

Grand jury continues investigation of Bias' death

From Associated Press reports

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. — A county prosecutor spent more than two hours Tuesday briefing members of a grand jury that is investigating the death of University of Maryland basketball star Len Bias.

Arthur A. Marshall Jr., state's attorney for Prince George's County, would not discuss after the meeting what went on behind the closed doors

of the grand jury room.

"We're not going to have any comment at all today," he said.

Grand jury members also refused to discuss the investigation.

Marshall said last week that he would use Tuesday's session to bring the grand jury up to date on the police inquiry into the death of Bias, who collapsed in his dormitory room June 19, two days after being drafted by the NBA champion Boston Celtics.

Dr. John Smialek, Maryland medical examiner, said the All-American died of cocaine intoxication. He said Bias probably inhaled the cocaine only minutes before his heart stopped beating when the

cocaine interrupted the normal flow of electrical signals from the brain.

Marshall was accompanied into the grand jury room Tuesday by members of his staff and by Michael Ferriter, the county officer in charge of the police investigation.

The grand jury will not meet again to take up the Bias case until July 21.

Meanwhile, two television stations reported Tuesday that a federal drug investigation has been underway at the University of Maryland for the past six months.

The investigation is said to center on drugs allegedly sold in a campus dormitory and may involve athletes,

according to reports on WJZ-TV in Baltimore and WRC-TV in Washington.

Marshall said he was unaware of any federal investigation and Breckenridge Willcox, U.S. attorney for Maryland, did not return calls made by the Associated Press to his office.

Marshall said last week that he expects to call some University of Maryland officials as well as people who were in the room with Bias the night he died to testify before the grand jury.

He said he is interested in finding out who might have used illegal drugs

in addition to Bias and who supplied the cocaine or helped Bias buy it.

Marshall said he would consider filing homicide charges if someone other than Bias was found to be the supplier of the cocaine.

Roaches in Texas vie for honors

From Associated Press reports

All entries are in for Texas' Largest Cockroach contest, and the Smithsonian Institution has requested the winning bug for display even before the measuring begins.

More than 200 specimens — dead and alive, in jelly jars and shoeboxes — were entered before Monday's deadline, said sponsor Michael Bohdan of the Pest Shop-Bizzy Bees Pest Control Co. in Dallas. Contestants were vying for the \$1,000 grand prize.

Sally Love, curator of the insect zoo at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., said the zoo already has about four species of cockroaches, but she was interested in the contest's winner because of Texas' reputation for producing bigger and better breeds.

The Texas judging will be July 11, Bohdan said Tuesday.

A strong contender was Homer, nabbed in a Texas Woman's University kitchenette and measuring in at about 3 inches.

"I don't know how he'll rate against the other monsters," said captor Chris Graham. "We've been fattening him with crackers and sugar water."

Cindy Bigham, 33, who captured Buster at the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board meeting, said she made the catch with an envelope. "when I saw it, I said, 'There's a thousand dollars crawling on the floor.'"

Bohdan said he is keeping the contestants in his office, feeding the live roaches daily.

"When this is done . . . I plan to take a nice long fishing trip and exterminate the office," he said.

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Stress high among journalists

From Associated Press reports

LONDON — Miners endure the greatest stress at work and librarians the least among 150 jobs studied, researchers at Manchester University's Institute of Science and technology reported Monday.

Professor Cary Cooper, head of the organizational psychology group in the department of management sciences, said a team of occupational stress researchers ranked 150 jobs for a guide to careers.

In the ratings, police ranked second to miners in job stress. Tied for third were construction workers, journalists, civil aviation pilots and prison guards.

Cooper said it was impossible to come up with a set of factors to objectively measure stress because every occupation has its own way of manifesting stress — from alcoholism to divorce, heart disease to accidents.

"What we decided to do was use a rating by stress researchers using

their professional judgment," he said.

Researchers rated stress on a scale from 10 to 0.

Miners were rated 8.3, police 7.7 and the next four jobs—construction workers, journalists, civil aviation pilots and prison guards—rated 7.5.

Stockbrokers were 5.5, higher than bus drivers at 5.4. Diplomats were rated at 4.8, the same as farmers.

Museum workers were rated 2.8, nannies 3.3, astronomers 3.4 and clergymen and beauticians 3.5

WXYC tower hit by lightning

From staff reports

WXYC, UNC's student-run radio station, suffered technical problems that caused it to be off the air three times over a five-day period this week.

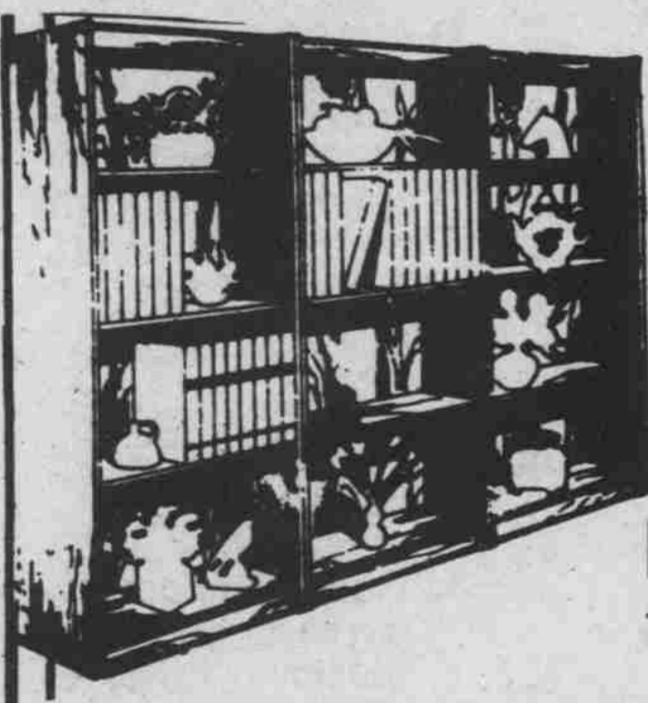
A brief power outage in the Carolina Union Saturday created a power surge when electricity was restored, damaging equipment vital to transmission, said disc jockey Keith Weston. The station was off the air from around noon until 2

p.m.

Problems related to the Saturday surge caused a subsequent lapse in transmission Sunday from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Monday was uneventful but lightning struck the station's transmitter atop the water tower on Manning Drive Tuesday at 11 a.m. WXYC chief engineer Howie Hoyt replaced and repaired the damaged components and had the station back on the air at 10:30 p.m.

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