

Police report

# Task force says UNC junior drowned

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An autopsy has revealed that UNC junior John Partridge, who was found dead March 4 after a three-week disappearance, drowned in a creek about a half-mile from his home in Raleigh, police said Monday.

Major Tom Justice of the Raleigh Police Department said he and a police task force were satisfied that no foul play was involved in Partridge's death.

"It doesn't look like a suicide, but it could have been accidental," Justice said. "In some cases, people of disturbed mind may drown. I'm not saying that Partridge was def-

initely this way, but he could have been."

Justice said a task force worked on the case a total of 30 days, beginning at the time of Partridge's disappearance Jan. 25. The investigators combed the Raleigh area and all 50 states, but Partridge's body was not found for more than three weeks.

"The body was mud-caked when we found it," he said. "In my opinion, it was underground when we combed the area the first time around."

"Anything could have moved the body, and it wasn't visible until the water level rose after the snowfall," Justice said.

Before finding Partridge's body,

investigators said they thought Partridge might have fled to Lubbock, Texas, because he had heard the town mentioned in a vision from God while listening to the radio.

Partridge had been president of Grimes Residence Hall and was recuperating from a year of deep depression when he disappeared.

York Morgan, a friend and roommate of Partridge, said memorial services will be held at 4:30 Thursday afternoon in Gerrard Hall, next to the Campus Y building.

Morgan said the Rev. Al Trotter, the minister from University Methodist Church who spoke to Partridge before his disappearance, will speak at the memorial service. Also, Dean

of Students Frederic Schroeder might speak at the service, Morgan said.

"Six of John's close friends from school plan to speak on his behalf, and we will show clips of John when he was with STV," Morgan said.

"The service will be less of a religious service than a tribute to John," Morgan said.

Partridge's friends have spoken to school administrators about creating a scholarship in his name. Donations will be accepted in rooms 201 or 213 of Grimes, at the memorial service or at a table in the Pit Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

## Massachusetts governor to join presidential race

From Associated Press reports

BOSTON — Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis announced Monday that he intends to become a candidate for the 1988 Democratic presidential nomination, saying he felt he had the strength to run the country although the odds against his winning were "very, very long."

"With your help and with your prayers the son of a Greek immigrant named Mike Dukakis can be the next president," the 54-year-old governor told his supporters at the Statehouse.

### Robertson seeks N.C. support

GREENSBORO — Evangelist Pat Robertson, during a series of appearances in North Carolina

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Monday, urged supporters here to give time, money and prayer to his possible presidential campaign.

Robertson, president of the Christian Broadcasting Network, shuns the "television evangelist" label, preferring to focus on his Yale law degree, his business experience at CBN and his conservative roots.

Christianity, he said, is the "bedrock" of American values. He called for prayer in schools, an end to abortions, drug-free schools, a balanced budget and cutting waste.

# Group seeks legislative support for horse racing in N.C.

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If moral concerns about gambling subside, and the N.C. General Assembly supports it, North Carolina could become home to thoroughbred horse and greyhound racing.

Horse racing can be considered an economic development program since it would create 4,000 jobs, improve tourism, add value to unused land and generate \$25 million in tax revenues, said Randall Terry Jr., half-owner of the High Point Enterprise newspaper.

Terry is the founder of the Carol-

ina Sports Association, a pro-racing lobbying group directed toward N.C. legislators and prominent business people. The CSA is developing a bill to present to the General Assembly that would legalize horse and dog racing.

Horse and dog racing is an "agri-business" that would strengthen North Carolina's economy now that the state's tobacco program is declining, Terry said. If horse racing is legalized, a new industry could be created in North Carolina.

He said the industry would be based on three tiers: breeding, training and racing.

The major obstacle the CSA must overcome in its lobbying efforts is opposition from religious fundamentalists, who oppose all forms of gambling as immoral, said former 4th District Rep. Ike Andrews. Andrews said he was trying to form a statewide committee of prominent business people to increase the strength of the CSA's proposal.

The horse racetrack would be built in the area between Greensboro, Winston-Salem and High Point, Terry said. Horse farms would sprout up nearby, he said, bringing \$500 million worth of thoroughbreds with them.

Breeding and training tho-

roughbreds would create jobs and a demand for feed and bedding, said N.C. Department of Agriculture spokesman Glenn Petty. He said realtors would also benefit because the new industry would increase the demand for housing.

Petty said the state legislature is mixed about horse and dog racing.

"There's no question that horse racing would be good for the horse industry, and it would filter down to being good for the whole (state's) industry," Petty said.

Horse and dog racing has been compared to a lottery system, but Terry said the differences between the two industries should be

acknowledged, since they would be competing for the recreation dollar.

A lottery generates \$200 million through a voluntary tax, and is considered a form of gambling, he said. Horse racing, however, is a job and economic program that would generate \$25 million annually.

"Racing is a catalyst for creating economic development," he said.

Andrews said some people would consider horse and dog racing as pure gambling.

"Gambling means a game of chance," he said. "Racing is not based on chance, it's based on bloodline. But people will interpret it as gambling if that's what they

want to believe, . . . and you can't succeed by arguing emotional issues."

Andrews said the CSA's long-range proposition, if successful, would include building a \$65 to \$70 million facility. He said horse racing is a huge industry and introducing it in North Carolina would be a multi-stage process.

Terry said it would take from three to four years to start a good racing program.

Andrews said dog racing was included in the package because it would raise money to pay for the racetrack. Dogs are raced in the winter when horses are not, he said.

## Students, officials search for new SAFO director

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The field of applicants for the new director of the Student Activities Fund Office (SAFO) has been reduced to eight, Dean of Students Frederic Schroeder said Monday, and he said he hopes a new director will be selected by the end of March.

The search for a new director, being conducted by Schroeder and the student audit board, which oversees SAFO, is necessary because of the pending retirement of SAFO director Frances Sparrow.

Originally, 40 to 50 people applied for the position, both from the University and from other places, Schroeder said. "We've had applicants from government positions

and private accounting firms as well as from the University," he said.

The director has to meet the qualifications stated in the job description, but the group is looking for other characteristics as well, Schroeder said. "We want somebody who is tuned into this kind of job," he said. "Someone who can be effective as a teacher and a coordinator and who's also a skilled accountant."

Audit Board member Russ McElroy said the director should have the ability to work with people and students, and should also meet the technical qualifications of the job.

Student Body Treasurer John Williams, who helped write the director's job description, agreed

with McElroy. He said he thinks the board is aware of the needs of student organizations.

"The director has to be able to work well with adults and students," he said. He said he's confident the board is using this as a basis for their selection.

The Division of Student Affairs and the Audit Board are working together for the first time to find a new director. Both sides said the arrangement has worked out very well.

"It has been very positive," said Schroeder. "They (the Audit Board) have been very helpful in going through the applications." Board members have also been effective in advancing positions to clarify the

relationship of the Audit Board and Student Affairs to SAFO.

McElroy said working with Student Affairs has been successful.

"Dean Schroeder has been very responsive to our concerns," he said. "I feel like we're working with him. It's not an adversary relationship at all."

Schroeder said that interviews for the position will begin soon, but that all eight remaining applicants will probably not be interviewed.

The board members will continue interviewing applicants until they find someone they like, McElroy said. "There is no set cut-off date," he said. "We don't have to choose from those eight."

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