

Impeachment inquiry begins

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WASHINGTON — Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr opened the third presidential impeachment inquiry in the nation's history Thursday by charging before a bitterly divided House Judiciary Committee that President Clinton "misused his authority and power" to impede civil and criminal cases against him. Amid Democratic assaults on his report to Congress, the prosecutor declared, "I stand behind each word of it."

Clinton's actions over the last year "constitute a pattern of obstruction that is fundamentally inconsistent with the president's duty to faithfully execute the law," Starr said.

Democrats immediately made their case before a national television audience that the president had not been treated fairly. They skewered the prosecutor whose investigation of a presidential affair prompted the impeachment inquiry. Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., called Starr a "federally paid sex policeman spending millions of dollars to trap an unfaithful spouse" and charged the prosecutor had an "obsession" with getting Clinton.

Starr sat emotionless through the barrage. But when Democratic committee counsel Abbe Lowell suggested Starr needlessly used inflammatory language and drew conclusions about Clinton's conduct in his report to Congress — unlike the Watergate prose-

cutor's report a quarter century ago — Starr bristled.

His report reflected "the views of some of the most experienced prosecutors in the country. I stand behind it because it is mine. I stand behind each word of it," Starr said.

Starr was the leadoff witness for the historic event, with nine television networks carrying the hearing live from the same room where the last impeachment proceedings against Richard Nixon convened.

"The hearing today is not a trial. It is not White House versus Starr. Nor is it Republican versus Democrat," Chairman Henry Hyde exhorted his colleagues, urging them to determine whether the nation should allow a president, who prosecutors have concluded lied under oath, to remain in office. He promised to provide Clinton "unlimited time" if he chose to testify.

The hearings opened with rancor as Republicans thwarted a Democratic request to give the president's lawyer more time to cross-examine Starr. After frequent interruptions by Democrats, Hyde snapped, "You are disrupting the continuity of this meeting."

Seeking to end the threat to Clinton's presidency and prevent a permanent blot on his legacy, the White House sent Clinton's private lawyer, David Kendall, to interrogate Starr and make a case on the president's behalf. Kendall, who has accused Starr in court of prosecutorial misconduct, sat with a squadron of White House lawyers fac-

ing Starr, taking notes and waiting for his chance to ask questions at day's end.

The White House dismissed Starr's presentation as a rehash. "He offered no new evidence, no new information, and no new explanations for his tactics," special counsel Greg Craig said.

Democrats zeroed in on Starr's objectivity, citing contacts he had with Paula Jones' lawyers prior to becoming independent counsel in 1994 and subsequent contacts one of his law partners had with the Jones camp afterwards.

Clinton was far from the scene in Japan, where he began a five-day Asian trip. Asked how he had apologized to his wife and daughter for his "inappropriate" relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, Clinton replied: "I did it in a direct and straightforward manner." Did they forgive him? "I believe they did, yes."

They were seeking subpoenas today for four new witnesses, including Clinton lawyer Robert Bennett and presidential confidant Bruce Lindsey, and have requested a key document from the Justice Department laying out allegations in the Democrats' campaign fund-raising problems.

The committee also planned to question Daniel Gecker, the lawyer for Clinton accuser Kathleen Willey, and Nathan Landow, a Maryland Democrat who had contacts with Mrs. Willey. She has accused the president of making a sexual advance inside the White House.

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Governor-elect Jim Hodges addresses students and faculty at the annual Mortar Board Excellence in Teaching Awards ceremony.

Mortar Board students award USC professors

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Hodges' keynote address preceded the presentation of awards to professors who have impressed student members of Mortar Board with their classroom presence, intellectual excitement and concern for student learning.

According to Mortar Board President Tushar Chikhlikar, Mortar Board is an honor society for college seniors that recognizes achievement in the areas of leadership, scholarship and service to the campus community.

The award has been presented to USC faculty for 10 years. "This is one of the most prestigious awards that can be given to a professor at USC," Chikhlikar said.

Jamie Massey, Mortar Board's Excellence In Teaching co-chairperson, said that there is no longer-lasting impression than an inspiring teacher.

"The significance of the award lies in commending the best teachers [who show] a combination of integrity, leadership, scholarship and personality," Massey said.

Each member of Mortar Board presented an award to a professor who has shown a sincere concern for his or her academic and personal growth and exhibited excellence in teaching overall.

The following professors received the award from Mortar Board: Timothy Bergen, James Chapman, Bruce Coull, Todd DeZort, Laverne Fuhrman, Peter Graham, Donald Greiner, Brigitte Guillemin, Diann Johnson, Karlene Kosanovich and Peter Kilmann.

Also receiving the award were professors Loren Knapp, Bruce Konkle, Jarvis Latham, Melayne McInnes, Peter Meineck, Timothy Mousseau, Henry Price, Robert Thompson, Richard Vogt, Edward Wingenbach and Lynn Zoch.

Gay student's attacker undergoes first hearing

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LARAMIE, Wyo. — Two men savagely beat gay college student Matthew Shepard and tied him to a fence as they grilled him for information so they could burglarize his apartment, a prosecutor said today.

