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**AROUND CAMPUS**

## JUMPIN' ON THE SHOE



Jump, Little Children, played before a crowd of about 400 people Thursday on the Horseshoe. A fireworks show followed the performance. Free food was provided for students who attended the event, which began at 6 p.m. The band has attracted a loyal following on campus in the past few years.

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**POTENTIAL SENATE RUN**

## Palms asks faculty senate to 'be patient'

BY BRANDON LARRABEE  
THE GAMECOCK

USC President John Palms said Wednesday he might not have all the information he needs to decide by May 1 whether he intends to run for U.S. Senate.

"I hope that you will be patient and bear with me," Palms said.

The comments came at faculty senate's meeting Wednesday.

Saying he would decide as quickly as possible, Palms injected more doubt into exactly when he would decide — or be forced to decide — whether he would make a bid for the Democratic nomination. Sen. Strom Thurmond, 98, has said he will retire from the Senate in 2003.



**'There's no leaking in South Carolina. There's only a fire hose.'**

John Palms  
USC president

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## USC names dean for grad school

BY BRANDON LARRABEE  
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USC has tapped an associate dean from the College of Liberal Arts to head the university's 7,500-student graduate school, which will be a key factor in whether the university will be invited to join the Association of American Universities.



SMITH

Gordon Smith, associate dean for graduate studies and faculty development at the college, has been named associate vice provost and dean of the graduate

school. He will begin May 1.

"I'm excited about this opportunity to help move the university's graduate programs forward," Smith said. "A strong graduate program is essential not only for establishing a prestigious research university, but also for educating the next generation of scholars and preparing the best people for jobs in the new economy."

The graduate school is particularly important to the university's goal of entering the AAU. The AAU weighs heavily the quality of graduate schools when deciding which institutions it will invite into the organization.

Smith takes over after the resignation of Marcia Welsh, who left to move to New

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## Experiment victim's father speaks at USC

Paul Gelsinger says doctors didn't tell family full risks of clinical trial for his 18-year-old son

BY MARK HINER  
THE GAMECOCK

The future was finally looking bright for Jesse Gelsinger in late 1999.

The energetic 18-year-old had just been graduated from high school. His rare metabolic disorder, ornithine transcarbamylase deficiency, was being controlled by a promising new medicine.

People with OTC don't produce the enzyme that breaks down ammonia in the body. A buildup of ammonia can lead to brain damage and death.

Eager to help others with OTC, Gelsinger took an unpaid leave of absence from his job to volunteer in a gene therapy study at the University of Pennsylvania,

unaware his effort to save the lives of others would soon take his own.

Gelsinger died four days after the infusion of adenoviruses that carried corrected versions of his defective gene into his liver. His death was the first attributed to gene therapy, a field of medicine that uses altered genes to combat genetic abnormalities. The 37 trillion viruses caused a fatal reaction by destroying his organs and sending him into a coma.

Following an exhaustive investigation by the Food and Drug Administration, Pennsylvania's study was found to have violated several federal research rules and was accused of compromising safety because of financial conflicts of interest.

Paul Gelsinger, Jesse's father, filed suit against the researchers, charging that they acted negligently and failed to inform Jesse of the full risks of the clinical trial. Gelsinger learned after his son's death that researchers failed to disclose the deaths

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## EdVenture increases fund-raising goal

BY VALERIE MATCHETTE  
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Braving unseasonably cold wind and rain, dozens of elementary school students came out Tuesday afternoon for a meeting at the future site of EdVenture, an upcoming children's exhibit at the South Carolina State Museum.

Tuesday's meeting brought announcements about the project, which is scheduled to be completed by August 2002.

Catherine Horne, EdVenture president and CEO, said the group had increased its fund-raising goals. She said the "silent phase" of fund-raising had produced \$12.3 million, just short of their goal of \$13 million. Horne said the goal would increase to \$18.5 million during the public-campaigning phase.

Before making the fund-raising announcement, officials unveiled artwork from students at 20 area elementary schools. The theme of the art was "We Are Family," and the pictures now line the fences in the parking lot of the

museum.

"We are honored to have the artistic talents of so many young people on display on our fence," Horne said.

"Their illustrations depict important individuals who play key roles in our everyday lives, such as firefighters, dentists and teachers. These banners will remain on display until EdVenture's doors open in 2002."

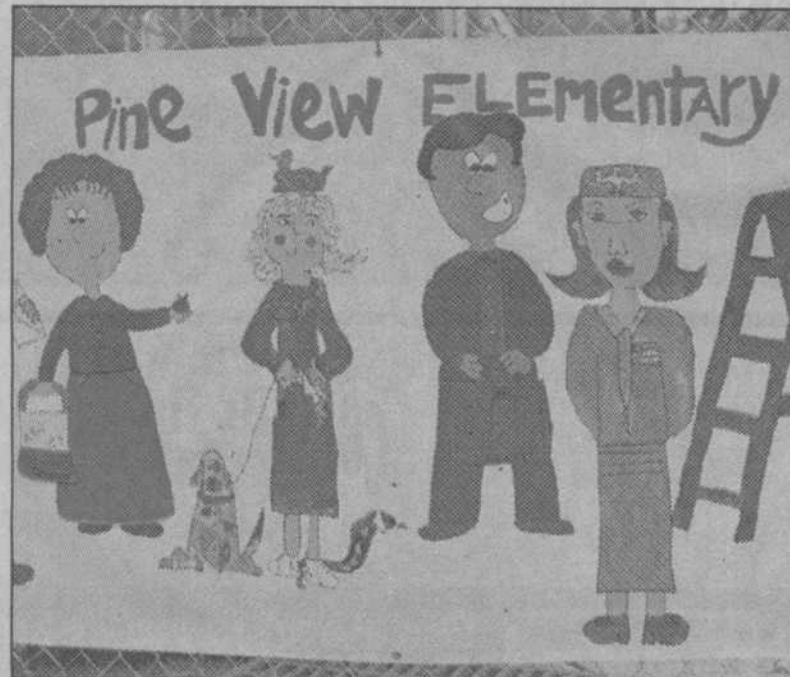
Horne said the extra money "determines the difference and defines the uniqueness that separates a world-class museum" from other museums.

"We're willing and able to do more," Horne said.

The added funding would pay for outdoor science galleries and increased technology resources, as well as "Dalmatian Station," a project sponsored by the S.C. Firemen's Association that teaches children fire safety.

Horne said these new plans came in response to the ever-changing needs of students across the state.

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Lexington 2's Pineview Elementary School was one of 20 schools where students created banners for EdVenture, an upcoming children's exhibit at the South Carolina State Museum. The theme of the banners, exhibited outside the museum, was "We Are Family."

**WEATHER**

**COMING UP**

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

**ONLINE POLL**

TODAY  
77  
62  
SATURDAY  
85  
63

Local citizens rally together to Kick Butts  
**MONDAY**

"Never put off until tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow."  
— Mark Twain

Who was most impressive at the spring game?  
Phil Petty 21%  
Andrew Pinnock 16%  
Brian Scott 15%  
John Stamper 15%  
Other 33%