

Rally

Speakers encourage perseverance, unity

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ments of the event was the singing of the national anthem, which was cued by the USC ROTC Color Guard presenting the American flag. The anthem was sung by Deborah Baker, from the India International Family Church. Her voice wasn't amplified. Slowly, more people joined in, building a low hum that rose and finally ended, sounding like a defiant funeral dirge.

The afternoon was filled with speakers from around the world expressing some of the feelings of their communities. Irma Santana, a native of El Salvador, said, "We too are Americans, some of us not by birth, but by choice." She warned, "The magnitude of the terrorist attacks must not be faded from the public consciousness."

Columbia Mayor Bob Coble offered a message of hope.

"I know as a country, as a world of many countries, we will overcome the events of September 11," Coble said.

A message shared by all of the speakers Sunday was a call for

South Carolinians to embrace the cultural diversity of their communities and the nation. Garfield Stuart of the Caribbean Cultural Association found the nerve that was left exposed by the attacks.

"We must not let the terrorists divide us," he said. "If we allow ourselves to be divided, then the terrorists have won."

In closing, Stuart expressed how he thinks we can find comfort in this new age. "We, as people of faith, must call on God to give the peace the world cannot."

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Animals

Animals groups need money most

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Care and Control and the ASPCA have rescued more than 400 pets, only a few of which haven't been reunited with their owners. Culver said no animals were stranded in the Washington attack.

The HSUS works with FEMA and the American Red Cross in disaster and education seminars. "Most of what we do is teach communities to do their own planning and rescue. We can't be everywhere, but we can come in when we are needed," Culver said.

The group is also working with the Red Cross to establish shelters for pets; the Red Cross shelters don't allow animals. "We are sort of like the Red Cross for animals," Culver said.

The New York City Center for Animal Care and Control is coordinating efforts out of the Brooklyn office. The Center in Manhattan was demolished; it was one block from the World Trade Center. The HSUS gave computers, desks and fax machines to the center to replace what was destroyed in the Manhattan office.

What animal organizations need now is money for long-term needs as rescue efforts continue. The money would go toward medical care, adoption costs and more food as it's needed.

The American Veterinary Medical Association stressed the need for donations on its Web site.

"Millions of Americans are wondering what they can do. We are asking that those who would like to help the lives of innocent animals harmed by the terrorist attack make a donation to help veterinarians care for these secondary victims," Executive Director Paul Amundsen said.

"Contributions can be used for this disaster or in the future disasters," said Cindy Lovern, AVMA assistant director of emergency preparedness. The South Carolina Association of Veterinarians will send \$1,000 and include donation information in its October newsletter so veterinarians can make individual donations.

International support has also been strong. Australian Veterinary Association President Robert Baker said he sent a message of support from all his members.

The American Veterinary Medical Association has received letters of support from veterinary associations in Chile, Turkey, Israel, Italy, South Africa, Australia, the British Veterinary Association and the World Veterinary Association.

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ATTACKS BRIEFS

U.N. food shipments to Afghanistan resume

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN (AP)

— Fearing widespread starvation in Afghanistan if America attacks, the United Nations on Saturday sent its first food shipments there since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, a U.N. spokesman said.

In Afghanistan, the trial of eight foreign aid workers was put off for a day, until Sunday. The eight were arrested last month by the hard-line Taliban government for allegedly spreading Christianity in the strictly Muslim country.

The sister of Australian aid worker Diana Thomas appealed Sunday to the United States to delay any military strikes until all the workers are freed.

Meanwhile, Pakistan shut down a major militant organization that the United States has branded a terrorist organization. The Harakat ul-Mujahideen, or Movement of the Holy Warriors, has been fighting Indian soldiers in the disputed Kashmir region.

IT HAPPENED

NEWS YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED

TRUCK STOP: State Transport Police, after receiving a federal warning that terrorists might use such trucks as weapons, are inspecting the credentials of hundreds of truckers who carry hazardous materials

PEACE PROTEST: Several thousand anti-war demonstrators marched Sunday to call for peace following the terrorist attacks.

MORE VIEWPOINTS

Bombing

The U.S. didn't used to be afraid

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miles from Baghdad and we turn around. Another month, and Iraq was ours. After the Persian Gulf War, we could have set up a new constitution

and a new democratic government like we did with Germany and Japan.

Here's another example: Did you know there are still warlords controlling Somalia? As soon as a couple of guys get shot, it's all over the news, and Americans want to pull out.

