

Hodges

Peeler calls budget proposal 'a mess'

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eral vying for a chance to face Hodges in the November general election — dismissed the speech as election-year politicking that mostly dodged the question of what to do with a state budget that will fall hundreds of millions of dollars into deficits without decisive action.

Rep. Bobby Harrell, Republican chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said the governor's speech had several good ideas.

"Unfortunately, he didn't talk

about how to pay for them at all," Harrell said.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Hugh Leatherman agreed.

"I just think the governor had a pie-in-the-sky talk about, 'Here's what I'd like to do,' but he didn't tell us where the money's coming from to do it," Leatherman said.

House Speaker David Wilkins said the speech was a "typical election-year speech."

"It was long on symbolism, I think, short on substance, but I think overall, it had some very positive aspects to it," Wilkins said.

Lt. Gov. Bob Peeler, one of a number of Republican gubernatorial candidates running for the chance to face Hodges in

November, said the speech was "disappointing."

"You can't truly deal with the State of the State without dealing the state of the budget," Peeler said. "Jim Hodges' budget is a mess and he really didn't talk about the leadership and the vision he was going to provide to do something about that."

- Attorney General Charlie Condon, also a GOP candidate, lambasted the speech as vague and questioned Hodges' "The Greatest Generation" initiative.

"Yeah, it's great that we're going to have Tom Brokaw's book given to high school students across South Carolina," Condon said. "But to have that as a major point of the speech ... I heard

some talk there about having some sort of cool, cooler books or something, and so all these things are great. But, you know, we're facing some tremendous issues in South Carolina. The budget this governor has purported to push will not pass. It's been dead on arrival, it's blatantly unconstitutional in my view."

House Minority Leader Doug Jennings said Hodges' address was commendable for its spirit of bipartisanship and focus on "themes that South Carolinians care the most about right now."

"I thought he showed a great deal of leadership," Jennings said.

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POLICE REPORT

Each numbered symbol on the map represents a single crime that corresponds with the numbered descriptions in the list below it.

DAY CRIMES (6 a.m.-6 p.m.)

- Violent crimes
- Nonviolent crimes

NIGHT CRIMES (6 p.m.-6 a.m.)

- Violent crimes
- Nonviolent crimes

● ○ CRIMES AT UNKNOWN HOURS



Monday, Jan. 14

① **LARCENY OF DISHES, 1501 DEVINE ST.** The victim said someone took a set of plastic dishes from her unlocked Sims dorm room. Estimated value: \$50. Reporting officer: J.A. Clarke.

② **AUTO BREAK-IN, 600 BULL ST.** The victim said someone entered his 1992 green Jeep Wrangler by unzipping the canvas top. An Aiwa CD player was missing. Estimated value: \$150. Reporting officer: J.A. Henry.

Tuesday, Jan. 15

③ **LARCENY OF VCR, 901 SUMTER ST.** The complainant said someone took a Sharp VCR from a TV cart at the James F. Byrnes Building. Estimated value: \$100. Reporting officer: J.B. Coaxum.

④ **LARCENY OF CURRENCY, 1621 PENDLETON ST.** The victim said someone took \$50 from her desk. Reporting officer: J.A. Clarke.

⑤ **ASSISTANCE RENDERED, 902 BARNWELL ST.** The victim said a dark vehicle hit her while she was crossing Barnwell Street. The vehicle fled the scene. The victim suffered minor cuts and bruises. First Responder, EMS and the Columbia Police Department responded. The victim was taken to the

Palmetto Baptist Hospital. Reporting officer: J.A. Henry.

⑥ **LOST PROPERTY, 817 HENDERSON ST.** The victim said she lost her Nokia 5100 cell phone. Reporting officer: L.R. Morales.

⑦ **LARCENY OF PURSE, 1520 DEVINE ST.** The victim said someone took a black purse, a South Carolina driver's license, a USC ID, a Visa credit card and a key ring with three keys. The victim said her Patterson Hall room was locked. Estimated value: \$13. Reporting officer: N. DeHaai.

Wednesday, Jan. 16

⑧ **LARCENY OF TEXTBOOKS, 1112 GREENE ST.** The victim said two criminal procedure law books and a federal court law book were stolen from the Law School library. One of the books was recovered from Addam's Bookstore. Estimated value: \$144. Reporting officer: J.D. Rosier.

⑨ **AUTO BREAK-IN, 1300 BLOSSOM ST.** The victim said someone broke into his unlocked 1994 white Jeep and broke the dashboard by removing the CD radio and stereo and placing them on the floor. The victim said nothing was missing. Estimated damage: \$85. Reporting officer: N. DeHaai.

Preston

Current principals to take sabbatical

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also became active in the State School Boards Association and served as its president. Hal French, a religion professor and Preston faculty associate, chaired the committee to search for a new principal. He says it was Robinson's "commitment to education at many different levels" that helped to distinguish him.

Robinson's interests extend well beyond the academic. His love of adventure is well-known among his colleagues, and French described him as an "Indiana Jones." He participated in

Operation Raleigh, a scientific exploration program designed to help students develop leadership skills. The program involved a great deal of travel; Robinson spent six months in Southern Chile and led an excursion in Alaska. Here at USC, Robinson advises the Mountaineering and Whitewater Club. But in all his adventures, he says his main goal is promoting the safety of the students he is with.

