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Kidnapping, murder stun UNC community

By ANJETTA McQUEEN

Members of the UNC community have reacted with shock and disbelief to the killing of a second-year graduate student, following a week of uncertainty concerning her whereabouts.

Sharon Lynn Stewart, 23, was found dead of multiple stab wounds early Friday inside an oil drum at a construction dump site east of Greensboro.

Stewart was kidnapped at knifepoint Aug. 24, when she and her roommate walked to Stewart's car in the Morehead Planetarium parking lot after attending a movie.

In connection with Stewart's death, police have charged 16-year-old Maxwell Wright of Hillsborough with first-degree murder, two counts of robbery, one count of second-degree kidnapping, and one count of first-degree kidnapping. Second-degree kidnapping means the victim was released unharmed and in a safe place.

"Shock was the initial reaction," said Frederic W. Schroeder, dean of students. "There was also hope for her safety through the early part of the week."

"That hope turned into sorrow when it became clear she was not to live."

Stewart entered UNC in the fall of 1984 as a graduate student specializing in speech pathology in the School of Medicine.

Stewart worked three mornings each week with speech-impaired 3-5 year olds at Chapel Hill's First Baptist Church.

"She was undoubtedly a fine young lady with promise in her chosen field," Schroeder said.

Aside from being a good student and a contributor to the community, Stewart also was remembered as outgoing and friendly by a fellow grad student.

"Sharon wasn't shy," said the second-year grad student in speech pathology, who wished to remain unnamed. "No one who knew her could say anything bad about her."

The grad student, who lives in Craige, knew Stewart last year when she lived

in the dorm.

"I met many people through Sharon," she said. "Because of that I made my ultimate decision to live at Craige."

"I felt that many of the papers portrayed Sharon as sort of a book-worm who did nothing but study," the grad student said.

"She was a good student and made good grades, but she had a lot of friends and was fun to be around."

Stewart, from Cincinnati, Ohio, graduated in August 1984 with a bachelor's degree in speech and hearing sciences from Indiana University. There, she was on the dean's list six out of eight semesters. She also was a member of the Phi Eta Sigma and Golden Key honor societies.

She lived in Ohio with her parents, James and Pat, and her brother, Jimmy, in a small upper-middle-class neighborhood called Country Club Acres.

In Chapel Hill, Stewart lived at Kingswood Apartments.

Stewart was not known by many of her neighbors there, as they were all fairly new to the apartment complex.

"My roommate had seen her riding the bus once or twice," said one neighbor in the building where Stewart lived.

"Still, this is a terrible thing to have happened."

Schroeder commented on the impact of Stewart's death on the UNC community.

"We have all been made aware of the issue of security," he said. "She did all of the things anyone would recommend as safety precautions."

"However, there are circumstances you just can't protect against," he said.

Since Stewart's abduction, Schroeder said he had heard many people saying, "I am going to be more careful."

"We here often think this can't happen," he said. "Though we have RAPE (the Rape and Assault Prevention Escort), which is an excellent program now underway, individual awareness is still the key to safety."

Police led to body after deal struck

From staff and wire reports

Hillsborough youth Maxwell Avery Wright, accused of kidnapping and killing UNC graduate student Sharon Lynn Stewart, led police to her body early Friday morning after the prosecutor agreed not to seek the death penalty against him, law enforcement officials said.

The deal was struck as authorities were searching frantically for Stewart, who was abducted from the Morehead parking lot at knifepoint Aug. 24, sources said.

Investigators found Stewart's body at a construction site in eastern Guilford County about 2:30 a.m. Friday, four hours after 16-year-old Wright was extradited from Nashville, Tenn., where he was arrested on charges of stealing his father's pickup truck.

Stewart's body, which had sustained several stab wounds, was found in an orange, open, 55-gallon oil drum lying at a dump site about 300 feet south of U.S. 70. There was a handcuff attached to one of Stewart's arms. She died from the stab wounds, according to the N.C. medical examiner's office.

Chapel Hill Police Chief Herman Stone said that the other half of the handcuffs had not been found.

Orange County District Attorney Carl Fox agreed orally that he would not seek the death penalty if Wright helped police find Stewart or her body, *The Greensboro News & Record* reported.

