

Sanders brothers sentenced to life in prison

From staff reports

Two Chatham county brothers were given lifetime prison sentences this summer for murdering UNC senior Thomas Perry Zimmerman last February.

Richard Anthony Sanders and Steven Wayne Sanders, both 21, were convicted of first-degree murder June 14 and sentenced the next day.

Zimmerman, from High Point, was killed Feb. 4 during a visit to friends at Hilltop Trailer Court, Lot 35, outside Chapel Hill. The residents of the trailer told the Orange County Sheriff's Department that two men wearing ski masks entered the trailer at about 8:30 p.m., demanded money, then beat the four men, shooting Zimmerman as they left.

The six-man, six-woman jury that tried the men deliberated for about 30 minutes before sentencing them to life in prison. Both brothers could have received the death penalty.

The Sanders brothers were also found guilty of two counts of armed robbery, one count of attempted armed robbery and first-degree burglary. According to witnesses at the trial, one ounce of marijuana, \$20 and a stereo were taken from the trailer.

The two men were convicted under the first-degree felony rule — a murder

committed while a robbery was in progress. Under this rule, they received one sentence for all the convictions.

District Attorney Carl Fox said the Sanders probably would serve a minimum of 16 years in prison before being eligible for parole.

During the trial, which began June 7, testimony by three of the state's witnesses and scientific evidence placed the brothers at the scene of Zimmerman's murder. None of the state's witnesses could say which of the brothers actually shot Zimmerman.

Public defender Kirk Osborn said the defense attorneys were dissatisfied with the verdict but were glad the brothers hadn't received the death penalty.

Osborn said the Sanders brothers would appeal their case to the state supreme court.

Sandlin fined in case of missing cadavers

Lester S. Sandlin, former state mortician and curator of anatomical material at the UNC School of Medicine, was fined and sentenced in late April for embezzling cadavers and defrauding UNC and the Veterans

Administration.

Sandlin, 42, was indicted in August, 1984, on charges of embezzling 25 cadavers and obtaining property by false pretenses. He also was charged with illegally filing for Veterans Administration benefits for the funerals of 18 veterans and using his state job to contract for his own benefit.

Sandlin was convicted of the charges and sentenced to a mandatory two-year prison term. After the two years, he will be up for a five-year probationary period.

Sandlin was also ordered to pay a \$3,500 fine, the court costs of \$404 and a supervision fee of \$10 per month during his probationary period.

Harris murder trial pending, clerk says

The trial of Alton Eugene Harris Jr., 20, charged with first-degree murder in connection with the stabbing death of a UNC sophomore in March, is still pending, according to Libby Walters, clerk of Orange County Superior Court.

Golkho, a native of Iran, was found dead March 16 in her apartment at Royal Park. An autopsy revealed that she had been stabbed 18 times and

beaten.

Harris, of 801 Estes Drive, was arrested March 17 and charged in the case after police tracked him down by using composite drawings by a police artist using descriptions of a man seen leaving Golkho's apartment.

Police found Golkho's partially nude body about 7:30 p.m. when they responded to phone calls from her neighbors who said they heard screams and sounds of a struggle coming from her apartment.

The body, lying on the floor between the kitchen and living room, was covered with blood, and there was blood on the nearby walls, police said.

An 18-inch carving knife and Harris' wallet were found near the body.

John H. Butler, a Carrboro police investigator in the case, testified in the probable cause hearing in April that Harris had been dating one of Golkho's roommates, and that Golkho and Harris argued frequently.

Golkho's sister, Fariba Golkho, told police that Golkho objected to Harris' overnight visits to the apartment.

Harris is still being held in the Orange County Jail without bond pending trial. There is no set date for the next action, Walters said.

9.7% tuition hike for out-of-staters in UNC schools

By JILL GERBER
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Out-of-state students at UNC are paying 9.7 percent more tuition this year because of an increase initiated by the General Assembly and approved by the UNC Board of Governors on July 27, said Sam B. Barnard, University cashier.

