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Today
Partly sunny
High 72
Low 48

Friday
Sunny
High 72
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Serving USC since 1908

Scattered and smothered
Etc. gives the hash on hashbrowns in and around Columbia.
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NEWS BRIEFS

NATIONWIDE

House passes Republican spending package
WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican leaders quelled an uprising over abortion Wednesday and muscled \$17 billion in cuts in housing aid, school improvements and other programs toward House passage.

By a near party-line 242-190 vote, the package cleared a procedural hurdle and began a testy journey toward likely passage Thursday. The Senate is expected to produce its own collection of spending slashes soon.

The measure represents the Republican majority's first attempt to get through the full House spending cuts related to promises in the GOP's "Contract With America" to shrink government and eliminate the federal deficit. The cuts target money appropriated last year to be spent this year.

The debate was peppered not only with moans from lawmakers of both parties over the measure's cuts in job training, veterans and other initiatives, but stinging partisan broadsides as well.

The stakes were huge for Republicans. They were out to prove that having promised to balance the budget by the year 2002, which will take \$1 trillion in spending slashes over seven years, they could deliver a far smaller package. They also needed to rally from this month's Senate defeat of the balanced-budget amendment.

TODAY

Today is Thursday, March 16, the 75th day of 1995. There are 290 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:
Fifty years ago, on March 16, 1945, during World War II, Iwo Jima was declared secured by the Allies.

On this date:
In 1521, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Philippines, where he was killed by natives the following month.
In 1751, James Madison, fourth president of the United States, was born in Port Conway, Va.
In 1802, Congress authorized the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.
In 1827, the first newspaper edited for and by blacks, Freedom's Journal, was published in New York.
In 1836, the Republic of Texas approved a constitution.
In 1850, Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter" was first published.
In 1894, the opera "Thais," composed by Jules Massenet, premiered in Paris.
In 1915, the Federal Trade Commission was organized.
In 1935, Adolf Hitler scrapped the Treaty of Versailles.
In 1968, during the Vietnam War, the My Lai Massacre was carried out by U.S. troops under the command of Lieutenant William L. Calley Junior.
In 1969, "1776," a musical about the Declaration of Independence, opened on Broadway.
In 1978, Italian politician Aldo Moro was kidnapped and later murdered by left-wing urban guerrillas.

NOTEBOOK

Memorial service Friday
A memorial service for geology professor Mack Gipson, Jr. will be held in Rutledge Chapel at noon Friday, March 17. For more information, call O'Neal Smalls at 777-4155.

Nominations open for advisers, student awards
The Office of Leadership Training Programs is accepting nominations for the Adviser of the Year Award and the Caroliniana Award.

The adviser award honors advisers who have had a significant impact on their organization. The Caroliniana award recognizes students who have been dedicated behind the scenes in their organization.

The awards will be presented April 18 at the Service and Leadership Awards Reception, sponsored by the Office of Leadership and Training Programs and the Office of Community Service Programs. Nominations must be received by Friday March 24 at 5 p.m. in the Campus Activities Center.

Women's Student Services accepting contributions
The Office of Women's Student Services is sponsoring the fifth annual Outstanding Women at USC Celebration.

Women in the USC community will be recognized, and USC faculty, staff, and students can honor a special female colleague or advocate by making a contribution of \$15, \$25 or more in her name to the USC Educational Fund.

The event will be held March 29 and donors and honorees will be recognized. Checks can be made out to the USC Educational Fund and sent to Heather Zaslansky, Women's Student Services.

For more information, call 777-5780.

Equestrian Team seeking members
USC's Equestrian Team, which competes in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association, is currently ranked first and also has the High Point Rider of the Region, Alex Scott.

The team will compete March 25-26 at Berry College and in Colorado later before qualifying for individual regional and national competition.

Anyone interested in joining should call 783-5613.

University tenure system faces cancellation

ERIN GALLOWAY and WENDY HUDSON
News Editors

Rep. William Witherspoon, R-Horry, is proposing a bill that would cut out tenure for university professors. The bill, which already has been read on the House floor and has 32 signatures, would stop tenure where it is now and provide for universities to come up with a revised plan in two years.

"No tenure to nontenured faculty at any state public college or university may be granted after the effective date of this section," the bills reads.

Witherspoon said he proposed the tenure bill because of abuses.

"I've watched it for a number of years now. It's not a slam on professors. We've got some of the finest professors... but we have some who are abusing tenure," Witherspoon said.

"Working eight or nine hours a week and making high salaries. It's not right."

Journalism Dean of undergraduate studies and Faculty Senate Chair-elect Henry Price said he disagreed.

"One of the things said by people (critical of tenure) is when a person gets tenure, they stop trying," Price said. "I reject that. I know too many people who are fine teachers.

"People who are not in academia like to say they (tenured professors) quit working," he said. "It is an easy statement to make but a difficult statement to prove."

