

Fisher receives life sentence despite call for death penalty

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HILLSBOROUGH — George Richard Fisher was sentenced to life imprisonment Wednesday for kidnapping, sexually assaulting and killing 8-year-old Jean Kar-Har Fewel on Jan. 30.

An Orange County Superior Court jury began deliberating the sentence around 4:20 p.m. Wednesday following closing statements by District Attorney Carl Fox and defense attorney Barry Winston. The decision was announced some 40 minutes later. Fisher could have received the death penalty.

Fewel, a Chinese youth in the process of being adopted by Tom W. Fewel and Joy Wood of Chapel Hill, had come to the United States from an orphanage in Hong Kong. She was found hanged Jan. 30 about four miles from Ephesus Road Elementary School where she was a student. A noose made from a plastic-coated cord was around the youngster's neck.

At the time of Fewel's death, Fisher, a 36-year-old Hillsborough construction worker, was on parole after serving eight years of a 30-year prison sentence for breaking and entering, larceny and arson. His trial began Aug. 8.

"That (the death penalty) is the sentence that is warranted by the aggravating factors in this case," Fox said in a brief closing statement.

He said the state had adequately proven the murder to be "atrocious and cruel."

Winston told the jurors, "All of you believe to some extent in the death penalty." "Conventional wisdom means 'you don't quarrel with the jurors' beliefs," he said, adding that he would "talk about two things" despite convention.

First, he cautioned jurors about "the horrible possibility" that they could be mistaken in their guilty verdict.

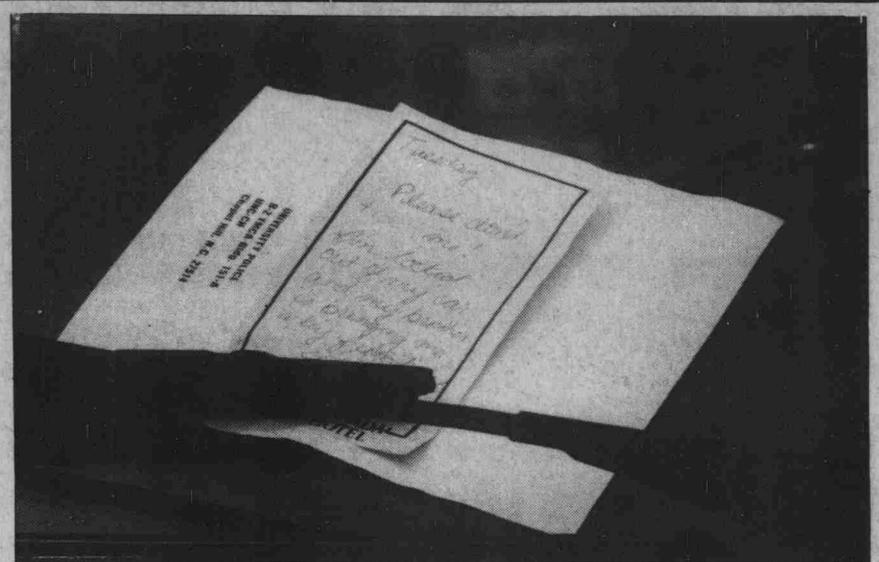
Second, killing will never stop unless a better example is set, he said. The death penalty forces people to constantly deliberate "what circumstances are right and what are wrong" for condoning the killing of others, Winston said.

He discussed how numerous youths will grow up in a bad home situation like Fisher's.

"Killing George Fisher will not provide answers to that problem," Winston said. "We have to look into the minds of people who do these sorts of things . . . It's our only hope of ever changing this vicious cycle of child abuse."

"The only way to stop it is to understand it," Winston concluded.

Judge Edwin S. Preston explained the jurors' duties following Winston's statement. He then presented the aggravating and mitigating factors of the case to the court before sending the nine women and three men of the jury to deliberate Fisher's sentence.



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Individual excuses were ignored as ticketing began as scheduled in most campus lots this week

Restaurants remodel, some close

By LISA BRANTLEY
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Students eating out in Chapel Hill for the first time after summer vacation may find their favorite restaurants expanded, closed or transformed into other eateries.

The Porthole, a 43-year-old restaurant on Old Fraternity Row closed August 2. It was known for its dinner rolls, spaghetti specials and having customers fill out their own order cards.

