

STATE

Financial leaders reveal deficit plan

COLUMBIA (AP) — The state's top financial leaders say they have a plan to repay the \$155 million deficit from fiscal year 2001-2002 and create greater spending discipline to ensure that the state has a balanced budget.

The five members of the state Budget and Control Board on Tuesday proposed tapping into the state's capital reserve fund and general reserve fund during the next three budget years to repay the shortfall. Republican Gov. Mark Sanford said uncontrolled spending put the state in a budget crisis and now the deficit could hurt the state's top credit rating.

The repayment plan will be introduced when the General Assembly meets in January.

Commandments supporters rally

COLUMBIA (AP) — More than 100 people gathered at South Carolina's State House on Tuesday to rally support for displaying the Ten Commandments in courthouses and other public buildings.

The "Keep the Commandments Caravan" is stopping in five states to protest recent court decisions banning the religious doctrine from display in government buildings.

Rally leaders asked supporters to sign online petitions and follow the group to the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C. The rally was prompted in part by the suspension of Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, who refused a federal judge's order to remove a 5,300-pound monument.

NATION

Consumers lose market confidence

NEW YORK (AP) — Dragged down by a still-sluggish job market, consumer confidence in the economy dropped more sharply than expected in September.

The sour report and a disappointing reading on business activity in the Midwest helped send stocks lower on Wall Street. The Dow Jones industrial average was down nearly 70 points in afternoon trading.

The Consumer Confidence Index fell to 76.8, down nearly five points from the revised 81.7 registered in August, the Conference Board reported Tuesday.

The decrease was steeper than expected — analysts were looking for a reading of 80.5. It was the biggest decline since July.

Florida court voids DNA deadline

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. (AP) — The Florida Supreme Court set aside a Wednesday deadline for convicts to request DNA testing that could prove their innocence.

By a 4-3 vote Tuesday, the justices suspended the deadline while they consider the inmates' challenge to the rule's constitutionality. The high court will hear oral arguments Nov. 7.

The Legislature two years ago gave convicted criminals until Wednesday to ask judges for DNA testing of evidence. The law creating the two-year window was passed after DNA testing proved the innocence of two convicted killers.

WORLD

First Lady calls for children to read

MOSCOW (AP) — In a Kremlin library thousands of miles from home, Laura Bush chided U.S. parents for letting their children watch too much television and pleaded with them to spend more time reading with and to their children.

She told the first ladies of Russia, Armenia and Bulgaria on Tuesday that she's afraid American children are addicted to television, citing studies that place average TV consumption in the United States at several hours a day.

Mrs. Bush came to Moscow as the guest of Lyudmila Putin, the wife of the Russian president, who has organized a book festival focused on children's literature.

Blair responds to critics in speech

BOURNEMOUTH, ENGLAND (AP) — A defiant Prime Minister Tony Blair, bruised by dissent over the war in Iraq, faced down his critics Tuesday and defended the U.S.-led campaign to topple Saddam Hussein.

In an address to his Labor Party, Blair said 6 1/2 years in office and growing unease over his policies had left him battered. But he defended his government's record, said it was ready for a historic third term in office and insisted his forthright leadership was best for Britain.

At the end of his highly personal 50-minute address, Blair basked in a massive ovation, but the speech failed to silence many critics, still incensed by the war in Iraq.



SG President Katie Dreiling, left, talks to SG Vice President Zach Scott as they discuss plans for distributing about \$190,000 in leftover student activity fees.

Funding

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"There have been a couple of instances where students have been harassed, and there has been property damaged," Scott said. "It just identifies who you can come talk to."

The remaining \$5,000 will go to the University Safety Committee, of which Dreiling, Scott and Edwards are members.

Parking

Of the \$39,500 designated for parking, \$35,000 will go to maintain and refurbish the shuttle stops once the Global Positioning System is in place. The GPS will cost about \$150,000 to start, plus \$40,000 a year for maintenance.

The system will allow students to check the locations of shuttles from their computers or cell phones. It also will place monitors in academic buildings and shuttle stops that show where the shuttles are and how long it will take them to reach their stops.

The remaining \$4,500 will be used to buy 10 bike racks a year for three years. A study by the

University Safety Committee found that several places on campus have no bike racks, including Gambrell, the Coliseum, Wardlaw, Currell, the Arnold School of Public Health, Petigru and the School of Nursing.

But Scott said this is by no means the end of parking projects and that the officers are working on another parking project that will be announced soon.

Campus Issues

The bulk of the extra money will be spent on a broad category of campus issues, including \$45,000 for two years of the newspaper readership program. The program, sponsored by USA Today, provides free newspapers to students. For the past month, students have benefited from the program's four-week free trial, which ends Friday. SG had been trying to find a way to temporarily fund the program to give the administration time to find the money to take it over when it found the answer in its rollover account.

\$25,000 will be used to put campus maps throughout the university. The 14-foot signs cost about \$6,000 each and have maps of the university with "you are here"

markers to direct visitors as well as lost students and faculty members.

WUSC, the campus radio station, will receive \$15,000 to help with its maintenance projects. That sum will help pay for a \$10,000 audio processor and a replacement audio computer system that would cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

The evening shuttle, provided by the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, will receive \$1,000 to buy walkie-talkies that can be used to communicate across campus. Edwards said operators often lose contact with the shuttles once they reach the other side of campus, which results in the shuttle missing students it could have picked up.

The remaining \$15,000 will pay fees that SG had when it moved its office from the basement of the Russell House to the second floor.

