

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Addendum: Regarding Cheang Kok's death, DPS's determination was that the response time was 4.5 minutes.

RE-RELEASE

*The following press release, giving information on the homicide perpetrated by Gallaudet University campus police on November 9, 1990, is being re-released. The press release explains that Gallaudet campus police officers **killed** protest organizer Carl DuPree only 6 months after he, as a Gallaudet student, organized a major two-day protest on the Gallaudet University campus, protesting the fact that there was a graduation requirement which could not be met by a large percentage of undergraduate students due, in part, to incompetence and lack of fluency in American Sign Language on the part of many members of the English Department at Gallaudet.*

Monday, September 6, 2010, 9:56 pm Eastern Time

PRESS RELEASE

Confirmed report on the death of Gallaudet employee

The Gallaudet administration has confirmed that Gallaudet employee Cheang Kok (or Kok Chiang) died after falling off his bicycle on Monday, August 23, 2010. Previously the administration only announced that Cheang Kok had "become ill" and had not acknowledged the identity of the person who died as a result of the bicycle accident.

The death of Cheang Kok and the Gallaudet campus police's [potentially negligently](#), very slow response to the scene, after a delay of 15 or minutes or more [see above addendum], brought back bitter memories on the part of members of the larger Gallaudet community of the previous failures of the Gallaudet campus police, and [Gallaudet administrators who oversee the campus police department](#), in matters of campus safety:

— On April 24, 1990, Gallaudet student Carl DuPree organized a [boycott of classes](#) at Gallaudet called: "Deaf Professors Now," protesting the English Department's practices and policies which, DuPree explained, unfairly prevented large numbers of students from matriculating (in part due to inept instruction on the part of hearing teachers who lacked signing skills). Hundreds of students participated in the Deaf Professors Now protest. The Jordan administration had, the previous February and March, treated the issue with much [window dressing](#). The protest, then, forced the English Department to finally review its English course practices and policies.

Only a few months later, during the afternoon on Friday, November 9, 1990, [campus police were improperly summoned](#) when, per previous arrangement, DuPree arrived to

meet with an administrator in the English Department. After the meeting with the administrator in the back office ended, it was misconstrued by a campus police officer as being improperly confrontational on DuPree's part. DuPree was ordered off campus. While on the go and headed into a different building, DuPree signed to campus police that he was indeed departing the campus, but the officers were not fluent enough in sign language to understand what he was communicating.

Gallaudet campus police officers then forced DuPree to the floor in an effort to restrain him and escort him off campus. DuPree then began suffering from loss of breath and attempted to communicate his dire situation to the officers, but they could not understand him. Four Gallaudet campus police officers were later charged with involuntary manslaughter, under suspicion that an illegal chokehold had been used which might have caused his hyoid bone to become broken (as was indicated by the autopsy which was performed). The officers were later acquitted, one officer for lack of evidence in bringing the charges, and the three others after a trial wherein the jury was not convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that a chokehold had been used.

— The members of the campus police and other departments have been known for having a callous attitude towards rape victims and for mishandling cases, as evidenced by this essay which was published online on October 19, 2006, which describes events involving improper actions on the part of [...] a professor in the Department of English at Gallaudet who is *still* (to-date) the director of the Honors Program – as well as on the part of campus police officers (DPS officers):

http://gallyprotest.org/one_womans_story.pdf

Earlier, in 1994, an article appeared in *People* magazine which explained that an unacceptable level of sexual assaults was occurring on campus. As the article stated: "...in interviews over the last 15 months with more than 60 Gallaudet students, faculty, administrators and alumni, PEOPLE has documented a pattern of sexual assault on the 2,200-student campus that is disquietingly high." See:

http://gallyprotest.org/silent_screams.pdf

— On September 28, 2000 and again on February 3, 2001, two violent murders occurred on the Gallaudet campus. It was later determined that both murders were committed by a Gallaudet student, Joseph Mesa, who, even though he had been earlier disciplined by Student Judicial Affairs for stealing \$3000 from a fellow student and had been suspended (prior to the murders), was allowed to live in dorms on campus when he later returned from suspension. The Gallaudet administration later purposely withheld this fact (that he had stolen \$3000 and had been suspended) during the time of the DC Metropolitan Police Department's investigation of the murders, an act of withholding which, by the reasonable interpretation of many, caused an

innocent student to be unjustly accused, and even worse, allowed the real murderer to roam freely around the campus and commit a second murder. See:

http://gallyprotest.org/varner_appeal_ruling_plus_history.pdf

—One year after the murder investigation, in August 2002, the head of the Gallaudet campus police, Bernard Holt, was terminated by the Jordan/Fernandes/Kelly administration after he (Holt) [refused to concur](#) in statements planned to be made to Congress by the Jordan/Kelly administration which he knew to be false. Holt [explained in a memo](#) that the \$4 million dollars that had been set aside in the budget for security improvements and for hiring new campus police officers and training them in American Sign Language *was not being spent as intended*.

