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Student dies after fall from balcony

Employee claims homophobic slurs written on car last week

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A freshman fell at least three floors to his death from a balcony in Ehringhaus Residence Hall on Monday morning.

Matthew Paul Burnore, 18, a freshman who lived in 324 Ehringhaus was declared dead in the emergency room of UNC Hospitals, according to a memorandum released by Dean of Students Fred Schroeder.

A junior who lived below Burnore said he was standing near the balcony when the incident occurred. "I just heard something," he said. "Then I just saw an object fall past the second floor."

The student said he didn't realize a student had fallen until he heard other residents screaming.

The police received a call at 8:53 a.m. about the incident, and they responded immediately along with South Orange Rescue and the Chapel Hill Fire Department. So far, investigators are stating Burnore may have fallen from the third floor of the six-story residence hall.

Police Chief Donald Gold said in a press release it was too early to determine a cause for the fall, and the investigation of the incident may not be completed for one day to two days.

"After a preliminary investigation, there is no apparent link to drugs or

alcohol in this case," Gold stated. "However, that will have to be confirmed by the State Medical Examiner's Office."

Monday night, Gold said the investigation had turned up no additional information and additional information would be released when it became available.

Schroeder said he had contacted Burnore's family.

"I met with his brother, Mr. Nathan Burnore, a (junior) at the University, at the emergency room," Schroeder stated. Nathan Burnore notified his parents in Japan and Indonesia, Schroeder stated.

"Later this morning, I called both parents to extend the concern and sympathy of the University and to offer any assis-

stance," Schroeder stated.

Nathan Burnore was not available for comment Monday evening.

Chancellor Michael Hooker said he was saddened at Burnore's death.

"His death will be felt throughout the University community," Hooker stated in a press release. "Our immediate thoughts and prayers are with Matthew's family, friends and loved ones."

Burnore's suitemates said they would not comment on the case because of the ongoing police investigation. Counselors from Student Health Service and University Counseling Center are providing assistance to students and employees from Ehringhaus.

BY RICK CONNER
STAFF WRITER

An anonymous letter sent to several University officials by "a full-time staff member of the University" claims someone wrote "DIE FAG" and other homophobic epithets on his car last week.

The letter states that someone traced out expletives in the dirt on the car and wrote "DIE FAG," "FAG" and "DIE FAGETS" on a rainbow flag displayed on the bumper.

The letter writer did not identify himself because he would "no longer feel

secure enough to risk any further reprisals or other infringements on my person or employment."

Student Body President Aaron Nelson received a copy of the letter, but said it would be difficult to respond because the writer left no way for anyone to get in touch. However, he spoke out sharply against the reported incident.

"That sort of behavior will not be tolerated on this campus," Nelson said. "We will not tolerate homophobia or bias-related vandalism or intimidation."

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Top 5 Campus Issues

The Daily Tar Heel conducted an intercept poll of 395 people on campus from Sept. 10 to Sept. 15 to determine which of 24 issues were most important to the University. Each Tuesday until the elections, we are looking at the top five. For more stories on crime, see page 4.

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Community engages in crusade against crime

BY ASHLEY MATLOCK
STAFF WRITER

DURHAM — Fans of cop shows and action films might be surprised to find real-life crusades against criminals close to home. But local officers Jack Cates and Anthony Smith have successfully fought drugs and reduced crime in the city's North East Central region.

The two officers, Durham's 1995 officers of the year, work with the District One Crime Area Target Team, which focuses on drug crime.

"We usually make an arrest within three minutes of leaving the station," Smith said before his night shift last Wednesday. In less than three minutes, Cates and Smith were out of the police car and charging a man for possession of drug paraphernalia.

"I just got out of prison," the man said. Unfortunately, this scenario is repeated countless times in Durham. "They come right back to the same environment and do it again," Smith said.

Most of the time the officer's work environment is less than civilized.

On Wednesday night one North East Central officer was taken to the hospital after being stuck by a needle, an injury Cates has experienced four times.

Cates and Smith said they put danger out of their minds. "We've had contracts out on our lives," Cates said. "It lets us know we're hurting them."

