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## NEWS BRIEFS

### WORLDWIDE

**Senate defeats balanced budget amendment**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate solemnly dealt defeat Thursday to the balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution, cornerstone of a broader Republican drive to cut spending and shrink government. Both sides sought political advantage in the residue of battle.

The 65-35 vote that left the amendment just two votes shy of the needed two-thirds majority followed Democratic accusations that the Republicans were threatening Social Security, a charge Majority Leader Bob Dole sharply denied.

At the White House, President Clinton challenged GOP leaders in Congress to detail "how they are going to keep the promises of their 'Contract (with America)' on balancing the budget and paying for their tax cuts."

Fifty one Republicans and 14 Democrats voted for the amendment, while 33 Democrats and two Republicans — Mark Hatfield of Oregon and Dole — voted no.

Dole is a firm supporter. His vote was cast solely to place him on the prevailing side, a parliamentary maneuver to keep the politically popular amendment alive for another possible vote during the 1996 election season.

### TODAY

Today is Friday, March 3, the 62nd day of 1995. There are 303 days left in the year.

#### Today's highlight in history:

One hundred and fifty years ago, 1845, Florida became the 27th state.

#### On this date:

In 1885, the U.S. Post Office began offering special delivery for first-class mail.

In 1887, Anne Mansfield Sullivan arrived at the Alabama home of Capt. and Mrs. Arthur Keller to become the teacher of their blind and deaf 6-year-old daughter, Helen.

In 1918, Germany, Austria and Russia signed the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk, which ended Russian participation in World War I. (The treaty was annulled by the November 1918 armistice.)

In 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" officially became the national anthem of the United States.

In 1940, Artie Shaw and his orchestra recorded "Frenesi" for RCA Victor.

In 1969, Apollo 9 blasted off from Cape Kennedy on a mission to test the lunar module.

In 1974, nearly 350 people died when a Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed shortly after takeoff from Orly Airport in Paris.

In 1991, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene captured on home video.

In 1991, 25 people were killed when a United Airlines Boeing 737-200 inexplicably crashed while approaching the Colorado Springs airport.

Ten years ago: Coal miners in Britain voted to end a yearlong strike that proved to be the longest and most violent walkout in British history.

Five years ago: President Bush sparked controversy by expressing opposition to the settlement of Soviet Jewish refugees in East Jerusalem. (Bush's comments came at a news conference following talks in Rancho Mirage, Calif., with Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu.)

One year ago: Amid continuing trade tensions with Japan, President Clinton issued an executive order reviving an expired provision of U.S. trade law known as Super 301, which provides a strict timetable for results.

### NOTEBOOK

#### Applications for Carolina Productions due today

Applications for the newly formed campus programming board, Carolina Productions, are due today.

The board will be responsible for activities such as campus concerts, speakers, performing arts, Homecoming, traditional events, films and cultural events.

The board is seeking applicants from the campus-at-large to apply for the offices of vice president for membership development, vice president for marketing, vice president for internal affairs and vice president for finance (basic accounting class required). Applications are available in RH 235.

#### Debate Team wins regional championships

On Feb. 24-26, the USC debate team participated in the SouthEast Cross-Examination Debate Regional Championships at Georgia State University.

USC entered three two-person teams in the novice division. The team of Lane McFadden of Rock Hill and Shawn Starkey of Columbia finished first; the team of Adam Johnson of Florence and Amy Howard of Columbia, third; and the team of Jamie Dancer of Philadelphia and Katie Dennis of Orangeburg, fourth. Katie Dennis received an award for fourth-best speaker in her division.

The debate team's next tournament is the Novice National Championships, which will be in Maryland during spring break.

#### Shannon Faulkner to speak Monday, March 13

Shannon Faulkner will discuss her struggle to attend The Citadel at a free public lecture.

The lecture will be at 7:30 p.m. March 13 in the Russell House Ballroom.

# AIDS awareness walk steps off Saturday

GENA E. WALLING Staff Writer

The second-annual AIDS WALK will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at Finlay Park in downtown Columbia.