Ken Perkins said the principal's main responsibility is "encouraging interaction between faculty and students." To accomplish this, the Perkinses have organized for the college academic as well as social events, including monthly teas, annual banquets and a spring seminar.

Faculty associates, faculty members who often join Preston

residents for dinner, are encouraged to hold their classes in the building's classrooms to further interaction between faculty and students.

The Perkinses will step down from their position in May 2002 and will be on sabbatical for the 2002-2003 school year. They plan to use the time to travel to the Middle East, where Ken hopes to finish a book he has been working on.

Ken Perkins is a professor of Middle Eastern history and is in his 27th year at USC. His wife, Margaret, teaches English to international students and has been at USC for 11 years.

French noted that while there were several very qualified applicants to replace the Perkinses, Robinson especially stood out in three respects: his solid academic career, his record of public ser-

vice and his adventurous nature.

Robinson would like to create an environment where students are motivated to "take full advantage of opportunities on campus." He plans to encourage older students to stay on at Preston by providing benefits to those who do.

Ken Perkins thinks his time as Preston College principal has not only given him a "more open perspective" about students, but has also helped him to connect better with student life. He hopes to see Preston continue to grow and prosper in the hands of its new principal.

Ken Perkins' advice to Chris Robinson: "Be ready to relax and enjoy it."

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USC BRIEFS

Leadership society taking applications

Omicron Delta Kappa, a leadership honor society at USC since 1927, announced this week it would take applications for membership.

Applications should be turned in to the Student Government Office on the first floor of the Russell House by Feb. 13 at 5 p.m.

Students are eligible to apply if they have at least 60 credit hours and a 3.0 GPA.

Students also need to be adept in one of the following activities: creative and performing arts; scholarship; athletics; social service; religious activities; campus government; or journalism, speech and the mass media.

Omicron Delta Kappa is the oldest national leadership society on campus. Qualified

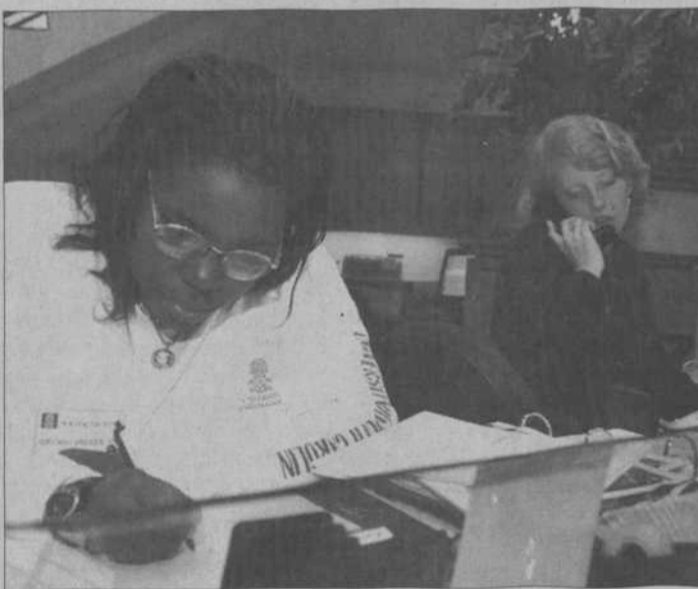
students are asked to apply for fall admission.

SG to hold meeting about elections

The Office of Student Government and Student Organizations announced this week it will hold an information meeting on Jan. 22 in room 322/326 of the Russell House at 5 p.m.

The meeting will cover information about how to apply for the upcoming student government elections in February. Applications will be online at www.sg.sc.edu this week.

Student Government is taking applications for student body president, vice president, treasurer and student senators from each college.



Sophomore Ameenah Pridgen, left, and staff member Alle Burriss, right, work Thursday in USC's Visitor Center, now on Assembly Street. PHOTO BY CANDI HAUGLUM

Visitor Center Museum already partly self-sufficient

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have to be taken to the board — we then will then start thinking operationally how we will do this."

Constructed in 1940, the McKissick building is in the center of the campus historical district.

Jeffcoat said that, though the building has been sufficient for its purposes so far, "if the building's use changed dramatically, the building would have to change dramatically."

The possibility of the merger was announced Jan. 11 when the SDI committee's report was presented to Palms.

Odom said: "When a prospective student and his or her parents visit the university, to have them visit a museum to start, and secondly to begin a tour at the top of the Horseshoe rather than walk-

ing from Assembly Street, ... I think it would create a much different impression."

Among the other recommendations was that McKissick's traveling exhibitions, which have gained it a national reputation, become self-supporting over the next three years — something Robertson says has already happened.

McKissick Museum raises all the money used to organize the exhibitions, traveling or not, through grants and revenues. State money goes toward staff salaries and infrastructure, such as copy machines.

Robertson called the recommendation a misunderstanding and said the committee was focusing on things they thought didn't directly support the university. She said, "This is one of the most valuable resources the university has of creating a national reputation for its programs."

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