Bar shuts its doors after paying back taxes; owner cites ‘personal reasons’

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While owner Justin Kershner was able to get the nearly $20,000 he needed to pay in back taxes to keep his bar open, the Library will be closed indefinitely for “personal reasons,” he said Friday.

Kershner got a call from the South Carolina Department of Revenue on Thursday and learned he needed to pay a five-figure tax bill by 2 p.m. Friday or lose his license to sell beer, wine and liquor at The Library, a Five Points bar.

Less than 24 hours before, Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said The Library was the source of Five Points’ gang problem. Deputies had conducted multiple undercover operations in the bar without knowledge or consent of Kershner and his wife, who own The Library.

Those operations revealed that members of a national gang frequented the bar, Lott said. Officers found that those members were “catered to” and frequently wore gang colors inside, the sheriff said at a Wednesday press conference.

Kershner and his wife, Anne, shot back at the accusations, calling them “false” and “racist” and saying police began targeting The Library after its clientele became largely African-American.

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Philanthropy, hands-on work make impact

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Students, faculty and staff contributed more than $9.6 million in time and money to service during the 2012-2013 school year, according to the USC Community Service Report.

Last year, there were 21,194 volunteers who committed to a total of 502,334 service hours. There was also $478,736 in monetary donations, creating a total estimated economic impact of $1,268,840.

“The spirit of giving of our university community never ceases to amaze me,” Kim Mcalpin, director of Campus Life and the Russell House Community Union said. “This service reflects our deep commitments to the community and our desire to engage students in activities that will set the tone for a lifetime of active citizenship. Serving is important to us, yet the self-awareness and learning that comes with it is priceless.”

As a result of the service USC has accomplished, the college received the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement: The event was named to the 2013 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. In the 2011-2012 academic year, USC had 10,576 hours given.

Housing applications for the upcoming academic year are open. With a return to the system introduced last year amid complaints from students and parents, housing applications are free and students who accept housing assignments must pay a $85 advance room payment. In the past, students had to pay that up front with no guarantee of a housing assignment. Only about 1,000 beds were set aside for returning students last year, down from 1,800 the year before.

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Boy executed in 1944 may get second trial

A 14-year-old African-American boy executed for killing two white girls in 1944 may get a retrial, the Associated Press reported.

Supporters of George Stinney, who was convicted of beating an 11-year-old and a 7-year-old to death, are asking a South Carolina judge to grant a new trial. A lawsuit was filed in Clarendon County last month on Stinney’s behalf.

The judge may refuse to even hear the case, since the boy is already dead. There are also strict rules about introducing new evidence after a trial has concluded. The evidence must have been impossible to get at before the trial and must be likely to change the results.

New evidence includes sworn statements from Stinney’s siblings who said he was with them for the entire day of the murder.

— Amanda Cayce, News Editor

Columbia man dies during Savannah marathon

A 15-year-old Columbia man died during a Savannah marathon Sunday. The State reported.

Jake Zeman collapsed as he neared the finish line. He was pronounced dead at a local hospital.

The autopsy will not happen until Tuesday at the earliest because Georgia does not conduct autopsies on Sundays or holidays. Today is Veterans Day, a state holiday.

Richland County conducts autopsies every day of the year, including Christmas. The hold up was with the office of the Georgia Chief Medical Examiner with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Watts said. Coroner work for the state in Georgia and are governed by the state medical examiner’s office, unlike South Carolina.

— Amanda Cayce, News Editor

SLED asks for $475,000 for child fatality unit

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division is asking state lawmakers for more than $475,000 for its child fatality unit, The State reported.

The money would go toward hiring four new officers for the legislatively required unit that has a backlog of 456 open cases. About 193 new cases of suspicious child deaths come in each year, and the department is required to investigate each one.

Eight of the unit’s 10 positions are currently filled, and those specialized officers conduct special types of investigations typical of criminal police work.

State Rep. Mike Pitts, R-Laurens, and a spokesman for Gov. Nikki Haley expressed support for the effort, Pitts, who oversees the subcommittee determining SLED’s budget, said there may not be enough money to give to the department.

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Taurie Thomason, a second-year elementary education student, leads groups in the Fill the Van Program that is part of the Weekly Impact Service Projects. “I love that here at Carolina so many students are interested in serving the community,” Thomason said.

Thomason also volunteers in other USC programs such as Relay for Life, which she says is one of the most impactful events at USC because so many people know someone who has suffered from cancer.

Thomason leads a group to the Washington Street Soup kitchen every week and said she usually has five to six students sign up to serve. “Here in the city, homelessness is a big issue,” Thomason said. “I’m so grateful to be given the opportunity to help the homeless. I enjoy seeing them smile through their rough times; it puts my problems in perspective. I think it’s something all students should experience.”

“Pack-A-Thon made a really big difference,” Kitchens said. “The actual packing of the meals was really easy, you talk to a bunch of people, and it’s a lot of fun… You talk and laugh and do something that helps the community and makes kids a school year.” Those who helped plan the event are already looking toward next year’s Pack-A-Thon. The team has several meetings planned to reflect on Saturday’s project and will use those reflections in the coming year’s planning efforts.