Fox made the agreement with Orange County Public Defender Kirk Osborne Thursday night as they went to meet with Wright for the first time, sources said.

Fox declined to comment on the report Saturday, and he could not be reached Monday.

Wright led officers to the body after arriving at the Raleigh-Durham Airport at about 10:30 p.m. Authorities had refused to discuss the whereabouts of Wright Thursday night between his arrival and 5:30 a.m. Friday when he was jailed in Hillsborough.

After Stewart's body was discovered, a first-degree murder charge was added to the two kidnapping and robbery charges against Wright. The murder

warrant charged Wright, of 409 W. Corbin St., Hillsborough, with killing Stewart, 23, on Aug. 24.

Wright is old enough to be tried in North Carolina as an adult. Second-degree kidnapping means that the person abducted was not harmed. Because Stewart was harmed, one of the charges was changed to a first-degree kidnapping charge. Wright also faces a charge of second-degree kidnapping, and two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon.

Wright was charged with an assault in Fayetteville last month in connection with a July 5 incident, *The Fayetteville Observer* reported. Terry Giles was stabbed twice in her left thigh by a man in a grocery store parking lot.

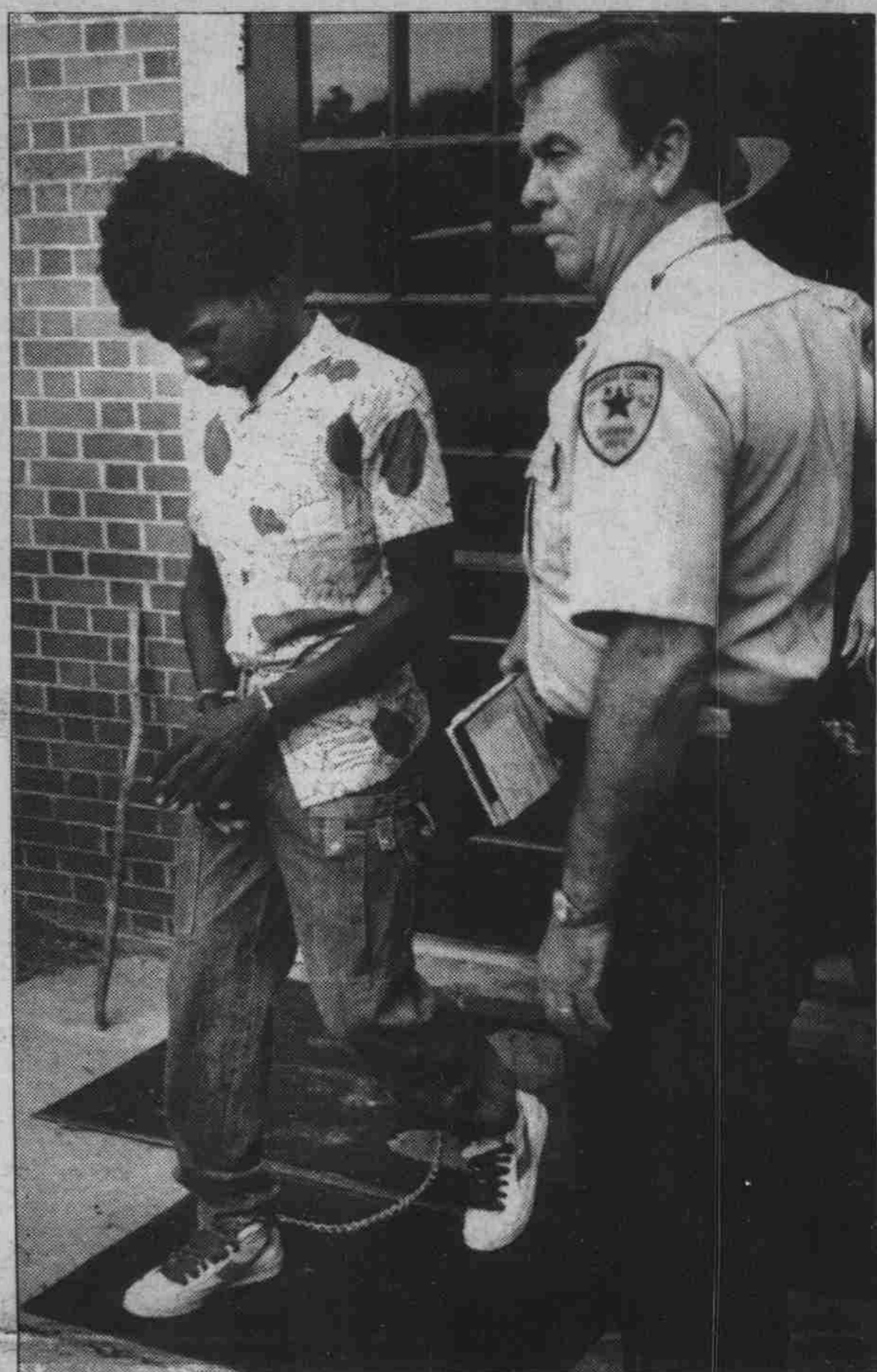
Giles reported that a man approached her and told her to move over as she put her groceries in her car. The man stabbed her when she refused to get in the car. He was stopped by a bystander when he fled.