The tuition hike applies to all universities in the UNC System and was enacted in Chapel Hill on Aug. 2, Barnard said.

Barnard said tuition for a non-resident undergraduate taking a full course load — 12 hours or more — had increased from \$1,550 to \$1,700. Out-of-state tuition was raised to make rates

comparable to state universities around the country, according to a prepared statement by the UNC Cashier's Office enclosed in each student's tuition bill.

"We're currently operating under a statute passed by the General Assembly to increase tuition," said James Smith, finance officer at the UNC General Administration of Budget and Finance. "A review is done annually to bring rates in line with statutory legislative intent," he said.

A sampling of student reactions to the tuition increase varied in degrees of approval and disapproval.

"I'm all for it," said John Leidy, a second-year law student from Winston-Salem. "It's nice that our in-state tuition is cheap, but it's ridiculous that out-of-state is. It's unnecessary for North Carolina to

subsidize for people from other states to come to school here."

Brad Knight, a pre-med senior from Columbus, Ohio, disapproved of the increase.

"I'm paying taxes in Ohio now, and people from North Carolina are paying taxes at schools in Ohio," Knight said. "It all balances out across the country. The administration doesn't care what we think."

Mel Landis, a junior business administration major from Boca Raton, Fla., also opposed the tuition hike.

"For how much they (in-state students) pay, the increase is ridiculous," Landis said. "We pay 10 times more, and our tuition is raised all the time. They could raise in-state (tuition)."

Planning Board postpones review of zoning permit allowing developer time for needed improvements

By LISA BRANTLEY
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The Chapel Hill planning board voted 6-2 Tuesday night to postpone its review of a zoning compliance permit for the construction of a 58,800 square foot shopping center at the former Glen Lennox park-and-ride lot on the south side of Raleigh Road.

The postponement, in effect for no longer than 60 days, came at the request of applicant Owen Kenan in the wake of site design concerns expressed by board members. The concerns included high land use intensity, lack of the required amount of buffer area around the site and increased traffic flow in the vicinity of Glenwood Elementary School, which is close to the proposed site.

The time extension will give developers of the proposed 5.3 acre site time to address 31 separate items identified as concerns and deficiencies by town planners in their recommendations to the planning board.

Although Chapel Hill Development Coordinator Stephen Sizemore said he thought that most of the concerns, with the exception of traffic flow problems, could be addressed with fairly minor revisions to the site plan, Board Chairman Alice Ingram said that she disliked the idea of a shopping center

next to a school.

"This is not the proper place... for a shopping center," she said. "On the site plan review this certainly isn't taken into consideration."

Kenan said the proposed site, which would include a Harris-Teeter grocery store and a Kerr Drug store, was one of the best sites in North Carolina for a retail center according to marketing reports.

In other action, the board unanimously approved two motions to recommend that the Board of Adjustment grant a variance to Goforth Properties, Inc. for the construction of a 180-foot bridge across Little Creek, and the relocation of an unnamed tributary of the creek in the Oaks II subdivision.

The bridge, which will extend Pinehurst Drive, requires a variance because construction plans called for the filling of dirt at either end of the bridge which will affect the water course in a 100-year floodplain resource conservation district. The proposed straightening of the tributary will also change the boundaries of the resource conservation district according to planning department reports.

Resource conservation districts are designed to prevent increase in the height, volume or velocity of flooding in the floodplain as a result of

construction.

Before the planning board meeting, members of the Citizens for Responsible Land Use, a neighborhood coalition of Tinkerbell Road and Churchill Drive residents who live near the proposed tributary diversion, signed an agreement with Goforth Properties, Inc.

The agreement included provisions requiring Goforth to clean up the existing tributary channel, use materials acceptable to the residents to stabilize it and complete all further work on the channel for the diversion before further subdivision construction is completed.

The residents, who asked that their agreement be read into the public record, negotiated with Goforth because they said they foresaw increased flooding problems on their land as a result of the tributary's diversion.

