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FSU Mourns Player's Death

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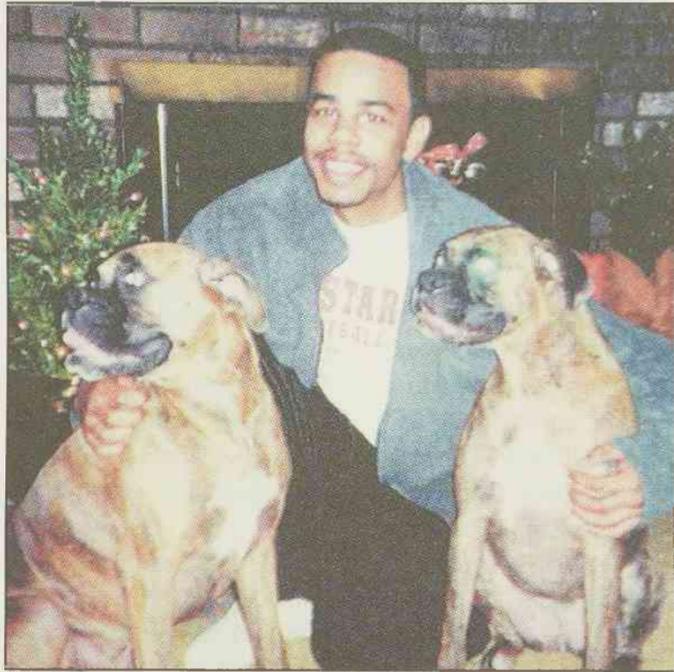
Today is the day Trey Arnold had been working toward for almost three years.

Arnold was finally eligible to play for the Fayetteville State men's basketball team and expected to suit up with the Broncos for the first time tonight against Shaw University.

"He was born with a basketball in his hands," said his father, Thomas Arnold Jr. "It was a passion I can't begin to put into words. He dreamed of playing college basketball."

But Thomas "Trey" Arnold III died Wednesday afternoon at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.

The 22-year-old from Atlanta had been at Cape Fear Valley since Monday afternoon after falling ill at Fayetteville State's practice. The hospital would not reveal the cause of death, but FSU officials said Arnold suffered a brain aneurysm. He was pronounced dead at 2:10 p.m.



Trey Arnold transferred to FSU last semester

"He was so ready to play," said FSU sophomore forward Kenny Haywood, who was Arnold's roommate. "I mean, that's all he talked about. He was

only here for a short time, but he fit in right away. He was really ready to contribute to our team, and he could have helped us out, too.

"Now we'll have to play for him. It's like our coach told us yesterday, if we didn't have anything to play for before, we have something now. We can dedicate this season to Trey."

Haywood said Arnold had complained of a headache Monday morning and was still suffering when he got to afternoon practice. As the team gathered for warmups, Haywood said, Arnold began vomiting.

FSU athletics director Bill Carver said the team's trainer, Kathleen Cummings, had Arnold lie down. Soon afterward, Arnold became unresponsive and Cummings called for emergency medical attention. Carver said Arnold was unconscious but breathing when the emergency personnel arrived.

"We did all we could," Carver said. "It was one of those things ... very, very rough."

At first, the coaching staff and the players didn't realize how ill Arnold was.

"We were sitting there in the

waiting room thinking it was something minor," Haywood said. "We kept waiting for them to tell us we could take him home, but the longer it took the more we realized it was something serious."

The Broncos considered postponing the Jan. 22 game at Livingstone, but decided to play at the urging of Arnold's father. FSU beat Livingstone 63-56.

It was a difficult night for the Broncos, especially assistant coach Sam Hangar. It was Hangar who discovered Arnold during a tryout camp in Atlanta. Arnold had attended high school in Germany and played one season at Atlanta Metro Junior College in 1997-98. But in June of 2000 when Hangar met him, Arnold was seeking a new place to pursue his basketball career. "He had been out of school for a year when I saw him," Hangar said. "There were a lot of Division I coaches there at the camp. I saw this kid play and I

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National Report Shows University Is Affordable

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Fayetteville State University was cited during a recent report as being an "affordable" institution for low-income students.

A recent report says students from poor families can afford only one of North Carolina's 36 private colleges and three of its public four-year institutions.

The Lumina Foundation for Education issued the report last month. The foundation rated nearly 3,000 colleges and universities in the country.