Wright's parents visited him in the Orange County Jail before his first appearance hearing Friday. According to Orange County Sheriff Lindy Pendergrass, Wright's adoptive father, Howard Wright, had flown to Nashville Tuesday after his truck was found and his son arrested, but he would not speak to his son.

Wright is being held in the Orange County Jail without bond.

Stewart and her roommate, UNC graduate student Karla Kae Hammet, were on their way to their car after seeing a movie on Franklin Street when a black male approached them with a knife and ordered them to drive him around. Hammet was released after a short drive through campus, and Stewart was led away in handcuffs. She was not seen alive after about 11 p.m. that night.

Last week UNC officials had announced an anonymous donation of \$10,000 to be awarded to the person or persons who provided information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who kidnapped Stewart. Donald A. Boulton, dean of student affairs, said Monday that the money could be used to upgrade the security on campus, if the donors agreed to that.



Maxwell Avery Wright in the custody of the Orange County Sheriff's Dept. He is charged with the kidnapping and murder of Sharon L. Stewart

Stewart memorial

A memorial service will be held for Sharon Lynn Stewart at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Memorial Hall. The

Rev. Larry Hartsel, pastor of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will direct the service.

Tar Heel booters tie No. 1 George Mason

No real losers in 3-3 thriller

By LEE ROBERTS

The fatigued, sweat-covered soccer players walking off the pitch at Fetzer Field late Sunday afternoon told the story.

The story was of a battle, a battle between two of the titans of women's soccer today, a battle that ended as it should have — with no losers.

When the season-opening match, a thrilling 3-3 overtime tie between defending four-time national champion North Carolina and current No. 1-ranked George Mason, was over, the crowd of about 400 heartily applauded the two teams.

"It was a positive tie," North Carolina coach Anson Dorrance said. "Because of the graduation losses, it's important to establish a new identity."

That new identity, formed in the wake of the losses to graduation of seven Tar Heel starters, forged itself quickly. North Carolina may have some new faces, but it is still the soccer juggernaut it always has been.

"Our ambition was to find out where we stand," sophomore striker Carrie Serwetnyk, who scored two goals on the day, said of her No. 5-ranked Tar Heel team. "This game set out a pace for the season."

Any questions about problems the 'new' UNC team might have were quickly answered Sunday.

Just 8:40 into the match, Serwetnyk took a header from teammate Marcia McDermott in front of the George Mason goal and lofted it over the Lady Patriots' goalkeeper, Kim Maslin, for a quick 1-0 lead.

Six minutes later, April Heinrichs broke down the right side of the pitch with a breakaway, juked past two Mason defenders, and passed cross-field to Jo Boobas, who drilled it in for a 2-0 UNC lead.

Less than two minutes after that, Serwetnyk came up with a ball that had landed between two Mason defenders. The Lady Patriots crashed into each other, leaving Serwetnyk alone to juke downfield with only defender Betsy Drambour between her and the goal. Serwetnyk beat Drambour and beat goalkeeper Maslin with a 20-yard driller from the left side. Bang. 3-0.

"I was shocked," Dorrance said of the early lead.

"It was a slap in the face," Junior Lisa Gmitter, an all-America forward from George Mason, said. "They caught

us flat-footed. We all looked around us and said, 'hey, the season's started.'"