AIDS WALK '95 is an 8K walk and run organized by Common Threads, a community group dedicated to increasing awareness of the threat of HIV infection, and preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS through the development and implementation of safer health behaviors among populations at risk for infection.

Last year's AIDS WALK featured 350 walkers from South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia and raised more than \$25,000. More than \$21,000 was distributed to the AIDS Benefit Foundation, Newberry Council on HIV Disease, Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services (PALSS), S.C. Christian Action Council and S.C. HIV Network.

Common Threads retained \$3,500 as seed money for this year's AIDS WALK.

The goal for this year is to attract 600 walkers and raise \$50,000. Proceeds from the walk will be distributed to HIV/AIDS service organizations in South Carolina through a grant-proposal process.

Rose Mary Naccash of Common Threads said AIDS WALK '95 is important for college students to support because AIDS affects all types of people in all situations. This year, the group targeted college students by mailing more than 600 letters to campus organizations throughout the state.

Naccash emphasized that when college students get involved in events such as AIDS WALK, it sends a strong message to the community that AIDS isn't an isolated issue. In addition, participation shows compassion not often seen from college students by the community, she said.

Late registration will be from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Saturday. Late registrants should report to the sign-in tables in Finlay Park. There is a \$15 entry fee for walkers who have pledges and a \$20 fee for runners.

The 8K out-and-back course will begin and end at Finlay Park. Hills on this run could make this Columbia's most challenging 8K, so water stations and monitors will be situated along the route.

The event will be held rain or shine. Comfortable shoes and clothing are suggested. For more information, contact Rose Mary Naccash at 929-6538.

### AIDS WALK '95

**Saturday**  
8 a.m.-8:45 a.m.: Late registration  
9 a.m.: Opening ceremonies, walk begins  
11 a.m.: Post-walk celebration

To make a donation or register for the walk, contact:  
AIDS WALK '95  
P.O. Box 50591  
Columbia, SC 29250  
929-6538



President John Palms buys a nail Wednesday from student Matt Fifolt, an Alternative Spring Break participant.

## Breaking a sweat

**TINA MORGAN** Asst. News Editor

USC President John Palms bought a commemorative nail Wednesday from the Alternative Spring Break group to show display for the organization's fund-raising efforts. The Alternative Spring Break group is working in conjunction with Rural Mission Inc., a regional nonprofit organization that provides services to low-income Sea Island families. The group will be on Johns Island during the week of March 5.

"It is really important to us," said Matt Fifolt, an organizer for the Alternative Spring Break program. "Community service makes for a great spring break. People on the island really appreciate what we do."

The 29 students registered for the trip had to pay \$100 to go to the island. The fund-raising efforts aren't meant to supplement student expenses; they are for supplies that will be used on the trip.

"The money collected goes to Rural Mission to buy supplies for house painting and

lumber for building," Fifolt said.

The group is scheduled to participate in three projects: tearing down a partially burned home, painting a house and completing general carpentry in another. The assignments will keep the group busy.

"They will not be standing around," Fifolt said. "They will be working."

The group, sponsored by the Office of Community Service Programs, has doubled in size from last year's 16 participants.

"We hope for continued growth in the years to come," Fifolt said. "There are possibilities

for the future. There are a great group of people going."

It's estimated that more than 10,000 college students will spend their spring break this year volunteering in an Alternative Spring Break program.

"Alternative break programs are revolutionizing the way college students perceive of spring break," said H. Michael Magevney, a founder of the Alternative Spring Break program. "Students used to think that the only things interesting they could do was go party at the beach."

"Now, students have a true alternative through volunteerism. The feeling that you get knowing you have helped someone out will last a lot longer than a suntan or a hang-over."

The "silver" and "gold" commemorative nails still will be available for purchase after the trip is over. If interested, contact John Ogle at 777-7110.

## Case study: J-board discusses ethnic slurs

■ The Judicial Board, in conjunction with The Gamecock, presents the second ethical dilemma in which students and faculty members will have an opportunity to reply to an issue pertinent to campus.