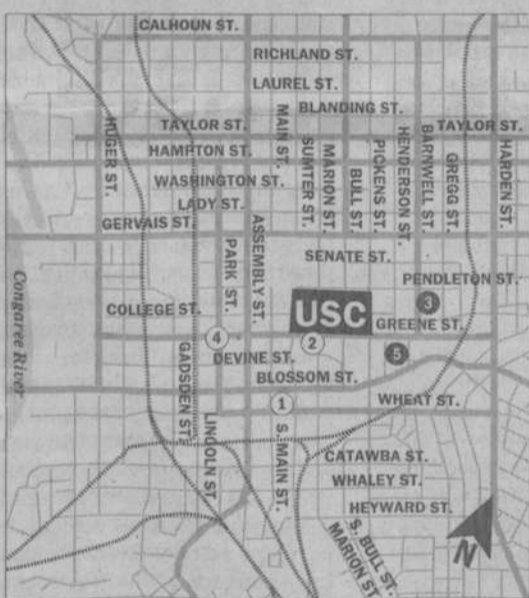
After spending the past month and a half researching and coming up with a plan, SG's highest officers are glad that it is nearing completion.

"We're tired," Dreiling said.

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POLICE REPORT



These reports are taken directly from the USC Police Department. Compiled by Alexis Stratton.

Each number on the map stands for a crime corresponding with numbered descriptions in the list below.

DAY CRIMES (6 a.m.-6 p.m.)

- Violent
- Nonviolent

NIGHT CRIMES (6 p.m.-6 a.m.)

- Violent
- Nonviolent

CRIMES AT UNKNOWN HOURS

- Violent
- Nonviolent

Wednesday, Sept. 24

① **LARCENY OF CELL PHONE, USC BAND HALL, 511 MAIN ST.** The victim said that someone removed a black Motorola cell phone from her wall locker, which she said was secured at the time of the incident. Estimated Value: \$75. Reporting officer: D.W. Friels.

Friday, Sept. 26

② **MALICIOUS INJURY TO PERSONAL PROPERTY, A-3 LOT, 1305 GREENE ST.** The complainant said that someone slashed the rear tires of his roller machine. Estimated Damage: \$500. Reporting officer: T Means.

③ **AUTO BREAK-IN, FOUND PROPERTY, S-4 LOT, 918 BARNWELL ST.** The victim said that someone unzipped the rear passenger's side window on his Jeep and entered his vehicle, prying open his locked console and breaking the locking mechanism. The victim said that the person opened his glove box, opened his ashtray and unlocked the passenger's side door. Upon entering his vehicle, the victim noticed that there was a red and black "Adidas" book bag there that did not belong to him. Inside the book bag was a pair of red and white shorts, a CD holder with miscellaneous CDs, two 3.5 floppy disks and a lighter. The victim looked on the disks and found three papers written by William Featherstone III. The victim turned this property over to USCPD. Estimated Damage: \$150. Reporting officer: N. DeHaai.

Sunday, Sept. 28

LARCENY OF TEXTBOOKS, WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM UNDER SOUTHWEST RAMP, 1000 GEORGE ROGERS BLVD. (OFF MAP) The victim said that he left his black clothing bag at the stadium. The victim found the clothing bag, but it was missing an envelope with \$50 cash inside. The victim could not find the book bag, which contained school

supplies, his wallet and two textbooks. Estimated Value: \$344. Reporting officer: J.L. Meador.

Monday, Sept. 29

MALICIOUS INJURY TO PERSONAL PROPERTY, 2 RICHLAND MEDICAL PARK (OFF MAP) The victim said Chris James keyed the driver's side of his truck, scratching two panels. Estimated Damage: \$800. Reporting officer: N. DeHaai.

④ **AUTO BREAK-IN, PETIT LARCENY, CAROLINA CENTER, LOT B, 801 LINCOLN ST.** The victim said that someone broke out the right passenger's side window of his vehicle, entered and took two green Army duffel bags, each containing an assortment of clothing. Reporting officer: D.W. Friels.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

⑤ **SIMPLE POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA, MINOR IN POSSESSION OF BEER, DEVINE AND HENDERSON STREETS** While driving west on Devine Street, reporting officer E.L. Pereira observed a 1998 Toyota with a South Carolina tag parked on the side of the street. When Pereira approached the vehicle, the driver pulled out and drove away. Because of the location

being a high-crime area and Pereira observing that nobody had entered or exited the vehicle, Pereira performed a lawful terry stop on the vehicle at Henderson and Greene streets. When Pereira approached the vehicle, a strong odor of marijuana was coming out of the passenger compartment. Pereira asked the driver, Justin Hudson, why he and his passengers were parked, and he said they were smoking marijuana. Officers Taylor and Friels responded to the scene, where officer Taylor observed an open container of beer in plain view located in the rear of the passenger compartment. A search of the vehicle yielded a clear plastic bag with a brown leafy substance in it thought to be marijuana located in the rear of the passenger's side front seat. Also, rolling papers and a glass pipe were found in the rear of the passenger compartment. Two beer cans, one half-full, were found inside the vehicle. One of the passengers, Robert Livingston, said the beer was his and that he had been drinking it at the time of the incident. Livingston was issued a uniform traffic ticket for a minor in possession of beer. Byron Coons, another passenger, was arrested for simple possession of marijuana. The vehicle was released back to the owner. Two other passengers were in the car.

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