At that point it looked to be a rout, another No. 1 ranking for UNC and a fun goal-scoring spree en route to another lopsided win.

No way.

"They (George Mason) played with a hell of a lot of maturity," Dorrance said. "They deserve that No. 1 ranking. We have to beat them to get back to the Final Four."

With 15 minutes left in the first half, the Lady Patriots' Meg Romaine displayed some of that maturity, scoring from the left side after a midfield feed and subsequent scramble for the ball.

George Mason would strike again with seven minutes left in the half on a penalty kick by Chris Tomek to make it 3-2. Tar Heel defender Stacey Enos, with a Lady Patriot striker right behind her, had tried to jump high enough to head the kick, but ended up getting a hand ball call.

The second half was slower-paced, with George Mason controlling the ball most of the time. "We were fatiguing a bit," Dorrance said. "With that fatigue came some concentration lapses and the game stretched out."

George Mason all-America forward Pam Baughman dribbled past two UNC defenders and shot a 25-yarder into the upper-left hand corner of the net for a tie with seven minutes left.

The pace of both teams was furious in the last five minutes, but no goals were scored.

Overtime, a 30-minute exercise in frenzied soccer, ended up scoreless. Heinrichs had two near-goals in the last 30 seconds, and McDermott another earlier in the period. The play of George Mason goalkeeper Maslin was clutch.

"In the last two minutes, we were surging," Dorrance said.

That surge, however, wasn't enough. A disappointment?

"I'm very excited," he said. "It's a very young, eager team. They're real supportive of each other."

Kathleen O'Dell, after her first start as UNC goalkeeper, echoed the confidence of many of her teammates. "I thought we should have buried them," O'Dell said.

"For them to be ranked No. 1, we have much more talent than they do," she said. "It gives us tremendous confidence."



Carrie Serwetnyk (l) scored two goals against George Mason Sunday to lead UNC scoring

Frats to heed BOT request

By RANDY FARMER

Staff Writer

The fraternities at UNC are an eye-sore for the campus, but the fraternities are cooperating with the Board of Trustees and fraternity corporate representatives to improve their living conditions, said BOT member Maurice J. Koury.

"There is no anti-fraternity movement here," said Koury, chairman of the BOT's Student Affairs Committee. "There is agreement among (the fraternities) that action needs to be taken. The students will initiate the guidelines for renovation."

The BOT is concerned about the condition of the fraternity houses because they are close to campus, and a visitor could mistake them as part of the University, Koury said.

The BOT has no authority over the fraternities since they are owned by private corporations, but the fraternities are cooperating with the BOT's request that they renovate out of their own concern, Koury said.

Tommy Henson, president of the Interfraternity Council said: "The Board of Trustees has portrayed a concern (for the condition of fraternities). But (the BOT) has left the responsibility up to the fraternities."

"There has been no breathing down the fraternities' backs," Henson said. "There's also been no memo from the BOT telling us to get our act together. Everyone wants to get together to make the situation better."

In August, BOT members toured the fraternity houses with fraternity representatives and became concerned over the fraternity housing situation, Koury said.

The poor housing conditions the fraternities face are the result of years of neglect and not caused solely by the present members, Koury said.

In the last two years, the Delta Tau Delta house on Rosemary Street and the Pi Lambda Phi house on Frat Court were condemned.

John Davis, housing inspector for the town of Chapel Hill, said there was no move underway to condemn more fraternities.

"I haven't had any complaints to inspect," Davis said. "But the fraternities do need a lot of work."

On Sept. 24, fraternity presidents and the eight-member IFC will meet to discuss and develop guidelines for the renovations, with emphasis on how to continue upkeep of the houses once the renovations are made, Henson said.

Then, the fraternity presidents and IFC members will meet with fraternity corporate representatives for further discussion and development of the guidelines. In October, the corporate representatives and the students will meet with the BOT's Student Affairs Committee to finalize the guidelines.

Henson said that after the meeting Sept. 24, he would know whether all the fraternities would participate in establishing and following the guidelines. He said he believed all the fraternities would participate willingly.

The actual renovations should begin by January, Koury said.

Once the guidelines are in place, the money for the renovations will come from the fraternities.

The worst vice of the fanatic is his sincerity — Oscar Wilde