

Palms gives outline of USC's mission

From Staff and Wire Reports

USC President John Palms offered a rough draft of the university's mission in the coming years, but critics said it lacked details.

Palms advocated less bureaucracy and more classroom uniformity in a speech to school faculty and administrators. His plan included a list of goals he said he hoped could be adopted by the USC board of trustees next spring.

He described the school and its nine campuses as "a single university, geographically dispersed" that should "move immediately to implement university-wide policies and procedures designed to serve student needs."

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and reward for excellence in teaching and advising," Palms said Wednesday in the closed-circuit television speech.

Ed Dyer, associate professor of government at Coastal Carolina, said most professors on his campus saw Palms' speech as an ambiguous list of goals with no plans for achievement.

"Regardless of what side you're on,

everyone will say the status quo is unacceptable," Dyer said. "He (Palms) should put his money where his platitudes are."

Uniform offerings in basic courses should allow students to transfer among USC campuses easily, he said.

Palms said decentralization is necessary for the school to be most effective. But he noted that any single campus move for

autonomy should "improve its effectiveness and . . . (be) both academically sound and fiscally prudent."

The Coastal Carolina campus has moved to secede from USC and operate as an independent school. Some Horry County community leaders contend the school has been neglected.

The call for more uniformity among campuses concerned history professor

John Vrooman.

"The strength of a college campus is based on diversity," he said. "It seems we're being asked to go to a conforming system."

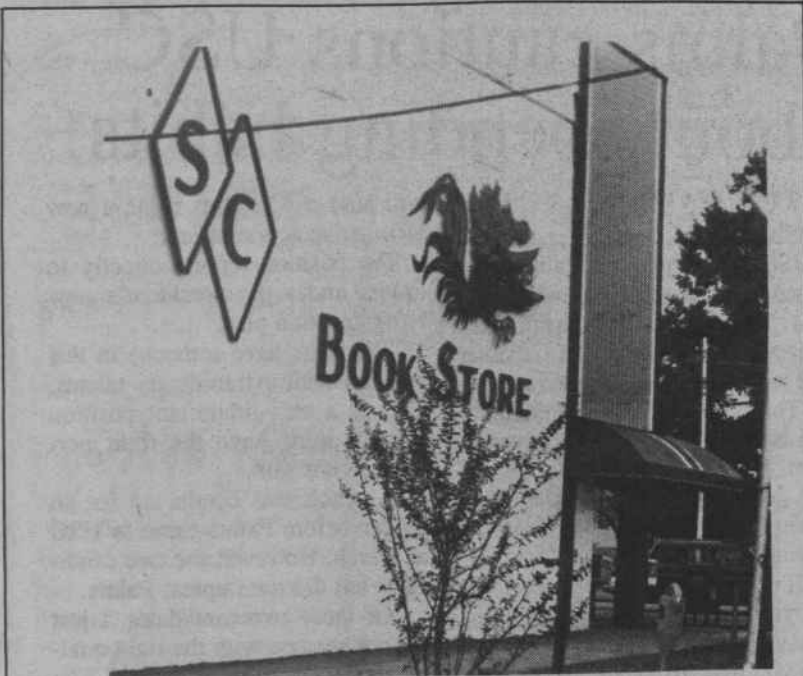
Faculty who listened to the speech in Columbia questioned acting provost George Reeves about indications some USC programs might be eliminated. Reeves offered few specifics.

Palms said USC should focus on the graduate education programs that already are strong.

"We're trying to collectively agree on what we are. Let's agree to a statement of the institution and then go on from there," he said.

Palms said the system is first trying to get a common platform and then it will handle any details.

News Editor Tige Watts contributed to this report.



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South Carolina Bookstore pulled their advertisement from *Gamecock Fever* after extensive pressure from student leaders.

Newsletter loses campus sponsor

Student pressure creates change

By KATHY HEBERGER
Staff Writer

South Carolina Bookstore is withdrawing its advertisement from the controversial *Gamecock Fever* publication.

The bookstore's owner, E.A. "Perk" Bailey, said Student President Manish Shrivastava convinced him the Carolina community was against *Gamecock Fever*.

"We want (the advertisement) out whether we get a refund or not," Bailey said. "Had we known what the publication was like, we never would have taken out an ad."