The planning board also recommended, 6-2, that a variance be approved to allow the Pine Tree Corporation to build a single family dwelling at 221 Huntingdon Drive which would encroach 25 to 35 feet into a resource conservation district.

According to planning department studies, houses on either side of the proposed site also would not conform to the present resource conservation district limits, but were constructed before their enactment.

Anti-satellite weapon testing receives approval by Reagan

From wire reports

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — President Reagan on Tuesday authorized testing of an anti-satellite weapon in space.

"We have to test — and test now — to restore the military balance," presidential spokesman Larry Speakes said before Reagan's three-day trip to Los Angeles.

Reagan decided on the testing Monday, Speakes said.

Falwell labels Tutu a 'phony'

NEW YORK — The Rev. Jerry Falwell called black Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu a "phony" after returning from a five-day trip to South Africa. Falwell also proposed U.S. reinvestment in the white-run nation.

Civil rights leaders condemned Falwell, head of the fundamentalist Moral Majority, for his comments. One black congressman said he was "ashamed and embarrassed" by the comments.

Falwell told reporters at Kennedy International Airport that Americans were receiving a distorted view of events in South Africa.

Sikhs kill political leader

NEW DELHI, India — Sikh terrorists assassinated Sikh political leader Harchand Singh Longowal on Tuesday, less than a month after an accord with the government was signed to settle a three-year crisis in the Punjab state of India.

The killing of Longowal, 57, occurred hours after Sikh terrorists murdered one of the Hindu leaders of the Congress Party of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

The killing sparked a national security alert and raised questions of violence in the state, bordering Pakistan.

NASA approves space factory plans

WASHINGTON — The space agency on Tuesday approved a Houston firm's plans to build and operate the first commercial space

news in brief

factory. The multimillion-dollar facility will be built without government funds and will operate automatically with occasional maintenance trips by astronauts.

N.J. girl to get football tryout

TRENTON, N.J. — A judge Tuesday ordered a school district to let a 15-year-old girl try out for her high school football team, despite an unwritten school policy barring girls from playing football.

"I want to play football. That's the only reason why I've done this," said Elizabeth Balsley, a 5-foot-5, 127-pound junior at Annandale's North Hunterdon High School in rural western New Jersey.

Lebanese car bomb kills 44

BEIRUT — Lebanese car-bombers struck in Tripoli on Tuesday, apparently luring people into a main square and setting off a bomb that killed 44 people and wounded 90, police said.

The car bomb in the port city of Tripoli was the fifth in a week in Lebanon's largest cities. Overall, 143 persons have been killed and more than 300 wounded recently in Lebanon's "war of the car bombs."

Political name change criticized

NEW ORLEANS — State Rep. Jon "Peaches" Johnson says he is sure that Collins Anthony Lewis changed his name to John Peaches Johnson to fuff up their race for the state Senate.

John Johnson officially filed as a candidate for the Oct. 19 election to fill the vacant seat of the late Sen. Nat Kiefer.

Accusing his opponent of deception, Johnson said his mother had nicknamed "Peaches" when he was a boy.

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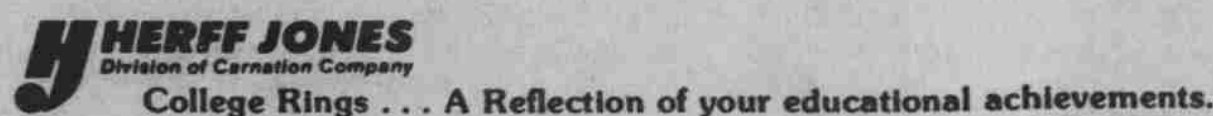


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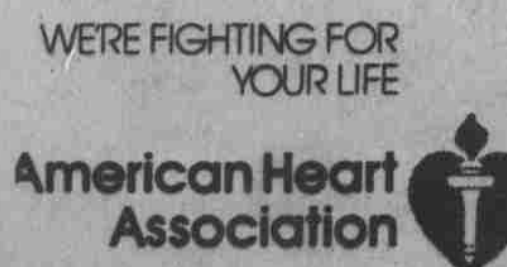


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