

UNC Copes With Loss Of Leader

Friends and colleagues of Chancellor Michael Hooker shared their remembrances of a man who loved UNC.

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JULY 8 - Katherine Schafer met Chancellor Michael Hooker only once. She never walked across campus with him or discussed UNC's role in the community.

She never sent him a list of demands or protested a policy he enacted.

But she still sat with family, friends and colleagues in Memorial Hall to mourn the loss of UNC's leader.

The junior from Greensboro had a connection to Hooker that rivaled any athlete for which he cheered or state legislator he lobbied. The pain of cancer struck a familiar chord for Schafer.

Her father also has non-Hodgkins lymphoma - the incurable disease that caused Hooker's death.

"I have a personal connection on a personal level," Schafer said. "It's devastating to see (the cancer) take so many from our lives."

Schafer was one of many students, friends and colleagues who lingered on the steps of Memorial Hall coping with remembrances of a chancellor who fought to change UNC for the better.

The service featured speeches from Gov. Jim Hunt and UNC-system



As the UNC Gospel Choir sang "Amazing Grace," Student Body President Nic Heinke, UNC-system President Molly Broad, Gov. Jim Hunt and Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf honored Chancellor Hooker.

President Molly Broad.

Provost Dick Richardson closed with a humorous story of a University Day when Hooker leaned over to him and threatened to walk out because of the ceremony's length.

"The stories just evoked Michael for me," Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Sue Kitchen said. "We all have Michael stories, so I felt like he was with us."

In addition to UNC speakers, the service also featured Hooker's colleagues from Massachusetts and Maryland, where he worked before returning to UNC.

Peter Cressy of the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth and Freeman Hrabowski of the University of Maryland at Baltimore County pointed to Hooker as a big influence on them throughout their careers.

"What impressed me most was the

fact that so many of his friends and colleagues called him a mentor - even people who were older than he was," senior Jennifer Clark said.

Christopher Martens, William Aycocock professor of marine science, said the personal connections between Hooker and the speakers impressed him most.

"The thing that reached the deepest for me is how the people who were speaking really knew him on a very personal level," Martens said.

"And interestingly enough they were talking about what his leadership meant for the future."

The Hooker stories and anecdotes kept flowing long after the service ended. Several employees from Administrative Information Services said they remembered Hooker's dedication to improving campus technology. "He was a very strong supporter of it,"

said Joe Bray, applications development project supervisor for AIS. "It wouldn't be near where it is now without him."

Jameel Freeman, a senior from Clinton, said the memorial service embraced Hooker's zest for life.

"The fact that he did his best in the short time he had was what impressed me most," he said.

Some students said their most vivid memories of Hooker were having conversations with him in the Pit or running next to him on the treadmill in the Student Recreation Center.

"He was somebody easily accessible, a man you could look up to to lead you," Freeman said.

Broad said, "It was a grand tribute to Michael Hooker and to UNC-Chapel Hill."

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McCoy Called Best Choice for Interim

UNC-system President Molly Broad said McCoy's financial acumen would serve UNC well.

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JULY 15 - UNC-system President Molly Broad said when she was consulting with members of the community about who to appoint as acting chancellor for UNC, William McCoy's name kept coming up.

McCoy, who succeeds Chancellor Hooker who died last week of cancer at age 53, served during a two-month period as acting chancellor while Hooker was on medical leave.

Student Body President Nic Heinke said he and his cabinet took fast action to meet with Graduate and Professional Student Federation President Lee Connor to recommend McCoy as acting chancellor to Broad.

"McCoy was the natural choice for three reasons - he is acclimated with the University, has an important finance background that will aid the University, and he understands the position of chancellor and handled it well during Hooker's interim," Heinke said.

Connor agreed with Heinke's reasons and said McCoy would make a great interim chancellor and would be able to draw on the resources around him.

"He'll have plenty of help from Provost Dick Richardson," Connor said.

Heinke and Connor both said they had also recommended Chancellor Paul Hardin and Provost Richardson as pos-

sible choices, but that McCoy had been an overwhelming choice.

"The University has had a good experience with McCoy," Connor said.

Provost Richardson said he was delighted McCoy was going to be serving during the interim. "McCoy has a great love of the University. He is careful, thoughtful, he always studies the situations and is very respectful of the faculty and staff," Richardson said.