After the incident involving the death of Carl DuPree, in which Holt was one of the four officers charged, Paul Kelly, the Vice President of Administration & Finance, had rewarded Holt for his long service by promoting him to be head of the major division that included facilities and the campus police, but Paul Kelly later fired Holt in August 2002, using the excuse of “reorganizations,” after Holt sent the memo to Jordan.

In fact, in the same fiscal year that Jordan requested the supplemental funds from Congress that are mentioned in Holt's memo, Jordan's salary had skyrocketed to a base salary of \$460,893, which was 51% higher than his salary in the previous fiscal year. (See chart below.) Under such circumstances, it would be reasonable to conclude that the supplemental funds appropriated by Congress were being misspent partly in order to finance Jordan's recently inflated salary. Vice President Paul Kelly's salary had also been raised by 18% at the same time that Jordan's salary was raised. (See chart below.)

Roslyn "Roz" Rosen, who had been unjustly removed by Jordan from the Gallaudet provost position in December 1999 (and demoted at the same time, being protected from dismissal by having tenure), had warned I. King Jordan and Paul Kelly previously that a counterproductive trend had developed in which too much money was being spent on non-essential expenses and not enough money was being spent on academics.

After firing Rosen, Jordan made a [unilateral appointment](#) in [April 2000](#), selecting [Jane Fernandes](#) to take her place – a move which constituted [a blatant violation of the shared governance policy](#) instituted by the Gallaudet Board of Trustees, and hence was also against federal law, since the Gallaudet president, per the Education of the Deaf Act of 1986, as amended (EDA), serves by the selection and discretion of the [Gallaudet Board of Trustees](#).

The following is a chart outlining former Gallaudet President I. King Jordan's salary history:

Gallaudet President I. King Jordan's salary:

Fiscal Year (Oct. 1 to Sept. 30), Base salary

1998, \$251,877
1999, \$305,821
2000, \$305,821
2001, \$460,893 (51% increase)
2002, \$512,740
2003, \$513,364
2004, \$509,007
2005, \$530,615

See PDF pages: 4, 27, 51, 85, 116, 141, 183, 210 on the following link:

http://gallyprotest.org/Gallaudet_form_990s_fiscal_years_1998_to_2005.pdf

Here is Paul Kelly's base salary history at Gallaudet (not including retirement benefits):

1998, \$170,940
1999, \$189,814 (11% increase)
2000, \$189,814
2001, \$224,480 (18% increase)
2002, \$239,159
2003, \$268,301 (12% increase)
2004, \$274,746
2005, \$280,467
2006, \$302,562 (8% increase)
2007, \$307,099
2008, \$342,792 (12% increase)
2009, \$342,531

Paul Kelly's 2009 base salary of \$342,531 was 66% more than the Provost's base salary of \$206,743, even though the Provost is **the second-ranking administrator of the institution** (i.e., of Gallaudet University), while Kelly is only the 3rd ranking administrator. See:

http://www.gallaudet.edu/AF/Financial_Information.html

The one common denominator, in administrative terms, in the incidents of mishandling and mismanagement mentioned above is that *Paul Kelly has presided over the administration (the non-academic wing of the administration) for the entire time that all the events described above took place*. He was promoted to the position of Vice

President of Administration & Finance in 1988, shortly after Jordan assumed office, at the insistence of Jordan, who was rewarding him for prepping him in his pursuit of the presidency and for suggesting that he (Jordan) apply to become president in the first place (as Jordan explained in his [retirement speech](#) in September 2005.)

SEE:

<http://gallyprotest.org/dupree.wmv> – ([Transcript](#))

AND:

<http://gallyprotest.org/dupree.pdf>

AND:

http://gallyprotest.org/kelly_not_yet_fired.jpg

[End re-release, edited, with links added: 9/18/12]

SEE:

http://gallyprotest.org/urgent_appeal.pdf

SEE ALSO:

<http://gallyprotest.org/unca.pdf>