"As he lay there bleeding and begging for his life, he was then bound to the back fence," prosecutor Cal Rerucha told a packed courtroom as a preliminary hearing for Aaron James McKinney got under way.

McKinney and Russell Arthur Henderson, both 21, are accused of killing the University of Wyoming student after luring him out of a campus bar to an isolated area outside town.

Finance bill gets first Senate reading

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division between general funding and special projects funding for USC student organizations.

Under the proposed bill, any eligible organization can "receive general funding for any program or activity that does not exceed a \$500 allocation." For any financial request exceeding \$500, student clubs would have to apply for special projects funding.

Clardy said his committee allocates funding based on the quality of the club program and not the club itself. He claimed that this bill "will spell that out."

"This really makes the Finance Committee more accountable to the students and [makes it] much easier for us to defend our actions," Clardy said.

The Senate will vote on the bill next week.

Senate absences Wednesday included Marin White, Scott Lucas, Kayin Darby, Schuyler Mims, Ketra Thomas, Wendy Walls, Beleda Saziru and Rhondra Willis.

Pauley said it is important to read in order to be familiar with the language. She said the more knowledgeable people are of the language, the better writers they can be.

Upon reflection, Pauley said she is pleased with how she has conducted herself throughout her career.

"In hindsight, I did everything right," she said.

Pauley remained modest in considering her success as a female broadcast journalist.

"I don't have to be humble to say that I am a miracle," she said. "I am."

in college teaching and scholarship in a traditional humanistic discipline may apply. Stipends of \$14,500 in addition to tuition and fees will be awarded. Call 777-0958 for more information. Deadline for application is Dec. 7.

Tau Beta Pi announces fellowship

Tau Beta Pi, an engineering honor society, is awarding \$10,000 cash fellowships to graduate students and seniors planning on pursuing graduate study. Applicants must be members of Tau Beta Pi, have high scholarship, strong faculty recommendations, extracurricular contributions and a well-planned course of study. Call 777-0958 for more information.

Study abroad through NSEP

Outstanding undergraduates and graduates from all academic and professional disciplines of study may apply to study abroad. The scholarships are \$8,000 per semester. For more information, call 777-7461 or 777-0958. The graduate application deadline is Jan. 15. The undergraduate application deadline is Jan. 19.

Udall Scholarships available

Sophomores or juniors with interest in environmental public policy, and Native American and Alaska Native sophomores or juniors with interest in health career tribal public policies may apply. Expenses for tuition, fees, books, and room and board (up to \$5,000) will be awarded. Applicants must be nominated by the university. Call 777-0958 for more information. The application deadline is Jan. 19.



Faculty, student research fellowships

Two research and teaching fellowships, along with three student internships, are being offered for the spring and summer of 1999 in West Africa by the West Africa Research Association. The research and teaching fellowships are offered primarily to provide opportunities for faculty in liberal arts colleges to conduct short-term research and to lecture at an African university. For more information, call (608) 262-2487. Internships cover all travel expenses and a \$1,500 stipend. Deadline for entry is Dec. 15.

GEM minority fellowships offered

Juniors, seniors or graduates in engineering, or natural or computer-related sciences who are American, Indian, Black American, Mexican American, Puerto Rican or Hispanic American may apply. The award is from \$6,000 to \$12,000 per calendar year, covering tuition, fees and stipends. Call 777-0958 for more information. Application deadline is Dec. 1.

Mellon criteria named

Graduating seniors or recent graduates who plan to obtain MA or Ph.D. degrees and pursue a career

Pauley pleased with journalism career, shares experiences

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"You're never going to stop learning how to [write], and how to do it better," she said. "It stays interesting."

Pauley knew she would have to adjust her style to fit the content of the news magazine show.

"Maturing as a storyteller meant no longer conducting mere five minute interviews ... I found myself conducting two-hour interviews."

Pauley noted the importance of "Dateline" doing well on NBC. She recalled the strength of NBC's morning and evening news programs, but also its repeated failures at establishing a news magazine program.

"We went on the air and created our own persona, our own personality," she said. "I'm on television 12 days a week."

Pauley said the growing presence of news magazines has made an impact on television.

"News magazines have fundamentally changed television for good," she said.

Pauley said even though she is an electronic journalist in a time where "doing more faster" is the goal, she has not forgotten the importance of being a good writer.

"My goal is to be a writer," she said.

"An individual who is a good writer will shine in the industry."

Roundtable discusses resignation of USC professor

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The resignation of education professor Aretha Pigford was discussed as well.

Dickerson said, while USC is always looking for qualified minority professors, it is tough to match the salaries other schools are offering.

"I think that it is a reason, but it's also part of the problem that we're not looking into the underlying issue why Dr. Pigford left and why other professors are leaving behind her and why they are not coming here," Hoffman said.

Pigford resigned in September, citing a lack of commitment to diversity on the part of the university's administration.

"The issue for me is where we are going. The fact that we have come a long way is not sufficient," Pigford said in the Sept. 25 issue of *The Gamecock*. "A commitment needs to be evident in a plan for diversity, and I don't think [USC has] such a plan."

The next scheduled meeting of the Multicultural Presidential Roundtable is set for Jan. 13 at 6 p.m. in RH 301. Asst. News Editor Brad Walters contributed to this article.

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