Broad said her decision to appoint McCoy had been met with overwhelming support. "During McCoy's two months in the spring, he showed absolute leadership and gained the respect of many faculty, staff, trustees, and Board of Governors," Broad said.

Faculty Chairman Pete Andrews said he was pleased with the choice of McCoy to interim chancellor and felt he had dealt with University problems swiftly. Andrews specifically said he was impressed with the way McCoy handled the students that sat in South Building demanding better labor conditions for factories that make UNC apparel in May. Andrews said McCoy's only drawback was that he was not known to many students on campus.

"McCoy is a very active alumnus and knows UNC very well, but right now people don't really know him."

Richardson said McCoy's presence would be very helpful and calming.

"McCoy will bring us back on track, but we must make sure we don't drop the ball," Richardson said. "I feel that people have gotten pessimistic, but this still remains a great era for UNC."

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Suspect Surrenders to FBI After Los Angeles Shooting

Buford Furrow turned himself into the FBI Wednesday, admitting to opening fire on children.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, Calif. - The man who allegedly wounded five people at a Jewish community center in Los Angeles turned himself in Wednesday after eluding a manhunt and taking a cab across the desert. A source said he confessed.

Authorities said Buford O. Furrow, 37, also would be charged in the slaying of a postal worker who was shot Tuesday near the community center.

FBI spokeswoman Julie Miller in Washington confirmed Furrow's surrender.

The man who identified himself as Furrow said he took a cab from Los Angeles, an FBI source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

He told investigators "he wanted this to be a wake-up call to America to kill Jews," the source said.

He walked into the office and said, "You're looking for me, I killed the kids in Los Angeles." The source said Furrow assumed he had killed some children there.

The FBI said further details would be provided at a news conference this afternoon by the Los Angeles police department.

Thom Mrozek, spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in Los Angeles, said federal prosecutors intend to file charges against Furrow today the slaying of Joseph Iletto, 39, a postal worker who was killed Tuesday.

"It now appears that is related," Mrozek said. Iletto had just delivered some mail to a home and was returning to his truck when he was shot multiple times. He was found dead in a driveway. There was no indication of a theft, according to Postal Service officials.

Earlier, the hunt for Furrow had spread across the West amid reports the suspect had ties to white supremacist groups.

The gunman gave the slip to police who arrived at the center within four minutes of the shootings Tuesday. He allegedly carjacked a Toyota at gunpoint

about 20 minutes later - leaving behind a van full of ammunition, survival paraphernalia, and a book some link to white supremacist thought - then dumped the car at a motel and disappeared.

"There is no doubt about it that this is now a hate crime," said Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles. He spoke before the arrest of Furrow was announced.

The Southern Poverty Law Center, which maintains a database of white supremacists, has information that Furrow belonged to Aryan Nations in 1995, including a photo, said Mark Potok of the Montgomery, Ala.-based center.

"I have a picture of him, Furrow, in a Nazi outfit," Potok said today.

Furrow lived at times in Metaline Falls, Wash., once a haven for the supremacist group the Order, The Spokesman-Review reported in Spokane.

He served as a security guard at a white supremacist meeting in the 1990s and had a relationship with Debbie Mathews, widow of Order founder Robert J. Mathews, the paper said. Mathews was killed in 1984 when his hideout caught fire during a shootout with federal agents on Whidbey Island in Washington state.

Police so far have declined to call the shootings at the North Valley Jewish Community in suburban Granada Hills a hate crime, but have said the choice of targets makes that a possibility.

The attacker strode into the community center's lobby and opened fire with a semiautomatic gun resembling an Uzi, peppering the building with some 70 shots.

A center maintenance worker threw

his body over an injured teen, while teachers and other workers led children to safety.

"There was nothing said by the suspect before the shooting," Police Chief Bernard Parks said. "It was indiscriminate."

The wounded include a 5-year-old boy who was hit in the abdomen and leg. He was in critical condition today after undergoing six hours of surgery and was given a fair chance of recovery.

Also hurt were center receptionist, 68-year-old Isabelle Shalometh, two 6-year-old boys and a 16-year-old girl who was a counselor at the center's summer camp that began Monday.

The boys and the counselor were in stable condition today and Mrs. Shalometh, grazed on the arm and back as she dove for cover, was released from the hospital Tuesday night.

