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Sports fans pull an all-nighter

DWAYNE MCLEMORE Staff Writer

A group of USC students went camping outside the Russell House Sunday night.

Men's basketball tickets went on sale at 9 a.m. Monday for arguably the biggest home game of the season against Kentucky on ESPN. That, combined with the recent success of the Gamecocks, prompted many students to get in line early. Very early.

Freshman Philip Mobley had the dubious honor of being the first in line. He said he arrived at 10:22 p.m. Sunday, shortly after the Super Bowl ended.

"I wanted to get the best seats," Mobley said. "And I wanted to spit shine

Dick Vitale's head."

Students brought their sleeping bags, radios and favorite beverages. They were moved from the inside of the Russell House to the ramp facing Greene Street and finally to the Bull Street entrance of the building, where many slept most of the night.

Senior Greg Nall said the system needs revamping, and that all the moving around wasn't necessary.

"We tried to find out where to go, who to talk to, what door was going to be open first and at what time, and nobody would give us answers," Nall said.

The campers attracted attention from a WIS-TV crew and from several students who complained to the university police

about the noise.

Freshman Melanie Dukes said she came by at midnight and saw no one. She returned at about 5 a.m. to find herself signing the fourth page of the list.

"The Gamecocks are grrreat!" Dukes said as she ate her Frosted Flakes.

The group guarded against cutting by creating a list students signed as they arrived.

Their fears were realized when those outside noticed a few had made their way inside the building. The USCPD were called, and the students were forced to join the others outside.

Freshman Kevin Anderson arrived at about 8 a.m. and said he was amazed

at the turnout.

"I didn't expect the line to be this long, even though it is Kentucky," Anderson said. "I also didn't think college students would be willing to get up this early."

Assistant Ticket Manager Curt Derrick said that despite any complaining and confusion, everyone got in the way they were supposed to.

He said the school could certainly improve the system of ticket distribution, although he said the team's success plays a big role in ticket demand.

"We always have a few up here early," Derrick said. "But with the team winning,

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Students sleep while waiting for Monday's basketball ticket distribution to begin. The first student arrived around 10:30 p.m. Sunday.



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(left) A crowd of over 700 attended the Memorial for poet-in-residence James Dickey.

(far left) Pat Conroy, novelist and former student of Dickey, was the keynote speaker. Conroy spoke about the life of Dickey and focused on the impact Dickey had on his life.

Celebrating a Man of Letters

JENNIFER STANLEY News Editor

A crowd of over 700 laughed, cried and remembered the life of James Dickey at an afternoon memorial service in his honor on the Horseshoe Monday.

In his opening remarks, Interim Provost Don Greiner reminded the gathered students, friends and family to try not to be so "head-hanging" and to "celebrate a great poet."

Greiner, a personal friend of USC's poet-in-residence, was the first to speak at the "celebration of literature and life itself."

Novelist Pat Conroy paid tribute to his former teacher and reminded the audience that this "high hurdler of letters...wrote his way to immortality."

Members of the literary community, such as Dave Smith, Jim Seay, Elizabeth Spencer, David Bottoms, Susan Ludvigson, Scott Ely and William Price Fox, joined Conroy and the USC community in the celebration of life, according to The State newspaper.

Conroy was the memorial's keynote speaker. The award-winning novelist was a student of Dickey's in 1971. Among Conroy's best-selling novels are "The Prince of Tides," "The Water is Wide" and "Beach Music."

Conroy delivered a thoughtful and sometimes humorous speech about the life of Dickey. He said he pities the man who writes Dickey's biography.

"(Dickey's life) makes Ernest Hemingway's life seem like a florist from the Midwest," Conroy said. "They don't make men like James Dickey anymore."

Conroy also remembered Dickey as a teacher.

"James Dickey's classroom changed the kind of writer I was going to be," Conroy said. "As

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Student Government

ELECTIONS

The following is a list of candidates who had filed for Student Body office as of 4:45 on Thursday, January 28, 1997. Filing will continue through Friday.

President

Jamel Franklin- Liberal Arts

Senate District 01

Curtis Brown- Science and Math
Laura McFarland- Science and Math

Senate District 04

Bubba- Liberal Arts
Nathan Brown- Liberal Arts
Jahan- Liberal Arts
Ashley Jones- Liberal Arts
Callee Kaiser- Liberal Arts
Amy Thogerson- Liberal Arts
Lauri Velotta- Liberal Arts

Senate District 05

Timothy Clardy- Business
Ruth Nettles- Business

Senate District 07

Tevonya Garland- Engineering
Keith Richards- Engineering

Senate District 08

Kathryn Henderson- Journalism

Senate District 09

Twana N. Burris- Criminal Justice

graphics by Ben Malrow

Monday, Jan. 27

•**Harassment**, Park St. at Blossom St. Complainant reported the subject, a white male between 40 and 45, made unwanted remarks toward her. When she drove off in her vehicle, the subject followed in his vehicle. Complainant lost the subject in the area of Main and Pendleton.

•**Larceny of a guitar**, Bates House. Victim reported that unknown persons removed one Gibson Les Paul guitar and other electrical equipment from

his unsecured room. Estimated loss: \$2,225.

•**Assault (verbal)**, BA Building. Victim reported that subject threatened her with bodily harm after she reported a disturbance (at the request of the class instructor) involving the subject to the school dean. This occurred in relation to the below incident.

•**Disturbing school**, BA Building. Two students were talking and laughing in class, which created a disturbance. They refused to leave and became loud, at which point a student was asked to

notify the Dean's office. Upon arrival, officers escorted subjects from the class and notified them that a note from the Dean would be required to return to class.

•**Larceny of food**, LaBorde lobby. The victim, who was delivering food from McKinzey's Pub, was attempting to secure payment from the subjects, who were trying to pass a Georgia check. When he refused the check, the subjects

CRIME REPORT

Luke Robinson

grabbed the food from him and fled the scene.

•**Disorderly conduct**, Koger Center sidewalk.

Reporting officer observed the subject, a homeless man, standing on the sidewalk. When reporting officer approached the subject, he noticed a strong odor of alcohol. Upon further investigation, officer felt it necessary to take the subject into custody for his

own safety. Suspect was arrested and transported to Richland County Detention Center.

Friday, Jan. 24

•**Larceny of sign**, Moore loading zone. Victim reported that unknown persons removed a lighted Papa John's delivery sign from his vehicle. Estimated loss: \$100.

Thursday, Jan. 23

•**Driving under suspicion**, 1500 Greene St. Reporting officer observed suspect vehicle following victim's vehicle. Reporting officer stopped subject, who stated that he had no license. Subsequent check revealed that subject's license had been suspended. Suspect was arrested and transported to Richland County Detention Center.

•**Reckless driving, no license in possession**, altering driver's license, Greene and Pickens St. Reporting officer

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GAMECOCK INSIDE

The re-release of "Star Wars" in a special enhanced edition will hit the theaters Friday. The additions were added 20 years after the original film was released. ETC. has a preview of the famous Lucas film.

RETURN OF THE JEDI

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Sophomore BJ McKie became the second Gamecock basketball player ever to be named SEC player of the week. **WITH** The Gamecock basketball team also gained **HONORS** some attention with a No. 25 ranking. Find **PAGE 7** out what McKie and head coach Eddie Fogler's reaction to the honor in **SPORTS**.

How many unfilled cavities do Americans have right now?

ANSWER: 500,000,000

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JUST FOR FUN

