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her husband wasn't killed in a brawl.

"I think the people of Greensboro and Winston-Salem -- and his co-workers -- need to know the entire story," she says. "... There was no argument in the lounge."

Of Francis Lloyd Ramsey, the man who allegedly shot her husband, she says: "Evidently, that man had other problems."

Siill, there are no traces of bitterness in her voice. When asked if she feels any hatred toward the person who killed her husband, she immediately says no, then there is a long pause.

"I feel empty and lost without my mate," she says. "And I don't feel that my husband did anything to provoke this action.

"He's (the killer's) going to get what's coming to him. He may not have suffered as much as I have, but I think he's having some second thoughts about what he's done."

Mrs. Shaw is strikingly serene. She even smiles and laughs when the memories come -- for example, the memory of how she met her husband when she was a Winston-Salem State student visiting an aunt in Sumter, S.C.

And how they met again in New York, and he later sent her a telegram because he didn't know her phone number.

Or how they were together last at a PTA meeting the day before he left for Charleston.

As for the stark reality of the present, Mrs. Shaw isn't sure whether she will attend Francis Ramsey's trial.

"I haven't decided," she says. "If I think I can handle it emotionally, I probably will."

Mrs. Shaw also says she fears that Ramsey will not be tried fairly -- that Southern justice may prevail, despite the fact that Ramsey turned himself in to police six hours after the shooting.

"I'm afraid this man is going to get off due to some technicality and wind up serving little to no time," she says.

As evidence, she points to a news clipping in which Ramsey's attorney, Dale Green, contends that the eyewitness only heard the shots that killed Shaw before he fled the scene.

And she gropes to understand the meaninglessness of her husband's death.

"I would have felt better if someone had told me my husband had been killed as a result of an accident," she says. "It would have been better. But to be told that he was killed for no apparent reason is very hard to accept."

Mrs. Shaw has not shed a tear during the entire interview. The grief seems etched in her face, but that's where it stays. She still smiles when she remembers her husband.

"I know this is what Len (her husband) would want me to do," she says, "and I have to be strong."

## Lewengrub

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stituency is in the black community to openly criticize another black? I think it is. If leadership includes a degree of boldness, a sense of right and a sense of justice, then bigotry must be condemned no matter the source. Any respect for facts will confirm that Louis Farrakhan preaches. religious and racial hatred. Andrew Young, Tom Bradley and others are not responsible for Farrakhan or anything he says, but they are responsible for their own reactions and responses, and the messages they send to millions of blacks set a tone.

Each has offered some criticism of Farrakhan. That is better than nothing, but hardly strong enough to make a ripple.

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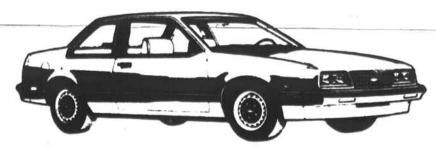
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