The owner, W.M. Marley of Durham, in a *News and Observer* article written when the restaurant closed, said that it was no longer economically feasible to operate in the Porthole's location.

The building, along with upstairs property that used to be the Upper Deck bar, was sold to UNC for \$430,000 and is slated for use as office space according to University officials.

Mr. Gatti's, a 104 W. Franklin St. pizza parlor known for its luncheon all-you-care-to-eat buffet, was another restaurant casualty. It closed in June.

The site is currently being remodeled as a fresh pasta eatery known as Est, Est, Est Trattoria. Restaurant owner Nick Rossicci said he hopes to have the establishment ready for business sometime this weekend.

"We're working full time right now to try to get it open," he said. Renovations of the old Gatti's building began more than three and a half weeks ago, he said.

Rossicci owns another Est, Est, Est Trattoria on West Hargett Street in Raleigh that was selected several weeks ago by *The Spectator* magazine as "Best in the Triangle" for pasta, cappuccino, espresso and house wine.

Rossicci said that he expected to make many varieties of fresh pasta with machines set up inside a glass booth that will be on view to patrons as they pass the kitchen.

"We'll have pumpkin, beet, spinach, whole wheat . . . and all kinds (of pasta)," he said, adding that patrons can combine types of pasta with different sauces listed on the menu.

Prices for entrees vary from \$3.95 to \$6.95 and include chicken and seafood as well as pasta dishes.



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New restaurant Est Est Est will be moving in Mr. Gatti's old location

Rossicci said that he also will offer a bar with mixed drinks, 30 imported beers and 75 different wines — 16 served by the glass.

"We sell more wine (at our Raleigh location) than anyone in the Triangle besides The Angus Barn (also in Raleigh)," Rossicci said.

He added that he believed the Chapel Hill restaurant would have a loyal following of area residents familiar with the other location, even in summer when student business drops drastically.

"We get them to come to downtown Raleigh where it's dead at night and we even have lines," he said.

Est, Est, Est Trattoria will be 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. seven days a week, with no delivery service currently planned, Rossicci said.

Spanky's restaurant and bar, at the

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Meal plan information bypasses some students

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Although some upperclassmen living in University housing have not received a mailing this summer stating that \$100 must be paid to ARA Services for the mandatory meal plan, all students living on campus are still required to pay.

Students should stop by the ground floor of Lenoir Hall before Sept. 15 to pay for the mandatory meal plan, said Brenda Seel, administrative secretary to Tony Hardee, director of ARA on campus. They then will be issued a meal card that can be used at any cafeteria or snack bar on campus.

Those who do not pay by Sept. 15 will have \$100 charged to their student accounts and must pay ARA to have the charge removed.

A memo from Wayne R. Jones, associate vice chancellor of business, states: "On or about September 1 . . . ARA will send reminders to all students living in University dormitories who have not purchased the minimum \$100 meal plan. The reminder will include a statement that all unpaid charges will be posted to the student's financial account with the University Cashier if

not paid by September 15. . . failure to pay will affect pre-registration, transcripts, etc.," the memo says.

Unused meal plan balances may be carried forward from the fall semester to the spring semester but not to a subsequent academic year or summer school.

Asked why some students did not receive meal plan information in the mail, Jones said: "I really don't know why. That was something that we left up to ARA to communicate to the students."

Seel said she had requested mailing labels from Administrative Data Processing for "all students registered for on-campus housing regardless of class rank."

She said information concerning the meal plan had been sent July 1 to students whose names were on the mailing labels.

"As to why some students did not receive the information, I don't know," she said. "We've pared it down to sophomores, juniors and a few seniors who did not receive it. It seems that those in the middle (years) weren't mailed anything."

A true Tar Heel always knows his place in line

By MARTHA WALLACE
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As the sun rises over the Bell Tower, they wait with bedrolls and pillows. Some have camped out on a vigil.

The mecca of this journey is Woolen Gym. The sacrifice: computer cards.

Drop-add is a fact of college life most students face and an event for which pre-registration seems a pre-requisite.

"I pre-registered and only got two of my classes, and I'm a senior," says Andy Valli of Concord.

After the initial line at the door, the pilgrims break into smaller, more competitive lines in front of departmental tables.

