John Michael Palms



Born: June 6,1935. Rijswijk, The Netherlands

Married: Norma Lee Cannon of Charleston

Children: Three

Education: The Citadel, B.S., 1958 Emory University, M.S., 1959, University of New Mexico, Ph.D, 1966

Current Position: President of Georgia State University and Professor of Physics

Lucy Soto/The Gamecock

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James Kane, dean of the College

of Business Administration, said he was surprised how quickly Palms became the leading candidate and eventual choice of the search committee.

Kane said he has no worries about the new administration cutting funds from the nationally known business college. Palms will be ready to take command no later than March, depending on how the search for his replacement at Georgia State goes.

USC Student Government President Stephen Benjamin said, "I am supremely impressed with his credentials along with how he presents himself."

"You can't carry on a conversation with him because he domi-

nates the conversation," Benjamin said. "I guess you could call him a visionary - great hopes and

He said the changing faces of USC's president has made his job more difficult. "(James) Holderman resigning threw Student Government a curve. For 13 years, Student Government had worked with Holderman, myself working with him the past two years."

Holderman resigned in May under pressure for his lavish spending. Provost Arthur Smith took over as interim president during the presidential search.

Benjamin said Smith's administration made the transition as smooth as possible. "He stayed open, he met with us regularly, and made it really easy," he said.

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Baker dormitory to get help, the police report said.

The victim attempted to flee from the suspect, running to the 700 block of Main Street, police

The second student returned to the scene with three other witnesses. A fifth student then saw the suspect strike the victim with his

hands, knocking her down. When the victim was on the round the witnesses saw the suspect hit and kick the victim's head and torso, the report said.

The fifth student then attempted to intervene in the altercation, and the suspect turned his attention toward her, hitting her with his fist

and kicking her, the police said. The suspect's vehicle then approached and the occupants re-

strained the suspect and pulled him

away from the students, the police

said. As the suspect was running toward his car, the victim began to chase after him and threw a full,

ting him in the face. The victim said the can hit him just as he was getting in the car. The suspect then got out of the car

unopened, can of beer at him, hit-

and hit her, she said. The police arrived after the other students called them on an

ncy call box. USC Police stopped the sus-

pect's car on the corner of Blossom and Barnwell. The victims and witnesses were

then taken to the suspect's stopped car, where they positively identified the suspect in the car as being the attacker, police said.

Frye will stand trial on Dec. 30 in Richland County on two counts of assault and battery.

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Bates West residents to get cable TV

By TIGE WATTS Assistant News Editor

After expanding the number of television channels offered this semester, Housing Services has announced that Gamecock Cablevi-

sion will be offered to residents of Bates West early this semester. Bates West Residence Hall Director Jeff Crum said about 90 percent of the residents

have signed up for cable service. "We have around 370 residents and 300 have signed up for it," he said.

Late last semester, Housing Services said they would add channels like WGN (Chicago), SportSouth, Arts & Entertainment, TNN, USA, the Family Channel and the Discovery Channel.

Rishi Zaveri, Residence Hall Association senator, said the request for cable started when residents questioned Gamecock Cablevision's installation in the Towers.

"Bates West is predominantly an upperclassmen residence hall. When we found out that the Towers, a predominantly freshmen hall, had cable we wondered why they would get it before us. It didn't make sense for freshmen to get cable before upperclassmen," he said.

Zaveri said a survey indicating a large majority of the residents would be able to pay for ' cable was the key to having the Cablevision

He said his position as chairman of the RHA Housing and Campus Concerns Committee was instrumental in getting cable for Bates West.

"If other residence halls want cable, they will have to send a representative to housing and start the process," Zaveri said. "They will need to run the surveys like I did and then they can get the cable installed."

Zaveri said the process starts when residents begin to voice their complaints and request

"There would be no plans to install cable without student involvement," he said. "After the complaints were heard, the process started and Bates West now has cable.'

Late senator would have been indicted

By The Associated Press

The late state Sen. Jack Lindsay reportedly knew before he underwent a lung transplant on New Year's Day that federal prosecutors planned to indict him on corruption charges if he survived.

U.S. Attorney Bart Daniel declined to comment Friday, hours after Lindsay died in a Chapel Hill, N.C., hospital, other than to say he was sorry to hear about the lawmaker's death.

But The State newspaper reported Saturday that when Lindsay, one of the state's most powerful political figures, entered the hospital for a life-saving operation, he was on the verge of signing a plea agreement with prosecutors.

