Dickey to speak at commencement

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The University of South Carolina's December graduation is turning into an international event.

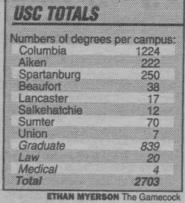
Poet and novelist James Dickey, a member of the Carolina community since 1968, will be the keynote speaker of the Dec. 18 event in the Carolina Coliseum at 7:30 p.m.

Dickey, a veteran of war and graduate of Vanderbilt University, taught at Rice University and was an advertising executive before he published his first poetry collection, "Into the Stone and Other Poems."

Other works such as "Buckdancer's Choice" brought Dickey fame as the 1966 National Book Award for Poetry recipient. His 1970 book "Deliverance" received the Prix Medicis award in France and was made into a 1972 movie that received an Academy Award nomination. USC recognized Dickey's literary achievements in 1990 with an honorary degree.

This year's honorary degree recipient is Atlanta Police Chief Beverly Harvard. Harvard is the first, and currently the only, African-American woman to head a major metropolitan police department in the country. She will be given an honorary doctor of public service degree.

She joined the Atlanta Police



Harvard has served as an affirmative action specialist, public affairs director and deputy chief of police in charge of the career development division.

Named the acting police chief of Atlanta in April 1994 and appointed the following October, she is leading the security arrangements for the 1996 Summer Olympics.

The commencement ceremony will also reunite 25 South Korean students who will receive their master's of social work degree and the 11 professors who spent their summers teaching the students in South Korea during six-week summer sessions

The Carolina graduates will visit the USC campus for the first time after completing an experimental project between the USC College of Social Work and the King Nam University, the largest and oldest undergraduate social work education program in South Korea.

the three-year project.

The new program gave USC faculty a unique opportunity to work creatively and travel.

"This program helped us be creative," said Dr. Jerry Randolph, an associate professor in USC's College of Social Work. "It has forced us to teach in different ways. As a professor, I have gotten a great understanding of cultural barriers and diversity."

"Most students in the program don't speak English," Dr. Frank Raymond, dean of USC's College of Social Work said. "Lectures have to be translated in Korean by individuals who are natives of Korea but have doctorates and master's degrees in social work from the United States.'

The Korean graduates will be joined by a 52-member Korean Children's Choir under the direction of Professor Hak-Yon Yoon. The choir will sing the national anthem for the Dec. 18 ceremony and will give a public performance at the Koger Center on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

In all, USC expects to award over 2,700 degrees. Not all recipients will be present at the ceremony, however, because the December graduation in Columbia is a compilation of all USC regional campuses.

On Sunday, Dec. 17, the university will graduate 98 doctoral students at 7:30 p.m. in the Koger Center. Doctoral hoods

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I love you, Mom.



Jeffrey Edward Cline



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Famon. Get ready, set, go for the BIG WORLD.

Love, Mom, Dad and Keith



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