

# 1,838 undergraduates to receive degrees

## From Staff Reports

USC students will receive their degrees during an historic commencement ceremony May 9.

The ceremony will include the investiture of USC's 26th president, John M. Palms.

Commencement will be held at 10 a.m. in Carolina Coliseum. S.C. Governor Carol Campbell will preside.

The commencement ceremony for graduate students will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, May 8, at the coliseum. The commencement address will be delivered by Alex Sanders, chief judge of the S.C. Court of Appeals who will assume the presidency of the College of Charleston in October.

Sanders will be presented an honorary doctor of laws degree during the May 8 commencement exercises, at which his daughter Zoe Caroline will be awarded a law degree.

USC expects to award 1,838 undergraduate degrees from the students at the Columbia campus, as well as 1,398 graduate degrees, 58 medical degrees and 268 law degrees during spring commencement ceremonies.

Participating in the investiture during the undergraduate commencement ceremony will be faculty and student representatives, who will present Palms with the expectations their separate constituencies have of him. Greeting Palms on behalf of governmental officials will be U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond.

After these remarks, USC Board of Trustees Michael Mungo will confer upon Palms the responsibility of his office with the draping of the USC's president's chain and medallion over Palms' shoulders. Mungo will be assisted by Dr. Gunther Holst, chairman of the Investiture Committee and past chairman of the faculty senate.

Palms will then present the commencement address followed by the conferring of degrees to the graduating students. Commencement ceremonies will conclude before 12:30 p.m.

The coliseum will open for seating at 9 a.m. Saturday. Formal commencement activities begin at 9:20 a.m. with a musical prelude by the USC Symphony Orchestra. On Friday, the coliseum will open for seating at 2 p.m., with the orchestra's musical prelude beginning at 2:20 p.m. The parking lot on the Greene Street side of the coliseum will be available for handicapped parking.

Sanders, a Columbia native, was recently selected to serve as the 19th president of the College of Charleston. A 1962 graduate of USC's School of Law, he was appointed to the S.C. Court of Appeals in 1983. Sanders is an adjunct faculty member with USC and Harvard law schools.

He served a total of 13 years in the South Carolina House of Representatives and Senate while practicing law in Columbia. He was a senior partner with Sanders &

Quackenbush from 1974-83.

Sanders has served as secretary/treasurer of the Richland County Bar Association and president of the S.C. Trial Lawyers Association. He is the immediate past president of the American Bar Association's Council of Chief Judges of Courts of Appeal and vice chairman of the ABA Appellate Judges Conference.

Palms began his term as president of USC March 15, 1991. He came to USC from Georgia State University, where he had served as president since 1989. Palms rose through the faculty ranks while at Emory University, including a six-year tenure as vice president for academic affairs.

He has served as nuclear research officer with the U.S. Air Force in New Mexico and taught at the Air Force Academy. During the '60s, he worked with Sandia Laboratory, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory and Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Palms is a graduate of the Citadel, with master's and doctorate degrees in physics from Emory University and the University of New Mexico. A native of the Netherlands, he became a U.S. citizen in 1956.

## Graduation speakers, May 1992

Date & Time	Campus	Speaker
May 3, 4 p.m.	Coastal Carolina	Buck Mickel, director and vice chairman, Flour Corp.
May 4, 7:30 p.m.	Salkehatchie	Linda Lightsey Rice, novelist
May 6, 8 p.m.	Lancaster	Saud Nasir Al-Sabah Ambassador from Kuwait
May 7, 5:30 p.m.	Spartanburg	Dr. Louis Sullivan, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services
May 7, 7:30 p.m.	Aiken	Joel A. Smith III, president, NationsBank, Carolinas division
May 8, 3 p.m.	Columbia - graduate	Alex Sanders, S.C. Court of Appeals Chief Judge
May 9, 10 a.m.	Columbia - undergraduate	Dr. John Palms USC President
May 11, 7:30 p.m.	Union	Capt. Frank Cufbartson NASA astronaut
May 12, 7 p.m.	Sumter	to be announced
May 14, 7:30 p.m.	Beaufort	S.C. Sen. Holly Cork, R.-Hilton Head

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