are never reported.

62% of reported rape cases never result in the apprehension of an individual for the crime.

98% of the victims of rape never see their attacker caught, tried and imprisoned.



Race drives majority of hate crimes

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While most hate crimes are racially-motivated, victims are also targeted. according to religion, sexual orientation and ethnicity, according to speakers at a forum on hate crime Monday.

A panel of professors, law enforcement professionals and minority groups members discussed hate crime in a College of Criminal Justice-sponsored forum, "When Hate Turns to Crime."

Assistant Dean of the College of Criminal Justice and panel moderator Danny Baker said federal legislation in 1990 created the Hate Crimes Statistics Act that mandated the annual reporting of hate crimes. The first report, published in 1993, showed 60 percent of all hate crimes in the previous year were racially-motivated, followed by crimes where victims were targeted according to religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity

According to USC Law Enforcement and Safety Investigator Michael Couick, beginning to gather data on hate-motivated crimes is just the first step. Couick said South Carolina is one of only three states with no legislation specifically designed to handle hate crimes. While a crime may be classified as assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, Couick said, it will not be prosecuted specifically as a hate crime. According to Couick, USC Law Enforcement and Safety, unlike municipal police departments, has the special opportunity to deal with bias crimes through Student Affairs.

Lee Foster responds to a question at a panel discussion sponsored by the Rape Crisis Network. The panel included WIS news anchor Carolyn Sawyer, author Alice Vaches, S.C. Representative Gilda Cobb-Hunter and Newberry Sheriff Lee Foster.

Alice Vachss, author of "Sex Crimes" and

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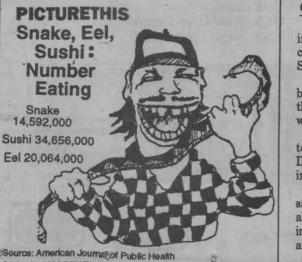
Dick Harpootlian, S.C. Representative Gilda Cobb-Hunter, Victims Assistant Officer Jackie Brothers, Sheriff Lee Foster of Newberry and Investigator for Lexington County Scott Frier. WIS co-anchor Carolyn Sawyer moderated the panel. Vachss spoke on her 10 years experience as a Queens district attorney specializing in sex crimes. She took cases she said no one else wanted to take. "Somebody else in the office didn't want these cases, and for the most part, it was something about the victim. Whether it was a teenager or the victim was inarticulate or the victim was the wrong race or social class or educational background or angry, too angry for what tims a fighting chance. we think of rape victims," she said Vachss was fired from her job because of there was such thing as a bad victim. her outspokenness on how sex offenders were not getting the punishment they deserved and no bad victims, but said that when there is no has since dedicated her time to fighting for easy case with crucial evidence, convincing a rape victims. jury can be difficult. "We seem to have this standard for rape victims, and we seem willing to apply the most porting it, then gathering physical evidence is virulent of prejudices against them that we impossible," Harpootlian said. would be embarrassed to even express against any other class of citizens in this country", she victims, he tries to help them as much as possaid. sible

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Monsa offering qualifying test

Mensa will be offering a qualifying test Saturday, Nov. 5. Anyone interested should call Mac James at (803) 782-8776.

Mensa is an international organization with only one membership requirement: a score higher that 98 percent of the general population on a standardized IQ test. The name stands for round table society, where race, color, creed, national origin, age, politics and educational or social background are irrelevant.



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Vachss also said victims, if given the chance, do want to go to court, and we must give vic-

Almost half of all convicted rapists can expect to serve an average of A rape prosecution is more than prosecution and 30% more likely than a robbery prosecution to be

Source: Majority Staff of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, May 1993

her credibility as much as I can," he said. Cobb-Hunter said the system does believe there are bad victims.

"I do not think there are bad victims. The solicitor, the law enforcement people, judges in the tri-county area certainly believe there are bad victims," she said. "They believe in the same points the speaker made, the race of the victim, what she may have been doing at the time of the assault, whether or not it was reported. What happens when they are bad victims, when they are inarticulate, what happens is those cases do not go to court."

DIVERSITYWEEK

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Hate crimes are committed primarily by more than one perpetrator to maintain the presumed superiority of one group over another, College of Criminal Justice professor Andrew J. Chishom said. He warned that hate may not always be an obvious motive.

"As we examine the statistical realities relating to hate crime, we have to also consider that hate can be an incognito process as well," Chishom said.

Marsha Brown, Assistant Director of the Columbia Jewish Community Center, said hate crimes do not necessarily have to be violent and personal in nature. Brown told of the defacing of a Jewish-owned business in Columbia less than a year ago.

"You cannot always regulate thought, but you can regulate behavior," Brown said, emphasizing the importance of the legal system in the prevention of hate crimes.

Panelist and Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Association member Catherine Fly-

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McGuire supporters urge fans to wear green Saturday

GREG RICKABAUGH Staff Writer

The stickers are being printed, the fliers are being made, and students are pulling out their green clothing in preparation for the USC-Tennessee game Saturday.

No, it's not an early St. Patrick's Day celebration but a serious attempt to rename the Coliseum for the late USC basketball coach Frank McGuire, who was Irish

"I just think it would be a good idea to name it after him, and I like green," said freshman Reagan Dunaway, who will don her green clothing Saturday in support of the renaming effort.

Board of trustees members contacted this week said a show of support Saturday by students and alumni could possibly motivate the board into taking quicker action on the issue. The board holds the authority to rename the Coliseum.

The S.C. Bookstore is printing 5,000 stickers with



Students gave mixed reactions to their support on wearing the sticker or green clothing to the game.

"That's kind of ridiculous," said freshman Mark Emerson. "Dressing up to support something sounds kind of stupid to me.

Sophomore Marsha White disagrees. She said if she decides to attend the game, she will wear green.

it McGuire Coliseum" which will be available on Thursday or Friday. Owners of Casey's Jim's Discount Fireworks are also working on fliers to post at the game in support of the effort.

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the slogan, "Name

"Clover." At 9 p.m. in the Russell House Theater, the Carolina Program Union will present "Last of the Mohicans." "The Wedding Banquet" will run from Thursday - Saturday at 9 p.m., in the Russell House Theater.

Other activities this afternoon and Friday are as follows: ating a Caring Carolina Community: The University and Student Response to Sexual Assault on Campus: today from 7-8:30 p.m., Russell House Theater.

Diversity Week '94 continues this week, starting with "An Afternoon With Dori Sanders." "Afternoon," sponsored by the

Administrative Employee Club, will take place at 4 p.m. in the

Russell House Ballroom. The event will present Sanders,

who will speak and take questions about her new book,

International Dinner: today from 7-8:30 p.m., Horseshoe. Colours of the Rainbow: Diversity Within the Gay Community: today from 8-9 p.m., Russell House Room 203.

International Coffee House, Topic: Holy Wars: Mixing and Politics: 7-9 p.m., Friday, Russell House 3rd

floor lounge.

Ladies on the Couch: 8 p.m. Friday, Golden Spur.