

Goalpost enthusiasts to escape prosecution

■ USC crime reports filed for insurance

BY CHARLES PRASHAW
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No one who participated in tearing down the goalposts following Gamecock football victories against New Mexico State and University of Georgia will be prosecuted by the University, USC officials said Tuesday.

Rumors of the university's pressing charges against numerous students who took part in tearing down four goalposts at Williams-Brice Stadium started circulating soon after the goalposts came down.

But USC officials said Tuesday that the university, after careful consideration, wouldn't press charges against students in relation to the goalpost incidents. The officials said they wouldn't press charges against any student who has a piece of the bright yellow posts.

"Any rumors of us trying to press charges against students for tearing down the goalposts are just that — rumors," USC Director of Law Enforcement Ernie Ellis said.

One story claimed the university was looking to press "malicious injury to private property" charges against students who took part in tearing down the goalpost.

"I don't know who started these rumors, but they are false," Ellis said.

However, the Athletics Department did fill out an official crime report with USCPD Tuesday morning that university spokesman Jason Snyder said was intended for "insurance reasons."

The value of the damage done to the football field during the first two games, including labor costs associated with repairing the field, is

estimated at about \$10,000. In the crime report, Athletics employee Jim Petrus told police "on two consecutive weekends . . . during two consecutive football games, USC's football field received damage to the goalposts, shrubbery and panels on the side of the stadium's north-end zone."

The crime report said the suspects were accused of "non-criminal mischief," a crime under South Carolina law that would carry a minimum of a six months in jail.

The report said students ignored repeated announcements to stay off the field after the game ended, and that police were outnumbered and would have caused a serious situation if they tried to stop students from getting on the field.

No specific suspects were named in the report, and the case was considered closed by the USC administration.

Senior Assistant Athletics Director John Moore said he wasn't aware of the crime report being filed, but said he was pretty sure it had to do with an insurance matter. Moore said, as of now, neither he nor Athletics Director Mike McGee could say anything further about the crime report or the insurance matter.

Snyder said students most likely won't try to tear down the goalposts again, because the number of students wanting to tear down the goalposts won't be as large as it was after the first two games. But he said it would be up to the Athletics Department whether police will guard the goalposts as they did at the end of the Eastern Michigan game.

"I think it's clear, in everyone's opinion, that you can't tear down the goalposts every time we win," Snyder said.

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Printing seminar to be held in Maxcy

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Years ago, books were manually printed without the benefit of computers. Students will get the chance to relive that experience Thursday by attending an hour-long seminar to learn about a cast-iron printing press.

The seminar will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Maxcy College, room 123.

Some would say today's printing techniques are easier and more efficient, but Scott Gwara of USC's English department would beg to differ.

"Computers just spit out printed pages. The printing press is about art and history. Everything about it is intellectual," Gwara said.

Gwara has brought his hobby to the USC Honors College. Over the summer, he bought a printing press. Inks, lead letters and other press printing necessities came with it.

"It cost about \$1,300," Gwara said. "We got it off of eBay from someone in Cincinnati, Ohio." The price covered the shipping cost.

It may sound like a lot of money, but the purchase was quite a deal, Gwara said. The small darkroom in Maxcy College has a chest full of lead type letters, the shelves are stocked with inks and paper, and the room seems to be consumed by the press itself. The press was designed in 1860 and manufactured in 1890.

The design was used for more than 30 years, and the presses themselves were used until the 1950s and the 1960s, Gwara said. The press is a cross between a dentist chair and a spinning wheel, with ink disks, rollers and metal plates churning out individual pages.

Gwara said it might be easier to click a button, but an essence is lost by using computers.

When people prints their own work by hand, they feel a sense of permanence, Gwara said.

Gwara is working hard to share his joy of press printing with others.

Gwara first printed a baseball card in Cooperstown, N.Y. when he was a child. It wasn't until years later that he had his second brush with printing.

"I was a senior in college," Gwara said. "There was a friend who showed me an old printing press in the English department basement. I would go down there, usually at midnight, to print things."

Now, Gwara uses the press to print flyers for the Thursday seminar and makes his own greeting cards. "I hope people will print things like greeting cards and poetry. They could make a profit and enjoy themselves," Gwara said.

Michael Allen will serve as the printing devil, the person who helps students with printing and cleanup.

Gwara said anyone who would try using the press would feel differently about the real sense of art, history and nostalgia of the printing press.

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ington said. "[He has] a strong knowledge in new media."

However, Loewen has never been in charge of a university department before. His two competitors have.

Norton is dean of Nebraska's journalism school and is one of the most respected educators in the country. He is president of the National Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications and is a board member of the Freedom Forum. "He's highly regarded," Farrar said. "He brings a lot to the table."

Farrar said when USC announced it had begun its search for a new dean, it received a great number of e-mails saying if Norton were available, they should consider him.

While at Nebraska, Norton has worked to improve the college's technology. There were still typewriters at the school when he took over the job in 1990; now, there are more than 160 computers.

University of Nebraska journalism

senior Sarah Baker said Norton makes himself available to undergraduate students.

"He has some student contact," Baker said. "All the students are very familiar with him. The college isn't very large, and chances are he'd recognize a good majority of us."

According to Baker, who is editor-in-chief of Nebraska's campus newspaper, The Daily Nebraskan, the Nebraska faculty emphasizes student internships.

"We get a lot of encouragement and shoot really high [for internships]," Baker said. The Washington Post, Chicago Tribune, Gannett Co. and large Arkansas and Nebraska papers regularly appear on campus to recruit journalism students.

Nebraska has a strong reputation in advertising. It was ranked No. 15 nationally by U.S. News and World Report in 1996, the most recent year the magazine ranked journalism programs. The same year, USC was tied for No. 13 with the University of Colorado.

The new dean will be responsible for helping thrust the journalism school into the national spotlight, where it

has fierce competition in the region among journalism programs. According to the same issue of U.S. News and World Report, two of South Carolina's neighbors, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and the University of Georgia have the No. 7 and No. 5 overall programs as seen by academicians.

Among other programs in the Southeast, the University of Tennessee is ranked No. 8 and the University of Florida is ranked No. 2. The University of Florida produced the largest amount of graduates in public relations in the country this past year.

The final candidate for the post is Pease, who is on sabbatical from his job as head of the journalism department at Utah State. Pease and his wife, with whom he co-taught a class with this past year, are in California doing research.

A former reporter, Pease worked for newspapers, magazines and the Associated Press in Massachusetts, Minnesota and Arkansas and has served as a juror for the 1999 Pulitzer Prizes. Pease, like Norton, has worked for the Freedom Forum.

Utah State journalism senior Vicky

Campbell said Pease taught a Media Smarts class, which took a look at ethics, advertising, stereotypes and public views in prejudiced society. Pease is directing a two-year national study for the Ford Foundation and the Poynter Institute of Media Studies examining issues of diversity in newspapers and television.

Described as a friendly person, Campbell said even while Pease on sabbatical, he has continued a word-of-the-day e-mail, which more than 1,000 people subscribe to for a daily dose of vocabulary words and interesting facts about the English language.

According to Farrar, Provost Jerry Odom has said he hopes to have the new dean in place by January. Then Farrar will be able to retire, write some more books and travel. "I'm looking forward to it," Farrar said.

As of press time, Norton was in Washington, D.C. Loewen was not available for comment.

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