Kitchens, whose term on Student Body President Chase Mizell’s cabinet ends when the next president takes office, said she will remain involved in Pack-A-Thon no matter what she ends up doing next year. “I know I’ll do whatever I can to help with it, and I know that we’ll be beginning planning even earlier and start doing some preliminary planning next semester,” Kitchens said.

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Chefs get cooking for chili challenge

Five Points hosts annual cook-off for nearly 50 nationwide vendors

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The 2100 block of Greene Street has had an extra kick this Saturday with the 27th annual Chili Cook-Off. Vendors, restaurateurs and home cooks gathered to taste recipes prepared by local and visitors from around the area.

Eleven judges cast secret ballots after trying each sample of chili in the back room of Group Therapy. Chefs were judged in five categories: overall best chili, best vegetarian, best hot and spicy, best overall setup, and best batch. Each judge added their score to the overall total.

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Gamecocks earn No. 4 seed in CUSA tournament
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In their final tune-up game before the Conference USA tournament begins, the Gamecocks fell short to Old Dominion by a score of 2-1.

The loss puts South Carolina’s record at 7-6-5, with a 4-2-3 conference record to end the regular season.

After falling behind 2-0 when giving up goals in the 15th and 40th minutes, sophomore forward Jeff Torda scored his team-leading fifth goal of the season in the 80th minute of play.

The Gamecocks had a few chances in the first half, but Old Dominion goalkeeper Sean Stowe stopped all the scoring threats, impressing coach Mark Berson.

“In the first half, their goalkeeper made three outstanding saves. We really had them on their back foot for some stretches, but they whipped us on a couple of set pieces. That’s going to happen sometimes,” Berson said. “You’ve got to credit Old Dominion; they are a very good team. In the second half, our guys fought back, and I thought they did a very good job. We got one and it looked like we were going to get another.”

Redshirt junior midfielder and co-captain Stephen Anderson also believed that there were some missed opportunities for the Gamecocks.

“Well, we gave up two silly goals in the beginning of the game, and we couldn’t fight back in the end. We kind of dominated in the second half, but we had those two silly mistakes early on,” Anderson said.

On a more positive note for Berson and his team, it was Senior Night and the coach was able to praise his seniors on what they have meant to this team.

“They’ve done a great job, not only on the field with their play, but in the locker room, and in the offseason, they’ve done a great job of working with these younger guys and bringing them together,” Berson said. “Our seniors have done a great job leading this group throughout the year.”

Anderson, despite having one more year of eligibility, was part of the Senior Night festivities, and was able to reflect on his time at South Carolina.

“These four years have been some of the best four years of my life. The facilities we have, the coaching staff and the administration have been great, and you couldn’t ask for anything better,” Anderson said.

The regular season might not have ended the way the Gamecocks wanted it to end, but they were able to earn the No. 4 seed in the Conference USA Tournament and will play the No. 5 seed Tulsa this Wednesday in Charlotte.

Berson doesn’t believe that this latest loss is going to affect his team come tournament time.

“You can take some really important things from a game like this. First of all, Old Dominion is a good team, and in the second 45 minutes I thought we played pretty well,” Berson said. “What you have to take from it is that it’s do or die now, and we have to win the conference tournament in order to go to the NCAA Tournament. We can’t afford to dig a hole for ourselves and make sure we compete for 90 minutes, and I think our guys will do that.”

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Men’s soccer defeated on Senior Night

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Women's basketball dominates over weekend

The No. 22 South Carolina women's basketball team opened its season with a pair of emphatic victories in its first two games. Beating Louisiana Tech 68-45 Sunday to cap off a dominant opening weekend of play.

While the Gamecocks struggled with Louisiana Tech's zone defense to start the game, coach Dawn Staley was pleased with her team's ability to capitalize on openings in its opponent's defensive scheme.

"In order for us to be effective, we're going to have to create some offense from our defense or we've got to get the rebounds and push it," Staley said. "I think with the emergence of Aleighsa Welch being able to rebound and push, she makes our team quicker."

In both of the Gamecocks' first two outings, they have strove to push the ball into the post, something they saw in the Longwood game.

"Extremely happy with our guys [and] our rebounding and attention to detail on defense," Martin said. "We got a little lackadaisical in the second half, but when you have so many young kids that's understandable. It's not acceptable, but it's understandable. But we'll work on that."

The Gamecocks shot 49.1 percent from the field and took advantage of something they saw in the Longwood team.

"The coaches said before the game that they aren't that physical. They have strived to push the ball into the post and have tried to push tempo, I tried to lead three guys on and off the court and just try to be the most aggressive player I can be. Today my number was called, and I was very happy about that," Staley said. "I thought it was too many for my liking," Staley said. "We've got some quick triggers. I said "I think with the emergence of Aleighsa Welch being able to rebound and push, she makes our team quicker."

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