

While you were gone...

CNN correspondent joins Journalism as new dean

BY EDWIN WILLIAMS
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Charles Bierbauer has been named the dean of the College of Mass Communications and Information Studies.

Bierbauer, an award-winning journalist, served as the head CNN Washington correspondent for 20 years before accepting the position in the college.

The institution was created when trustees voted this past spring to combine the College of Journalism and Mass Communications and the College of Library and Information Science.

The search for a dean ran for several months because of conflicts for both colleges involved. Fred Roper, who has served as dean of Library and Information Sciences since 1986, announced plans to retire in 2003, and the College of Journalism and Mass Communications Interim Dean Dr. Henry Price announced plans to retire later this year.

"Our search for a dean was an interesting one," Price said. "In any search some candidates stand

out more than others. As people met him [Bierbauer] they realized his obvious intelligence and strong background in news. He is very accomplished and skilled which are all important attributes."

Bierbauer has a remarkable resume that includes extensive domestic and foreign dealings. Bierbauer began his career nearly 40 years ago as a radio reporter in Allentown, Pa., in 1963. From 1981-2001, he worked in Washington, D.C., covering the U.S. Supreme Court, both the Reagan and Bush administrations and both of the presidential campaigns.

In 1997, he won an Emmy Award for his CNN coverage of the Olympic Park bombing, and his most recent work is a Discovery Channel documentary on the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks in September 2001.

Even though his resume does not include experience as an educator, Price feels it isn't a factor.

"He will do fine and there are many people he can draw knowledge from. He is a very intelligent



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Charles Bierbauer began as the new Journalism dean in July 2002.

man and a quick learner."

Bierbauer is a graduate of Penn State University, where he received a bachelors degree in Russian and a bachelors and masters degree in journalism.

He is married to Susanne Schafer, a correspondent for the Associated Press, and the couple have four children.

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USC music school professor dies

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PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE GAMECOCK
Talmage R. Fauntleroy

Talmage Fauntleroy, an associate professor of opera in the School of Music, died July 23 following Studio Lirico, a four-week summer opera program he led in Cortona, Italy.

Fauntleroy, 52, a Virginia native, taught at USC for 10 years and was the first black faculty member at the School of Music. Sources say he fell ill toward the end of the program and was admitted to a local

hospital the day after the final production.

Jamal Rossi, dean of the School of Music, said that very few details were known. "What I'm told is that he had not felt well throughout the four weeks, but it was mostly flu-like symptoms," Rossi said. "Apparently he was in the hospital for the last two or three days of Studio Lirico."

Fauntleroy studied at East Carolina University and Howard University before studying Italian at the University of Florence in Italy. He came to USC in 1992 after 10 years in Italy. Fauntleroy directed operas in both Europe and in the United States, including Bizet's "Carmen," Verdi's "Rigoletto," Humperdink's "Hansel and Gretel" and Rossini's "Il barbiere di Siviglia." One of his productions from Studio Lirico, Cimarosa's "L'impresario," was featured in Spoleto during Giancarlo Menotti's 80th birthday celebration.

His last directing performance was of two Puccini operas in April: "Suor Angelica" and "Gianni Schicchi" for Opera at USC.

Although there was no public knowledge of any major health problems, Fauntleroy's sister, Alana Fauntleroy, told The State

that "he had been struggling with cancer."

Christian Newman, a senior music student, said he had worked under Fauntleroy and admired his talent. "He was one of the best I've ever known," Newman said. "He was a great artist. He built a bridge between the student world and the professional [opera] world."

Newman participated in Studio Lirico this summer and learned of Fauntleroy's death only after he arrived back in the United States. He was aware that the professor had not felt well, but said that, "he didn't let it affect his work."

Funeral services were held in Anghiari, Italy. Although no date has been set, a memorial service is being organized in September for faculty and students to pay tribute to Fauntleroy.

"He was a very skilled teacher. He brought a great deal not only to the USC community, but to the Columbia community as well," Rossi said.

Newman added, "He knew everyone and everything there was to know about opera."

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Hair stylists, university reach agreement

BY BEN BRYAN
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Despite continuing renovations of the stores in the Russell House, students coming to USC this fall will still be able to get a haircut without having to leave campus. Wanda Davis, manager of Carolina Styles hair salon, has reached an agreement with university officials that will allow her to stay at USC for the remaining two years of her contract.

As reported by The Gamecock in July, Davis had received notice that her contract was being terminated and she would be forced

to move off campus to make way for renovations going on in the Russell House. However, a recent meeting with Jerry Brewer, Director of Student Life, and strong support from faculty and students helped ensure that Carolina Styles will remain where it is for now.

"Our clients are happy that we're staying here," Davis said. "I appreciate all the faculty and students that supported me. I thank them from the bottom of my heart."

However, only one salon will remain in the Russell House. Scholastic Profiles has been closed amidst the renovations in the

Carolina Mall.

Hasan Ross-EL, who had been the manager of Scholastic Profiles since 1997, also received a notice to leave. "One Friday, they gave me a notice to be out by that Sunday," Ross-EL said. "I told them it was impossible to be out by Sunday ... On Tuesday, they told me they would give me until the 17th of July, but by that Tuesday they had already cut my water off. That made it official; I had to leave. I have to have running water."

Ross-EL appealed to Wanda Davis for help. She allowed Ross-

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Carolina Styles owner and stylist Wanda Davis gives advice and a haircut to David Przekupowski.

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