The study looked at four income groups: low- and median-income students still dependent on parents' income, and independent students age 25 to 34 with low or median incomes. In North Carolina, the low-income range for dependent students is \$19,010 to \$23,510 a year in family income.

Among the 16 public institutions in the UNC system, FSU, UNCP and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington are rated "affordable" for low-income dependents without student loans.

Resident undergraduate students typically pay about \$3,500 in tuition and fees a year at FSU, compared to

around \$6,400 at UNC-Chapel Hill, not including room and board costs.

The three private schools in the Cape Fear region, Campbell University, Methodist College and St. Andrews Presbyterian College, were rated "unaffordable" in all four categories. Livingstone College in Salisbury is the only private college in the state rated as "affordable" for low-income dependents. FSU alumna Algeania Freeman is president of Livingstone College.

The study found that at many schools, students need to borrow money to be able to attend. College officials have criticized the study, saying it might mislead families into thinking they cannot send their children to college.

Hope Williams, president of North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, said the report is misleading because it uses estimates instead of factual information.

"An average does not show a true picture of how much aid students get," she said. Williams' organization represents the 36 independent colleges and universities in North Carolina on issues related to state and federal public policy.

Williams said private institutions are helping students through federal, state and institutional funds. She said students from all income levels have enrolled at private institutions and, at many schools, up to 90 percent are receiving financial aid.

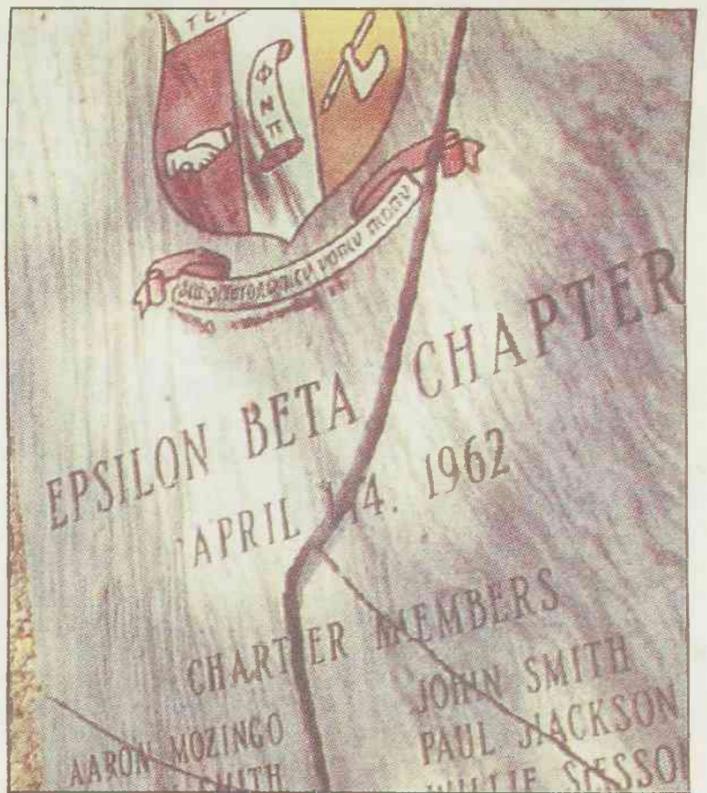
"I do believe the report is accurate in pointing out the additional need for student aid," Williams said. "We are concerned about loan burdens and the amount of hours students have to work."

Williams said that in the 1999-2000 school year, private college students in North Carolina received more than \$488 million in federal, state and institutional financial aid.

The foundation rated colleges and universities using 1998 federal statistics on income, enrollment and financial aid. Lumina officials said the purpose of the study is to encourage college administrators to lobby for more student aid.

Elizabeth McDuffie, assistant director of the North Carolina Assistance Authority, which handles the state's financial aid, said she was concerned that the study did not look at each campus

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Staff Photo Angele Capel

Kappas discovered vandalized plot Jan. 9th

Vandalized Plot Remains Mystery

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Returning to school after the Christmas break was less than a pleasant experience for the Epsilon Beta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

On January 9, the Kappas discovered their plot had been vandalized. A marble monument, which listed the chapter's charter members, founding dates for the national and school organization

and fraternity shield was smashed. Rocks surrounding the monument had been scattered on top. The alleged act of vandalism was discovered by Marcus McRae, a member of the Epsilon Beta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi.

It's not known what was used to destroy the inch-thick marble monument, but Dr. James Raynor,

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