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USC student files disclose notable names

Administration opens records

By TIGE WATTS
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The names of national and state officials' children given "secret" scholarships by former USC President James Holderman were released late Friday afternoon.

Holderman awarded scholarships to the son of U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.), former under-secretary of state Lawrence Eagleburger, former Jamaican Prime Minister Edward Seaga, state Supreme Court Chief Justice George Gregory and the daughters of State Treasurer Grady Patterson.

The names were on a list of 271 students whose names had previously been withheld from the public.

USC President John Palms decided last week to release the names of the rest of the students.

"In my opinion the privacy privilege is outweighed by the public's right to know," Palms said Friday. "I'm confident I'm not breaking federal law."

Hatfield's son received a total of \$11,350 between 1983 and 1988. A federal grand jury has probed financial ties between Hatfield and Holderman.

Eagleburger's son received \$400 in the 1987-88 and 1988-89 academic years. Before he joined the Bush Administration, Eagleburger lectured at USC.

Patterson's daughters received a total of about \$4,600 in scholarships between 1985 and 1990. Their scholarships were not revealed previously, but a spokeswoman in Patterson's office said "never had an occasion to address" whether his daughters' scholarships should be made public.

Gregory's son received \$2,228 during the 1988-89 academic year.

During his 13 years as president, Holderman gave \$1.6 million in financial aid to 381 students.

Michael Mungo, chairman of USC's Board of Trustees said he was "delighted" Palms was able to "open up our last skeleton and put it on the table."

Other notables of Holderman's scholarships include:

- Former Student Government Presidents Stephen Benjamin, James Franklin, Michael Hogue and Amy Houser. The only S.G.



Palms

president to not receive a Holderman scholarship in the past five years was Marie-Louise Ramsdale.

- Karla De Vito, the wife of actor Robby Benson. De Vito received \$846 in 1988-89.

- \$18,242 to Rafael Diaz, an aide to former NIE director Manuel Justiz. Diaz is now a graduate student at the University of Texas, where Justiz is dean.

- Paula Dozier, sister of former USC basketball player Terry Dozier. She was given more than \$10,000.

- Jerry Munnerlyn and Elizabeth Rogers. Rogers is the daughter of indicted state representative Jack Rogers. Together, they earned over \$12,000.

- \$19,724 to Alfonso Ortiz. In 1988-89, Ortiz took \$9,820.50.

- Amy Steenberg, the daughter of a prominent Columbia doctor. She was awarded more than \$10,000.

- Ricky Wade, who now works in the President's Office. He was given more than \$1,500.

- \$250 to Van Earl Wright. Wright now works with Cable News Network in the Headline News section.

- \$19,470 to Ricardo Casillas, a native of Puerto Rico.

- former USC basketball player Brad Jergenson. Jergenson, who resides in Irmo, was awarded \$150.

- Emeka Okoro, awarded \$13,644.

- Scott Sayer, recipient of over \$8,000 and son of former football great Gayle Sayers



Teddy Lepp/The Gamecock

A death penalty supporter lifts his sign telling "Pee Wee" Gaskins to die. Another sign at the event told "Pee Wee" to go to hell.

Gaskins killed early Friday

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The State of South Carolina put an end to Donald "Pee Wee" Gaskins' 21 years of terror Friday morning when he was executed for the killing of a fellow Death Row inmate.

He entered the death chamber at 12:58 a.m. under his own will. According to witnesses, Gaskins was restless and looked nervously around the chamber.

At 1:04 a.m., Gaskins felt the first surge of 2,000 volts of electricity for five seconds. One thousand volts soon followed for eight seconds and was then reduced to 250 volts until 1:06 a.m., when the process ended.

Two medical examiners pronounced Gaskins dead at 1:10 a.m.

Gaskins, who surprised reporters by saying he would issue a statement before his death, stated only that his lawyer would issue his statement later. Gaskins, through his attorney Kelli Branham, said, "It's time to go. I hope where I go is a better

place." Eight witnesses, including five from South Carolina media, watched the two-minute execution.

Allen Denton from WSPA-TV in Spartanburg described the execution as professional with no hold-ups.

"From my own personal viewing, he took a deep breath and his fists were clenched. I heard the click of the switch and then it was over," he said.

Sue Abrams from WPDE-TV in Florence, the county where a majority of Gaskins' killings occurred, was most surprised by his appearance.

"He could be somebody's kindly old grandfather," she said. "He looked very vulnerable. You had to remind yourself that he was a notorious killer."

Abrams and Denton said Gaskins gave Branham a sign of approval with a thumbs-up sign.

Witnesses also said Branham was very emotional over the execution.

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Underage drinking prompts keg ban

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Underage drinking was the concern of Carol Seawell Sr., owner of Tally Ho, when he decided to ban kegs and party balls this year at the popular tailgating spot.