The violence was the latest shooting at workplaces and schools across the country, and brought immediate calls for stricter gun control and measures to protect children. "Once again, our nation has been shaken and our hearts torn by gun violence," President Clinton said in Washington. "It calls on all of us not only to give our thoughts and prayers to the victims and their families, but intensify our resolve to make America a safer place."

The organization that runs the community center posted armed guards at its several other operations in the region, and security was stepped up at children's programs in other states, said Nina Lieberman Giladi, an associate vice president. She said children, including her son who saw two bleeding victims, wanted to get together with the other children to reassure themselves they were safe.

Eclipse Enthralls Thousands

The last solar eclipse of the millenium was exciting for both scientific researchers and spiritual onlookers.

Associated Press

LAND'S END, England - The moon smothered the light of the sun Wednesday as the last total solar eclipse of the millennium swept across Europe toward the Bay of Bengal.

In Cornwall, at the southwest tip of England, heavy clouds made the two-minute spectacle invisible to hundreds of thousands who had come to watch. Millions watched live TV broadcasts around the world.

As the eclipse reached totality in western England at 11:10 a.m. (6:10 EDT), the temperature dropped noticeably but rain held off.

"I missed an eclipse in Hawaii in 1991 when a cloud moved in front of the sun at the last minute, but we'll feel the atmosphere of it all," said Mary Fehner of Urbana, Ill.

But Carolyn Willard, from Kent, Wash., was unhappy. "This is our first eclipse and we are kind of disappointed not to be seeing anything," she said.

Darkness fell on London, where the eclipse was 96.5 percent of totality. Trials were adjourned briefly at the Old Bailey criminal court to allow jurors and lawyers - but not defendants - to go out to watch.

Thousands of people poured into Stuttgart, Germany, despite rainy weather. People crowded rest stops on the A8, the so-called "Eclipse Autobahn," because it follows the path of the eclipse.

Luca Bottino, 28, of Verona, Italy, and his wife, Christina, got up at 4 a.m.

and drove nearly 300 miles to reach the "Eclipse Autobahn." He planned to go home immediately after the eclipse.

"We must have patience and hopefully we will see something," he said, shrugging his shoulders and looking up at the sky with his eclipse glasses in hand. A 12-mile traffic jam built up on the highway leading into the Swiss border city of Basel as drivers headed toward viewing areas in Germany and France.

For some it was a scientific wonder; for others, a spiritual phenomenon.

Two hundred people boarded a Concorde flight at Heathrow, making a supersonic chase of the shadow from a cloud-free 55,000-foot height.

"I have dreamed of this moment for over a year," said Peter Clifford, who bought a pair of tickets as a 53rd anniversary present for his wife.

In some villages in northern Gujarat in India, priests planned to ring temple bells and take turns beating steel plates with sticks to ward off evil.

From Land's End, the moon's shadow dashed at 1,522 miles per hour across parts of France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Romania, Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, turning day to night across a path 60 miles wide, before sinking at sunset in the Bay of Bengal.

The longest totality - 2 minutes, 23 seconds - was in Romania.

In this brief window, scientists gathered at remote sites in Turkey, Iran and Iraq, seeking to learn more about the corona, the superheated gaseous layer that surrounds the sun. Seldom visible,

it appears as a radiant halo at the time of totality, when the moon completely covers the sun.

With the sun at the height of its 11-year cycle of activity, this is a good chance to investigate why the corona sizzles at 3.6 million degrees, despite the bitter cold of space. The temperature at the surface of the sun is only about 11,000 degrees, while the sun's core is estimated at 27 million degrees.

Scientists also hope to learn more about giant gas explosions that erupt on the sun's surface, causing magnetic storms that can interfere with radio, TV and telephone signals on earth and disrupt satellite communications.

And because eclipses are the nearest nature comes to turning off the sun, they also provide a chance to study the earth's atmosphere.

Although there are at least two solar eclipses a year, most are partial. Coming at the height of summer and passing over many heavily populated areas, this eclipse was expected to be one of the most watched ever.

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon crosses between the Earth and sun, blocking the sun's light.

The moon is only one-400th the size of the sun, but the sun is 390 times farther away from the Earth, making the moon's image almost exactly the same size as the sun's when viewed from Earth.

The next total solar eclipse will be in 2001 over southern Africa.

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