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NEWS BRIEFS

NATIONWIDE

Federal Reserve raises interest rates
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve boosted interest rates Wednesday for the seventh time in a year, triggering higher borrowing costs for millions of Americans and charges of monetary overkill from critics.

Following the Fed's half-point increase in two key rates, banks increased their prime lending rate, pushing it from 8.5 percent to 9 percent, the highest level for this benchmark rate since early 1991.

Many home equity and credit card loans are tied to the prime, as are certain business loans, especially for small and medium-sized firms. In a brief announcement at the end of two days of closed-door discussions, the Fed said it was increasing its discount rate, the interest the bank charges on direct loans to commercial banks, from 4.75 percent to 5.25 percent.

Republicans move forward with Contract
WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans took a big step forward on their "Contract With America" agenda Wednesday, pushing through a bill restricting the federal government's ability to impose unfunded mandates on the states.

Negotiations to settle minor differences between the House and Senate versions of the measure and final votes in both chambers were the lone remaining obstacles to getting the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act to President Clinton's desk.

The bill, which would require that Congress pay for many programs it imposes on states and local governments, was approved 360-74 after eight days of often contentious debate on the House floor. There was applause on the floor when the vote was announced.

All 230 Republicans in the House voted for the bill, along with 130 Democrats. Voting against it were 73 Democrats and the chamber's sole independent, Rep. Bernard Sanders of Vermont.

TODAY

Today is Thursday, Feb. 2, the 33rd day of 1995. There are 332 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Feb. 2, 1943, the remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major victory for the Soviets in World War II.

On this date:

In 1536, the Argentine city of Buenos Aires was founded by Pedro de Mendoza of Spain.

In 1653, New Amsterdam, now New York City, was incorporated.

In 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the Mexican War, was signed.

In 1870, the Cardiff Giant, supposedly the petrified remains of a human discovered on a farm in Cardiff, N.Y., was revealed to be nothing more than carved gypsum.

In 1876, the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs was formed in New York.

In 1882, Irish poet and novelist James Joyce was born near Dublin.

In 1912, Frederick R. Law parachuted from the torch of the Statue of Liberty in a stunt filmed by Pathe News.

In 1945, 50 years ago, during World War II, President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill departed Malta for the summit in Yalta with Soviet leader Josef Stalin.

In 1961, the 600 passengers of a hijacked Portuguese ocean liner, the Santa Maria, were allowed to disembark in Brazil.

NOTEBOOK

Women's group seeking nominations

Professional Women on Campus is seeking nominations for its 14th annual award for an outstanding paper by a female graduate student. A cash award(s) will be presented on Awards Day for a paper or papers demonstrating excellence in scholarship and/or original research.

Nominations should come from a faculty member who has the supervised the student's work but not necessarily the professor for whom the paper was written.

The deadline for submitting nominations is Wednesday, Feb. 15. For more information or a copy of the guidelines, contact Patricia Willer at 777-7461.

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Temptation

One third of fourth graders say that there is pressure to try wine coolers.



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Election codes restrict number, type of posters

MATT PRUITT Staff Writer

This year's student government elections come accompanied with a host of new election codes restricting the amount of campaign material a candidate may post on campus.

The new restrictions list the number and type of posters a candidate can post in each specific building and other designated areas on campus. Also defined are the specific areas within each building that campaign materials may be posted, as well as the type of adhesive that can be used on posted and distributed materials.

According to Elections Commissioner Joey Dituri, the new restrictions come in response to student, faculty and staff complaints concerning the amount of materials covering the campus during the campaigning period.

"Basically the students said, 'Hey, we don't want the campus littered.' There were also safety issues in the business administration building where the papers would fall and create a slick surface on the ground. Complaints from teachers and building managers forced us to make changes as well," Dituri said.

Dituri said he hopes the changes will prove to students that student government

is responsive to their wants and that the students will respond with a high voter turnout in this election.

"This is mostly response to the students. People say student government doesn't work? Here's student government working for you. So what we need these people that are disbelievers to do is get out there and vote now because we did change something," Dituri said. "What we're trying for is better voter turnout. I think that many people think that student government doesn't do anything, and I think this will show that student government is doing something and that they're serious about their efforts. If we can help ten students, or increase voting by 10 percent, then we're happy."

There has been some discontent among the candidates about the manner in which the codes have been enforced. Many feel that some of the cited violations are extremely trivial or matters of interpretation. Others expressed the sentiment that the high number of infractions cited in only two days of campaigning are excessive and are because of unclarity in the election codes.

In response to these complaints, the Elections Commission decided yesterday to reduce all infractions cited as of yesterday afternoon to warnings. This decision was based largely on the assumption that candidates

RULES TO RUN BY

CAMPAIGN 1995

Below are advertising regulations for the 1995 Student Government campaign:

Posting Regulations

- Candidates are responsible for removing all improperly posted materials regardless of who posted the flyers.
- Posted campaign material must comply with the following regulations:
Residence Halls — Student government candidates may put flyers under resident's doors between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 pm. They must abide by the visitation policies of each building and be escorted by a resident of the building at all times. Resident Advisors will not post flyers.
Russell House — Candidates must take posters/flyers to the Information Center desk on the second floor. The Russell House staff will distribute them to the bulletin boards.

Banner Regulations

- Only one poster is allowed per bulletin board per candidate in accordance with the current posting regulations. Candidates will not be allowed to place their poster over another candidate's poster.
- Each classroom is allowed to have two posters per candidate. Each poster must be on a separate wall in accordance with the current posting regulation.