Seawell said he had seen fraternities force pledges to drink straight from the tap on the keg. He said he was against such dangerous acts.

"We don't want to do anything that would add to minors getting too much to drink," Seawell said Saturday at Seawell's restaurant.

USC students, however, felt the ban would have no effect on underage drinking, and said it would add a ridiculous amount of unneeded trash from beer cans and bottles.

"I know tons of people here who are underage," biology senior Joyce Yu said at Tally Ho Saturday.

"It just makes you more cautious," her friend Jill Burr added.

Others have said kegs are cheaper for students and do not cause much of a mess.

Two students at a recent party poured beer from a can into a funnel and finished it within seconds.



Greg Rickabaugh/The Gamecock

Jim Wells rests on top of the shoulders of friends at Tally Ho. The popular tailgating spot recently banned kegs.

The beer can was then dropped onto the ground with many others that were packed together in a pile.

Jim Wells, a graduate student said he used to operate the kegs at Tally Ho, and it definitely caused less trash.

Many fraternities had planned keg parties until the news came

midway last week that they would be banned. One fraternity called Seawell at his restaurant and asked him if the rumor was true about the ban. Seawell told him that "it's not a rumor, it's a fact."

Vice president of Lambda Chi Alpha, Fred Tarry, said he heard that pressure from the university to crack down on underage drinking

was a large factor of the ban.

But Seawell said he had no pressure from USC and that his "respect for the law" caused him to make the decision.

"We are just being careful like everyone else," he said.

As for too much trash, Seawell said he will never see it because a cleaning company takes care of it for him.

BRIEFLY IN THE NEWS

In the World ...

- Men firing machine guns killed seven young men, including a soldier, early Friday in front of a cemetery in the Colombian cocaine trafficking center of Medellin, police said.

The victims, between the ages of 20 and 30, were standing on a street corner in front of a local cemetery when the assailants arrived in two vehicles and blocked off several roads.

The gunmen, who escaped, were apparently members of a vigilante squad that roams Medellin killing drug addicts and the homeless.

- A 19-year-old diver died Sunday after being mauled by a shark at a popular underwater reef near Adelaide, Australia, police said.

The attack occurred about 350 yards off Aldinga Beach, where there had been previous shark sightings.

Seven of the man's fellow divers were in the murky water when the shark attacked, but said they realized they could do nothing except scramble into their boat and fire a flare to summon help.

In the Nation ...

- Thurgood Marshall's pacemaker was implanted in his chest Friday, a spokesman for the National Naval Medical Center said.

The device was implanted "to treat an abnormally slow heart rate," said hospital spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Bill Clyde.

The condition was discovered during extensive evaluation of Marshall, 83, who was hospitalized Thursday after suffering light-headedness.

- A divided California Supreme Court upheld a \$150,000 damage award against the city of Los Angeles for a 1981 case in which a police officer raped a woman he had stopped for erratic driving.

The ruling Thursday makes it easier for victims to collect damages in such cases and is a blow to a city that is already reeling from the uproar over the police beating of black motorist Rodney King.

In the State ...

- The murderer of two movie theater employees could be sentenced to death, pending on today's scheduled jury deliberation in Spartanburg.

A jury found Richard Longworth, 23, of Lake Lanier guilty Saturday of two counts of murder in the killing of Alexander George Hopps, a former USC student, and James Todd Green.

Hopps, 19, was an usher and Green, 24, was an assistant manager at Spartanburg's Westgate Mall Cinema VI in January when they were each shot once in the head with a .44-caliber Magnum pistol.

- Animal rights advocates picketed an anti-drug dove hunt that attracted 35 hunters and their children to fields north of Travelers Rest Saturday.

Ten protesters, shouting "sick, sick, sick" with each shotgun blast, said they were angry by the state Wildlife and Marine Resources Department's slogan for the hunt — "Shoot for the Future, Don't Shoot Drugs."

20 SECONDS

Pee Wee's Days

Pee Wee Gaskins' execution last Friday put an end to his fifteen years of legal proceedings. Below is the beginning and end of those procedures.

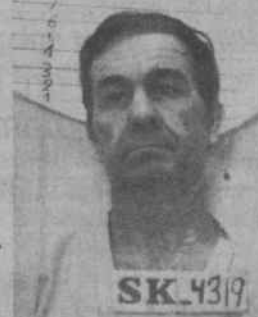
May 28, 1976
Sentenced to death for murder of Dennis Bellamy

April 18, 1978
Received seven more life sentences

March 26, 1983
Received death penalty for murder of Rudolph Tyner

August 14, 1991
South Carolina Supreme Court sets a new date for execution.

September 6, 1991 - Gaskins executed



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