The S.C. Bookstore had a \$200 advertising contract with *Gamecock Fever*, a newspaper published before each home football game that contains the cartoon character Cockwheat.

The Cockwheat character, modeled after the "Our Gang" black character Buckwheat, has generated racial controversy in the community.

Student government members and Association of African American's president Donna Moore sent a letter to *Gamecock Fever* advertisers asking them to withdraw their advertising.

This past week *Gamecock Fever* published a cartoon mocking student government members, including Student Government Minority Affairs Chairman Patrick Davis and Shrivastava.

In other student government business, the Senate approved a bill recommending the admi-

nistration lower and eliminate locker fees for students who use the Sol Blatt P.E. Center for classes.

The bill recommends that students, who take classes not requiring a locker, not be forced to pay for one. Students would have to pay for lockers if they were taking courses like swimming, which requires a clothes change.

Locker fees doubled this year, the first fee increase since 1971. The fee is \$20 a semester, \$36 for two semesters and \$50 a year.

The bill also recommends an increase in locker fees for faculty members. Faculty members currently pay the same fees as students, but have use of larger lockers.

"The faculty can afford an extra \$5 more than we can. Students need a break," Senator Chris Smith said.

The Senate also approved a Student Government Finance Committee bill dealing with the allocation of student organization funds.

The bill seeks to end troubles with organizations that fund projects that don't benefit the good of the students or the Carolina community.

"We're trying to get away from helping just individuals," Student Government Finance Chairman Tricia McBurney said. She explained that in the past, organizations would ask for money to send a member, who would graduate in a few months, to out-of-state conferences.

"It's a hard decision, but we have to put personal preference aside and look at the organization," McBurney said.

Bigamist denied marriage benefits

By the Associated Press

A man who posed as a woman argued in federal appeals court in Richmond, Va., he was entitled to collect military benefits as the spouse of one of his five husbands because they were married in South Carolina, where there is no law saying people of the same sex cannot marry.

But the federal appeals court ruled he was not entitled to collect military benefits.

A three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday upheld a North Carolina judge's ruling that because he was a bigamist, Salviano Alamo Williams could not collect the benefits.

The appeals court upheld all 14 conspiracy, fraud and bad check convictions in what the judges said was a bizarre case.

Williams' problems began May 21, 1989, when a woman called the Anniston, Ala. police

and reported her husband, Aaron Hawk, missing. Police found Hawk's car outside Williams' apartment. Williams told police that Hawk had married him two days earlier.

The appeals court said that on their wedding night, Hawk noticed Williams appeared to be a man and left after an argument.

The opinion noted: "When clean shaven and dressed in female attire, the defendant was sufficiently androgynous, at least in manner, voice and appearance, to be able quite successfully to pass himself off as a female, and he did so."

Williams admitted to police he was a man, and authorities arrested him after learning he was wanted in North Carolina for a parole violation.

Further investigation led police to a box of items Williams had left with a neighbor. Included in the box were military identification cards indicating Williams was married to two

soldiers, one being Army Staff Sgt. Louis N. Cornelius.

Police later learned Williams was married to three other men, in addition to the two soldiers.

Williams was charged, among other things, with obtaining \$4,200 and \$5,100 in military benefits from 1985 to 1989 as the wife of Cornelius while the two were not legally married. He also was convicted of passing some bad checks at the post exchange at Fort Bragg, N.C., and was sentenced to 27 months in prison.

On appeal, Williams argued that his marriage to Cornelius was legal because in South Carolina, where they were married, there is no law forbidding people of the same sex to marry.

But the appeals court said that even if Williams' sex did not invalidate the marriage, the fact he was a bigamist did.

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Correction

In Wednesday's issue of *The Gamecock*, an article regarding the Carolina Shuttle stated the Blue Route stopped at the Coliseum, the Horseshoe and the Capstone-Business Administration area.

It should have stated the Blue Route runs to the Coliseum and Horseshoe only. Vice President Shirie Brooks said he would like to

extend the route to the Capstone area in the future.

The USC Transportation Services would also like to inform students that the Carolina Shuttle system will make its final run of the day at 5 p.m. beginning Oct. 21.

The Gamecock regrets the error.