John Wayne is turning over in his grave!

WEEK IN REVIEW

BGLA still strong after 20 years

The Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Alliance looked forward to its 20th anniversary this year. The organization began after a column in The Gamecock encouraged "the reasonable objective of trying to put the gays back in the closet." Founder Tony Price said he was proud the organization was able to stay active for so long. "It's hard for any student group to remain strong on campus for 20 years," said Price, who is now on the advisory board for OutSmart in the Midlands, a support group for teenagers dealing with their sexuality. "I'm glad to see the group growing stronger today."

WHAT'S NEXT: BGLA President Jeff Creus said his group would try to bring a proposed change to the

university's anti-discrimination policy before the board of trustees. The proposal would add sexual orientation to the policy.

USC makes history by beating 'Bama

USC made football history Saturday by eking out a 37-36 victory over Alabama's Crimson Tide in front of a sell-out crowd at Williams-Brice Stadium. The Gamecocks had lost all 10 games they played against Alabama.

WHAT'S NEXT: The victory has some fans buzzing about the possibility of a 6-0 start; the Gamecocks' next two matchups are against Arkansas and Kentucky before they face the dreaded "Orange Crush" of Tennessee, Florida and Clemson (with Wofford facing USC on Nov. 3).

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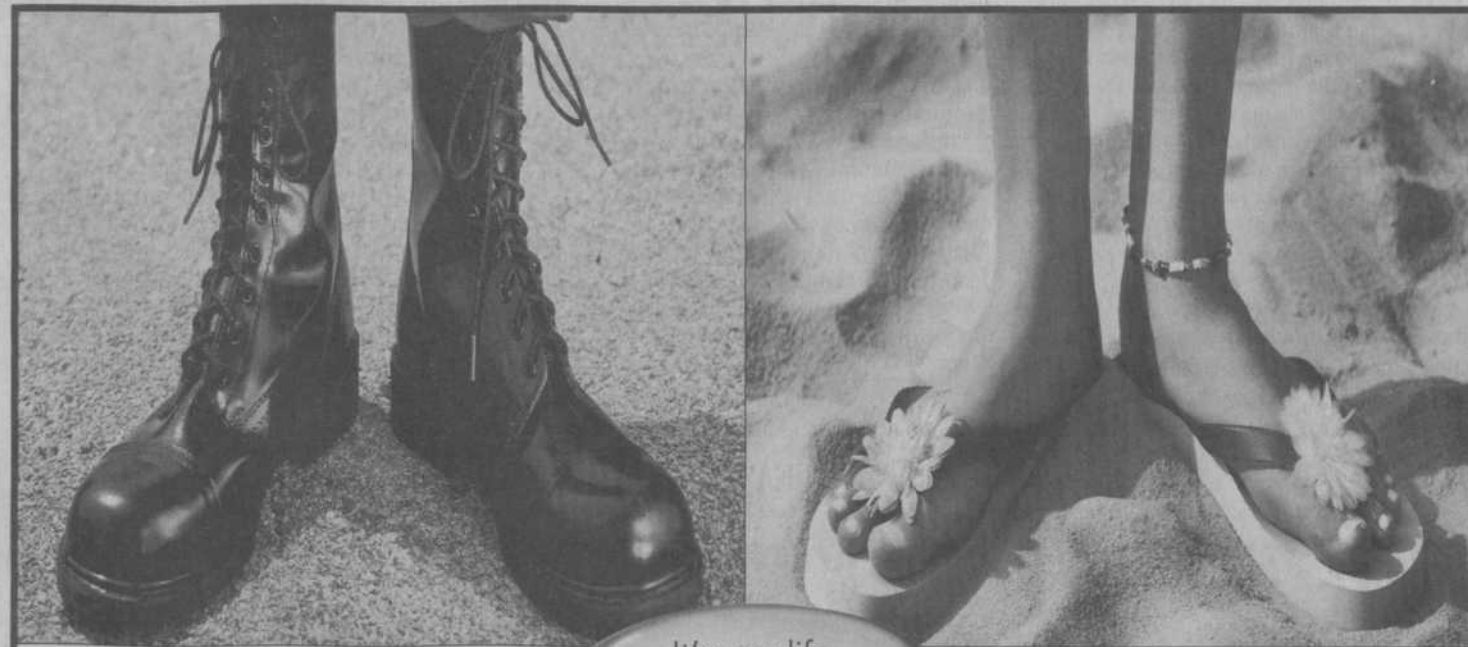
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