

# Transforming campus leaders

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For the first time in Carolina history, the top student organization leaders and the top administrators met as a large group to discuss the happenings at USC.

The Leadership Carolina Conference, which took place Thursday, Aug. 15- Friday, Aug. 16, brought together student leaders and administrators. The conference was designed to give student leaders the opportunity to network, and improve their leadership skills.

"The Conference was a vision of Dr. Pruitt, as a way to combine the training of all leaders and to set the agenda for the fall. Leadership Carolina also provided special training for major student leaders," said Rick Gant.

Leadership Carolina also offered the opportunity for student leaders to come together and start planning for the school year.

"This will hopefully jump-start the leaders," said Jim Doran, director of Advancement and Student Ambudsman.

A variety of criteria was used to select student leaders who would attend

Leadership Carolina. Some of those selected were already on campus because of other programs: Housing, Student Orientation, Minority Assistance Program.

Gant said that the definition of which leaders would be invited to the conference evolved during the planning stages of the conference. However, ultimately, a key university staff person had to nominate the student leader in order for the leader to attend the conference. Close to 300 students attended the conference.

The issue of transformations taking place on campus and in the world, was a central focus of the conference. Vice President of Student Affairs Dennis Pruitt used his opening remarks to comment on how transformations affect the lives of students at USC. The other speakers throughout the conference also mentioned the transformations going on in the world.

Doran said that at USC students face transformations relating to themselves, culture and the development of character.

Through Leadership Carolina student leaders learned more about how they work with other leaders and groups on campus. Students also

recognized how each group impacts other groups, said Doran.

As the conference came to a close, student leaders and campus administrators gathered together for the first big all campus discussion in Carolina history. In the past, smaller faculty and student groups met, but none were as inclusive as this one. The big discussion allowed deans, administrators and student leaders to meet with each other and network over lunch.

The conclusion of the conference came after Dr. Palms addressed the group and spoke of his hopes for them.

Palms said that students are at USC to find new knowledge and that they should seek the truth no matter what it leads to. He went on to say that the faculty and student leaders help to shape USC.

"Character is created here and we all help to define the character of the institution by the way we live daily," said Palms.

As students left the conference, they continued to help in the transformation of the university; they helped the new students move into their dorm rooms.

# Business Department ranked nationally

## Staff Reports

The University of South Carolina's College of Business Administration is one the 25 best schools in the country for graduate-level entrepreneurship education, according to an article in the September issue of Success magazine.

This is the third year USC has been included on the list. The 25 schools cited in the list are selected from a field of 137 business schools.

"We are very pleased to receive this high recognition of our

entrepreneurship efforts," said David Shrock, Dean of USC's College of Business Administration. "Our offerings in entrepreneurship reflect the college's strong interest in responding to business needs as we prepare our graduates for the opportunities available in today's competitive business environment."

In compiling its list, Success magazine looked at five key areas: the overall quality, longevity, resources and community outreach of each school's program; the qualifications of the faculty and the

role they play in supporting the student's endeavors; the depth and breadth of the entrepreneurship curriculum; the school's resources and special programs that provide students with hands on experience; the caliber of the students attending the school.

Along with the listing, Success featured seven businesses started by entrepreneurs while they were in graduate school. One of the businesses was PassAm Inc., a Columbia based company.

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take more money. Palms said a possible site for the Greek Village is but funding has not been confirmed.

"The Greek Village is an active item on the agenda," he said.

"We're committed to building an arena," stated Palms after the recent failure of obtaining funds for the project from the state legislature.

The arena will be a multipurpose facility, which Palms hopes will draw city, public and private donations.

He said it should be an attraction drawer that will fill up hotels and boost the local economy through tourism.

On a more personal note, the president traveled to Siberia this summer for vacation and to see what some students are studying in the former Soviet Union.

"I thought it was a fascinating place. I learned a lot about current Russia," he said.

Students from USC, Charleston,

Benedict, and Russia went to the largest freshwater lake in the world. They were there to study pollution as well as core boring, which revealed weather conditions over the past 25 million years.

Despite a trip, President Palms said he was glad to be home.

"The students being back at school has just energized everybody. It's good to have you back," he said about the students.

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