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Princess Diana dies in car crash

❑ Princess of Wales killed in Paris when her car slams into side of Seine tunnel.

From Staff Reports

Princess Diana, 36, mother of the future king of England, died Saturday night after a car crash in the center of Paris.

At approximately 12:35 a.m., paparazzi on motorcycles chased Diana, her companion Egyptian millionaire Dodi Fayed, Diana's body-

guard, and their driver under the tunnel of the Pont de l'Alma bridge along the Seine River. The Mercedes that the princess was in was reportedly traveling at speeds exceeding 90 mph; the tunnel speed limit is 30 mph. The car plowed into a pillar in the middle of the tunnel then crossed lanes and hit the opposite wall. The driver and Fayed were killed instantly. The bodyguard, Trevor Rees-Jones, remains in the intensive care unit at the Pitie-Salpetriere Hospital in Paris.

In the impact, the Mercedes 600

sidered one of world's safest was totally wrecked. The car was crushed down to height, and the driver was thrown the knees of the seat passenger. Paris police held photographers questioning and two motor-and a motor confiscated sev-tuesday the pho- under a formal



Princess Diana dies at age 36.

Princess Diana WWW Internet Photo

Pops in the Park draws crowd

❑ The WRAL sponsored event held at Meredith drew in some 4,400 people.

Tory Hoke

Staff Reporter

They wore Wake Forest T-shirts and brought UNC umbrellas, but they chose to spend their Labor Day eve at Meredith. Sunday's Pops in the Park drew thousands to the campus for one of the summer's largest outdoor concerts. The heavily loaded, Broadway-themed program included two sets by the 18-piece Casablanca Jazz Band, sky divers, and the North Carolina Symphony—with guest vocalists Lauren Kennedy and Alan

Campbell—topped off by fireworks and reassurances from WRAL-TV's Greg Fishel that it would not rain. The bigger-than-ever crowd wagged concert programs printed on the back of fans.

"It's awesome," said Meredith graduate Tempe Harrington. "We're

having a great time. The music's great, the atmosphere's great." She and fellow alumnus Kelly McLawhorn chose to attend the concert after seeing an ad for it in *Spectator* magazine. "We thought we would enjoy it, coming out

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Guest vocalists Lauren Kennedy and Alan Campbell sing with the NC Symphony at Pops in the Park on Sunday.

Photo by Alison Flood

Meredith reacts to death of Princess of Wales

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As the world mourns the death of Princess Diana, Meredith's campus feels the sense of loss also. Faculty, staff, and students were stunned this Labor Day weekend to learn of the fatal car crash in Paris late Saturday night.

Student reaction to Diana's death was strong. Everywhere on campus Tuesday students discussed the weekend tragedy. Sophomore Kim Ritter was devastated when she heard the news. "It's a shock. I didn't think someone like her could die in a car accident," Ritter said.

Jana Coble, a commuter student, agreed. You would never think it would happen to her," she said.

Penelope Andrew, the new RD of Poteat, was born in Britain, but spent most of her life in the United States. Andrew said that for the British people Diana "is like a British JFK. The magnitude of her death is probably similar." Andrew also commented on the accident. "I have a negative view of the paparazzi, but the driver was drunk as well," she said.

Wings member Robin Fastenau thought that Princess Diana's untimely death was a shame. "There are so many rotten people, it's a shame to lose such a good person who was dedicated to so many causes," Fastenau said.

Freshman Melissa Tucker has lived in England for the past five years while her father was stationed there for the military. She said she cried when she first heard the news. "I was really upset," she said, "I really admired her." Tucker said that in England "everyone thinks she is wonderful. I feel for William and Henry."

England native John Rose, a professor for Meredith's Study Abroad program and a retired clerk for the House of Commons, also felt the impact of Diana's death. Rose said, "What a life...What a death...What an inspiration...What a waste." Rose also thinks that Diana's "legend will live and grow. I just hope that her amazing ability to break down barriers of race, class, age, and nationality will live on too in others."