"I think we need to be very careful and go very slowly if we're going to explore any possible change in tenure," said Rep. Tim Rogers, D-Richland. "There are very good reasons related to academic independence and integrity and freedom of expression as to why we

have a tenure system. It's not a perfect system, and there are good reasons to consider making changes, but I am not prepared to embrace any wholesale trashing of the tenure system."

Witherspoon's bill also states that the governing board of each college or university would develop a new relationship between tenured faculty and the institution within two years of the bill's effectiveness.

Witherspoon does not have ideas for a plan to replace tenure. He said he would rather give that decision to the individual universities.

"In two years, they would come up with another acceptable method," he said. "I would leave it up to professors and administrators."

Price said one possibility for a system to replace tenure would be a six- to eight-year con-

tract, followed by a performance review.

"Obviously you come up for review at the end of each period," Price said. "Each of these times, you would submit yourself to scrutiny."

Price said the tenure system originated to protect professors from being fired without justification.

"It came about back when there wasn't as much legal recourse," Price said. "Back in those days, if you didn't tow the line, they censored you. This is a protection against that."

Price said he doesn't think the tenure system is being abused.

"I think it works pretty well. That isn't to say that it shouldn't be looked at," he said. "Everything can benefit from a critical standpoint."

The bill is now in the House Education Committee.

Not just a walk in the park



KIM TRUETT The Gamecock

Karen Pettus, director of the Office of Disability Services, left, and WIS anchor Susan Aude Fisher, right, go to a reception at the Alumni House Wednesday following Fisher's speech in Belk Auditorium. Fisher spoke as a part of Women's History Month. Fisher received her Master's in Mass Communication from USC in 1978 and co-anchors WIS's "The 7:00 Report" and "WIS News Nightcast."

Activists protest USC animal labs

LUCY ARNOLD Staff Writer

Wednesday, the Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals presented a program on the use of animals in medical research and education in the Russell House Ballroom.

The guest speaker was Dr. Peggy Carlson, research director for the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine in Washington, D.C.

"We've tried so many avenues," said Kristin von Karowsky, SETA chairwoman. "We're hoping something will come of this one."

In her speech, Carlson said that animals do not have a place in medical education.

"One thing that is important to know is that students in the dog lab aren't learning new medical knowledge," Carlson said. "They're demonstrating well-known physiological facts."

Carlson also said humans and animals are not physiologically compatible, and that studies based on animal testing do not necessarily hold true for humans.

"Animals are not little humans," Carlson

said.

Carlson said that many alternatives to animal testing exist, and that they are often superior to animal tests. X-rays, blood transfusions and the discovery of penicillin are among the medical accomplishments that have been developed without the use of animal testing.

"Scientists are using kidney, liver and bone marrow tissues to determine side effects of drugs," Carlson said. "Although all of these tests are not perfect, the animal tests are far from perfect."

She also said desensitization is a possible outcome of the use of animals in medical labs.

"It teaches [the students] that it's okay to use an animal as a tool and just discard it," Carlson said.

Some of Carlson's suggestions for students interested in ending animal testing were to only buy products from companies who do not test on animals, to refuse to dissect animals in schools and to join groups who fight animal testing.

"The important thing to know is that every person can make a difference," Carlson said. "The public can make a difference in what happens. We should support companies who do not use animal testing."

Both Carlson and von Karowsky commented on the expense of animal testing.

"If you switch to some of the alternatives other medical schools are using, it's actually cheaper," von Karowsky said.

"The dog labs are extremely expensive," Carlson said.

Von Karowsky said her organization is hoping for response from both students and administration.

"What we'd like to see is for the administration to look at this very objectively," von Karowsky said.

"One of the big reasons it is still going on is it is ingrained in this society," Carlson said.

Dr. James Buggy, director of USC's animal research facilities, could not be reached for comment.

Applications due for Rhodes scholarship

TIFFA HARPER Asst. News Editor

Information sessions will be held for Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Goldwater, Mellon Fellowships and Fulbright Grants. Faculty and staff will be available to explain the merits of individual programs.

The Rhodes and Marshall scholarships are highly competitive scholarships that provide the opportunity to for full fellowship to study for two or three years at a world class university. Rhodes candidates propose a course study at Oxford University, while Marshall candidates propose study for any university in Great Britain.

Candidates must have at least a GPA of 3.7, be well informed in global issues, have a record of service and leadership, be a U.S. citizen and no older than 25 as of October 1995.

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award for graduate school preparation for a career in public service.

Scholars are selected based on leadership abilities, academic performance and potential, community service and demonstrated commitment to public service. Allowances include up to \$30,000.

The information session will be held March 27 at 4 p.m. in the Gressette room. The Fulbright Grant information session will be held April 4. The session for the Mellon Fellowship will be held April 5, and the Goldwater session will be held April 10. All sessions will begin at 4 p.m. in the Gressette room.

For more information or for faculty and staff who wish to nominate qualified students, contact Novella Beskid in the Fellowships Office at 777-0958.

SG Senate begins work

MATT PRUITT Staff Writer

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