Lindsay, D-Bennettsville, was negotiating a guilty plea on unspecified charges, unidentified

underwent the operation and died from complications before signing a final deal.

Daniel would not say whether federal authorities would ever disclose what they knew about

Sources told The State last week that messages about the possible charges were carried by an intermediary between Lindsay and prosecutors before the operation.

Meantime, Lindsay told some of his colleagues, who asked not to be identified, that he expected to be charged in the FBI's probe of Statehouse corruption, according to the newspaper.

Despite Daniel's reticence, Lindsay is expected to remain a prominent figure in the upcoming trials of other government officials, The State reported. Sources said sources told the newspaper. But he the public will know, in time, what charges Lindsay would have faced had he survived the operation.

Before he died, Lindsay told associates that federal authorities had sent him messages about his legal situation, according to the report. Also, Lindsay told associates he expected to be charged for his role in a controversial capital gains legislation giving 21 people an \$8.6 million tax break, The State said.

Lindsay was a friend and mentor of Ron Cobb, a lobbyist-turned-FBI informant. He agreed to work for the FBI after being caught in a drug deal and offered lawmakers bribes in exchange for their votes on legislation.

But as part of the deal, prosecutors agreed that they would not force Cobb to testify against Lindsay if the senator were charged in the probe, dubbed "Operation Lost

Lindsay was never officially named as a target in the FBI investigation. But federal officials have promised that other indicted legislators were being "fed out of the same spoon" as Lindsay.

Cobb testified in one bribery trial in the fall that he once gave Lindsay a \$10,000 campaign contribution. No such contribution appeared on Lindsay's financial disclosure forms, however.

Cobb and Lindsay also were associated through a common client, Hitachi Data Systems. Cobb was the computer company's lobbyists at the Statehouse while Lindsay represented Hitachi as a lawyer.

The State Law Enforcement Division is investigating a series of deals that gave Hitachi dominance over computer sales and leases to state agencies.

candidly of his fear of dying and

his spiritual conversion. He also

apologizes to 1988 presidential

candidate Michael Dukakis for his

In the interview, scheduled to

appear on newsstands today, Atwa-

ter says he has "come a long way

since the day I told George Bush

that his 'kinder, gentler' theme

was a nice thought, but it wouldn't

win us any votes. I used to say that

the president might be kinder and

gentler, but I wasn't going to be.

How wrong I was. There is no-

thing more important in life than

campaign tacticts.

human beings."

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of the campaign is to inform the public of King's effort.

"We just want to tell those we help that King was a man who tried to help others. He was a man who wanted to be remembered as a man who tried to help somebody," Irick said.

Smalls said the holiday would be more meaningful if it was spent helping others.

'We are the first generation to celebrate the holiday, and we should celebrate it the way King would want us to celebrate. He would not want us to celebrate his holiday by watching a football game," he said.

Smalls said several student organizations participated in the campaign last year, and he expects a larger turnout this year.

"Last year, Student Government took a big interest in the campaign.

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Smalls and Irick said the intent A lot of fraternities took part in the campaign, as well," he said.

Other efforts recognizing King's birthday will also take place.

The Office of Minority Student Affairs will be holding the Ninth Annual Birthday Observance Program for Martin Luther King Jr. on Tuesday. The Rev. Tyrone Crider, Operation PUSH president, will speak to the public at 7:30 p.m.in the Russell House Ballroom.

Minority Student Affairs will sponsor 11 other programs within the next two months in celebration of King's Birthday and Black History Month.

The Columbia Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will also celebrate King's holiday by hosting a program at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Zion Baptist Church on Washington Street. The program is open to the public.

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Reagan and was the manager for the George Bush 1988 presidential campaign. In 1989, he was unanimously elected chairman of the Republican National Committee.

National attention was focused on Atwater when he became ill with an inoperable brain tumor last year. He is scheduled for surgery today in Washington, D.C., to remove a mass of dead tissue in his U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond sent

a telegram congratulating Atwater on his honorary degree and apologizing for not being able to be present at the ceremony. "Lee is now facing his toughest

campaign, and I can think of nothing more honorable than this degree being bestowed upon him," Campbell said. In a recent interview in Life magazine, Atwater reflects on his

controversial career and speaks

Until his illness, Atwater was active in music. He has recently been nominated for a Grammy Award for his album with B.B. King, Red, Hot and Blue. Grammy winners will be announced Feb.

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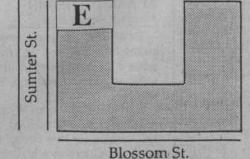


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