Each student's goal is to get into a class listed on the printed sheet of those he or she needs to graduate. Of course, the requirements differ with each major, and if the student was a junior before the catalog was revised . . . well, that's another story.

To get the computer card that enrolls him or her in the class, the student first must find a newspaper listing courses and times and use it to design a desired schedule.

This is a good step to skip, however, as the times rarely are available. The sections left in drop-add usually are the ones that meet during the Evening News or "Good Morning America." Everything else is closed out.

Murphy's Law comes into play at drop-add. The two most common occurrences are having the course close out just as you arrive and arriving to discover you were waiting in the wrong line.

Toward the end of drop-add, the mecca lies in ruins. The floor is littered with newspaper, sweat and useless worksheets. The hush of voices in the gym has elevated to high-pitched hysteria.

"Does anybody have a Psych 10 card? Any time, any days?" a voice wails.

At last the ritual ends. A few lost souls hang their heads and mumble about summer school as they sit defeated on the gym floor.

The survivors are exhausted and compromised, but relieved to escape.

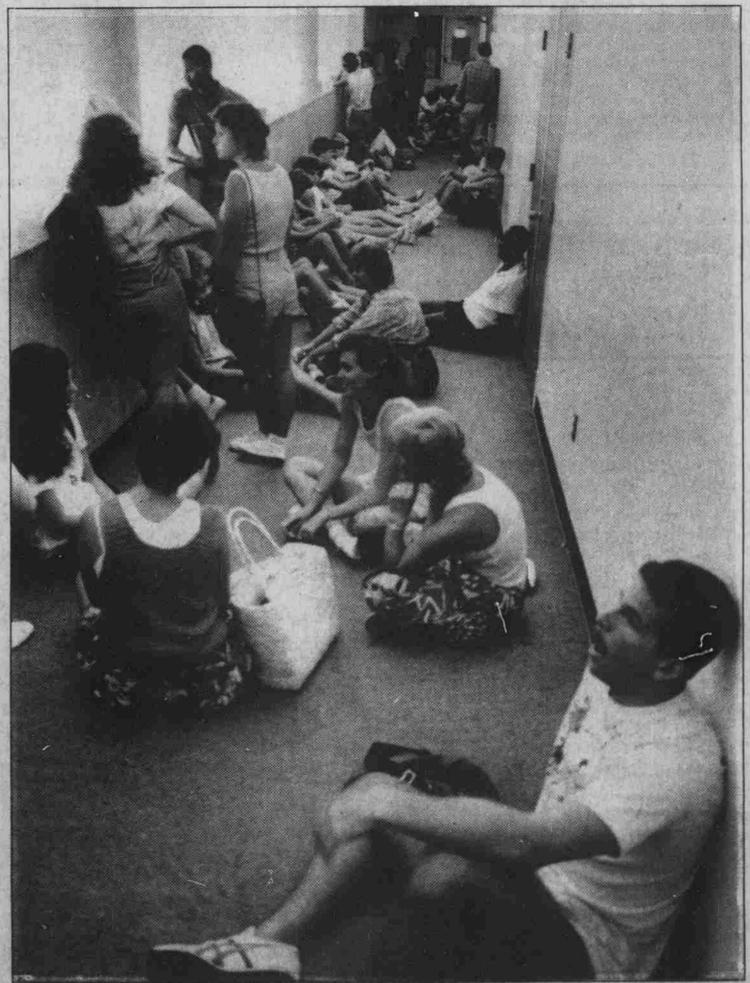
"I only got two of five classes, but I don't care, I'm just glad to be done," says Gordon Hill, a sophomore from Kinston. Those waiting in line have developed a camaraderie.

"We waited an hour and a half to get our I.D.'s before we came to drop-add," says Shawn Wood, a freshman from Jacksonville. Matt Wills, a freshman from Charlotte, nods his agreement.

"I had a good time, though," says Nate Watson, a freshman from Asheville. "We talked to people and even met a girl named Tuna."

Many now fantasize about dorm beds, but there is no time for that. The pioneers have one more stop. A more expensive temple, the book store, looms in the distance. There the quest is not computer cards, but used books.

And it may not end there. In front of the store, a sign already advertises buy-backs and refunds. All you have to do is stand in line.



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Students face the reality of Carolina lines while waiting to have their ID photos taken

Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar — Sigmund Freud