* The above is an abbreviated list.

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were cited for infractions because of misconceptions regarding the election codes. However, Dituri said the Elections Commissions will continue to enforce the codes just as strictly and that from now on in-

fractions will be distributed. He urged each candidate to consult a member of the Elections Commission when unclear about any aspects of the rules before they take any action in order to avoid infractions.



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Students out at the Patio Cafe while the newly installed music video machine provides them with entertainment.

Patio Cafe adds music video system

LUCY ARNOLD Staff Writer

Diners at the campus Patio Cafe now can enjoy a variety of music videos while they eat.

In October, the Patio Cafe, located under Patterson, added a system that shows videos over a series of monitors set up around the dining area. Students can choose videos at a computer screen on the entrance side of the dining room.

The touch-sensitive screen displays video titles by artist and song, allowing users to select the videos they want. Videos then are played over the television monitors. "I think it's kind of like a hang-out spot,"

The alternative music is really good. The really hard metal music is bad for digestion.'

Junior Shelley Rothwell

freshman Monica Neal said. "It's a comfortable environment to eat in. It's more like home."

The video system is paid for entirely by the companies who advertise on the monitors between videos. Patio director Phil Kincaid said there are no plans to charge students for the videos because there is no cost to the Patio.

Kincaid said although a few older students have found the videos disruptive, "for the most part we've seen very good usage."

Students eating at the cafeteria were positive as well.

"It's entertaining while I eat," sophomore Tae Won Um said. "It's better than no sound."

Kincaid hopes the new entertainment will increase student attendance at the Patio, although there hasn't been a rise in the number of students so far.

"The alternative music is really good," junior Shelley Rothwell said. "The really hard metal music is bad for digestion."

Fellowships available for congressional work

TIEFFA HARPER Asst. News Editor

The Women's Research and Education Institute (WREI) is offering Congressional Fellowships on Women and Public Policy.

The fellowships are designed to train women as future leaders in public policy formation and to examine issues from the perspective and experiences of women.

Fellows work 30 hours per week in a Congressional office as a legislative aide on policy issues concerning women. Fellows meet once a week in issue seminars directed by WREI staff.

Stipends of \$9,500 are given to fellows, and an additional \$500 is provided for the purchase of health insurance. WREI will also reimburse fellows up to \$1,500 for the cost of six hours of tuition at their home institution.

"The Congressional Fellowships on Women and Public Pol-

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ity provide a unique internship experience designed to train women as potential leaders in public policy formation and to examine issues from the perspective and experiences and need of women," said Novella Beskid, coordinator of the Office of Fellowships and Summer Programs.

Applicants can be enrolled in any graduate program in the United States and must have the approval of their academic adviser to register for six hours of fellowship credit at their home institution.

It is recommended that applicants have at least nine hours of graduate work prior to September 1995 and have demonstrated interest in research and political

activity relevant to women's social and political activities.

Applications can be obtained by sending a written request and self-addressed envelope to WREI, 1700 18th St., N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20009.

Science, engineering fellowships available

The S.C. Sea Grant Consortium and the S.C. Space Grant Consortium are sponsoring the Kathryn Sullivan Woman in Science and Engineering Fellowship, honoring a senior woman studying natural science or engineering.

The fellowship is designed to increase opportunities to women attending South Carolina uni-

versities.

Selection is based on academic qualifications, two letters of recommendation, past activities, current interests and future plans concerning national science or engineering-related studies, and faculty sponsorship.

The fellowship provides \$7,000, and awards will be for the academic year.

The fellowship will be awarded to a woman who has senior standing by the beginning of the fall semester and is a U.S. citizen. Each applicant must be sponsored by a faculty adviser.

Applications are available in the Fellowships Office, Harper College 304. The application deadline, essay, transcripts and letters of recommendation by the Consortium is March 15.

For more information, contact Novella Beskid at 777-0958.

Counseling available for students

KIM TRUETT Photo Editor

One part of the Thomson Student Health Center that many students don't take advantage of is the Counseling and Human Development Center.

"We make a great effort through University 101 to let students know that we're here and what we have to offer them," said Roger Bowersock, director of the center.

Located at 900 Assembly St., the center offers help for students' every-

day problems. Bowersock said the center sees students for all kinds of problems, from eating disorder and depression to academic and adjustment problems. "The number one reason students seek help from us is for tension and anxiety," Bowersock said.

The center is one of the most comprehensive practices in Columbia, Bowersock said. The services offered by the center include counseling and therapy for individuals, couples, families and groups. Also offered is biofeedback, which is a way to teach people to control biological processes such as muscle tension.

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Senate defeats finance bill, 20-

MATT PRUITT Staff Writer

The student senate debated at length over a revised version of an amendment to the finance codes before defeating the bill 20-7, with one abstain-

The bill proposed to limit an organization's spending for food and travel to 10 percent of its allocated budget, with an option to appeal to the senate Finance Committee for additional funds. The original version of the bill, which was met by strong opposition from the law school, did not provide the option to appeal. The bill was voted down largely on the basis that it was perceived as taking the control of funds out of the students' hands and that the appeals process would increase red tape and bureaucracy.

The senate passed a bill renaming the Communications Committee as the Student Services Committee and assigning it new duties to better facilitate the needs and wants of students. Another bill passed would require the president of the senate to send a summer newsletter to all senators informing them of any pertinent business.

In addition, three new senators were approved: Tim Cooper and Ray Rafoth from the College of Business and Karen Burkett from the College of Applied Professional Sciences.