**Special to The Gamecock**

You and a friend of a different ethnic background attend a party. While there, ethnic slurs about your friend are made in your presence. How do you respond?

**John D. Smith, music education senior and Judicial Board member**

Down through the ages, we have always been faced with numerous differences between, and various opinions about, people who show the slightest significance in acknowledging their apparent ethnic background. Time has yet to change the way we criticize and disparage others just because we fail to see our own callous-

ness.

We continue to talk about people behind their backs, and then proceed to deny that we said anything once we are confronted with the issue. Why do we deny our own words? The way I see it, we are more concerned with keeping face with someone than we are in standing up and taking responsibility for our actions.

From my point of view, no one is able to stake claim to an absolute ethnic background. Every background is different, and so is every person within each respectable ethnic inheritance. We are all different in some form or fashion, and regardless of sex, color, creed or religion, no one person is above another; therefore, we have no moral right to chastise another person for being different.

I believe that a person, when confronted with a controversial problem, must look inside himself to find a feasible solution and not allow his emotions to act without the benefit of intellect. I choose my friends carefully, and those that I bestow the fitting title "friend" to

are just that, and nothing less. I would not engage in, nor condone, ethnic slurs being directed toward another person, especially a friend. The problem stems not from the remarks, but rather the handling of the situation.

If ethnic slurs were being directed toward a friend in my presence, I would address the situation in the following manner. I would politely request that those making the slurs refrain from doing so, and then I would resume enjoying the festivities. If for some reason the ethnic slurs continued, I would address the situation a second time, but with a different tone of voice and a more meaningful attitude.

If worse came to worse, then in order for me to maintain my bearing and refrain from disrupting the ongoing party with physical violence, I would gather my belongings, insist that my friend accompany me elsewhere and then discuss the situation with him after leaving the ignorant environment.

## Midnet provides Internet access

**GENA E. WALLING** Staff Writer

Midlands residents are welcoming MidNet, a new community information network that will provide them Internet access.

The MidNet project is a joint effort of USC, Richland County Public Library and S.C. Educational Television. It's funded by a two-year, \$110,000 grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

MidNet was selected from more than 90 applications to participate in CPB's first funding efforts. The system came online Feb. 14 and already has 1,800 accounts established.

MidNet provides access to information on health, education and city and county government; local, national and international e-mail; local, national and international library catalogs; opportunities to participate in group discussions; and limited access to Internet for e-mail.

MidNet is free to people who have access to a computer and a modem. MidNet is established in most USC computer labs and the Richland County Public Library.

Students can access MidNet at USC through Telnet by typing in midnet.csd.sc.edu and logging in as a visitor. The recommended communications software to gain access outside of the USC system is ProComm, but most standard communications software will work.

- To connect to MidNet:
1. Set modem to 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity. Terminal emulation: vt 100.
  2. Dial 777-6439.
  3. Wait for "connected" message.
  4. Hit return key three or four times and wait. You will be presented with "login."
  5. Login as visitor.
  6. Proceed to item 1 from the main menu to register your account.
  7. Allow eight hours for your account to process.

Richland County Public Library offers an introduction to MidNet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For a more in-depth explanation, or to learn how to configure your modem or establish an account, attend the class offered at 5:30 p.m. Fridays at the Thomas Cooper Library computer lab.

To gain even more information on the capabilities of MidNet, contact the Computer Services Division for classes offered.

Gary Porter, a USC graduate assistant working on the project, said some bugs still need to be worked out. The system is operating on eight phone lines and the tremendous response to MidNet makes it difficult to login at times, he said.

Users can post information on MidNet. Information should be community related, and all messages are previewed and approved before posting.

There are plans to put access terminals in any public place with a phone line, and the equipment for the terminals will be donated.

Stephen Bajjal, director of the MidNet project, would like ideas from students for resources they would like to have available. For more information on MidNet, contact project manager Benjamin Breazeale in the College of Library and Information Sciences at 777-1085 or 777-4659.