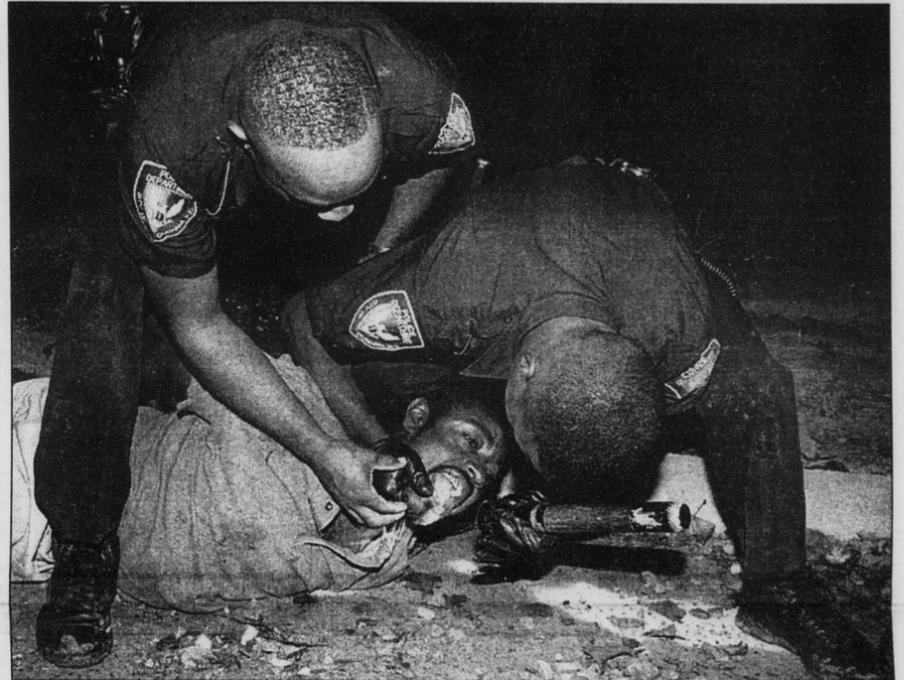
The officers said their reward was to see kids not afraid to play outside at night, as they pointed to a playground of children that was deserted a year ago.

Residents of North East Central Durham acknowledged the team efforts of Cates, Smith and Partners Against Crime, a local crime fighting organization, for reducing violent crimes this year.

Officers Cates and Smith have made the community safer, said Dot Kelly, a resident of the North East Central district. "I used to wake up at two or three in the morning hearing shooting — not anymore," she said. "They have shown us that they're your friends."

Police reports show the officers' efforts have made a difference.

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Officers from the Durham Police Department search for crack cocaine allegedly hidden in a suspect's mouth. The man was arrested Wednesday night after the police reported finding \$20 worth of the illicit drug.

Orange County women face gender gaps in wages, opportunity

BY KATE HARRISON
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Working women in Orange County, particularly minority women, still have a long way to go before reaching economic equality with their male counterparts, representatives of area agencies said.

Lucy Lewis, director of the Orange County Department for Human Rights and Relations, said women's wages relative to men's had increased during the last decade but still left a large gap.

Women's wages in the county increased from about 60 cents to 70 cents for every dollar earned by men.

"The vast majority of persons receiving Aid for Families with Dependent Children are women, and these women face the particular problems of trying to get a job that pays enough to get child care and the necessary transportation to get the child to child care as well as herself to a job," Lewis said.

Area women face other financial inequities connected to lower wages, such as

the loss of pension funds because of maternity leave or other family related absences that force them to change jobs.

"Women often sacrifice their long-term pensions to do things they're expected to do, like taking time off for child care or care for older parents," said Winnie Morgan, chairwoman of the Orange County Commission for Women and a self-employed businesswoman.

Lewis said a primary way to change such economic conditions was to get more women elected into office, an area

in which she said Orange County had made much progress. "I want to see more women running for office, though," she said. "Certainly, both men and women candidates have spoken out about women's issues, but I think women who have experienced these situations firsthand can bring sensitivity to the issue and continue to increase awareness of all elected officials to work for full economic, political and social equality for women."

Lewis said welfare reforms and increased minimum wage were necessary.

"I'm glad the minimum wage has increased some, but it's still not enough to keep up with inflation," she said. "I believe that a single mother working a minimum wage job full time, 40 hours a week should not still be below the poverty level. Right now women may go off welfare only to find their wages aren't high enough to pay for child care."

Area women's economic and social positions may also be influenced by their race, according to the Orange County Commission for Women's 1996 status



Part two of a four-part series:
ECONOMIC AND RACIAL JUSTICE

report. The report showed a disproportionate number of black women on

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PUNCHED OUT



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As a part of Rape Awareness Week, Chapel Hill police Lt. Angela Carmon teaches (from left to right) Zebrina Leung, Carol Chen, Chetali Kuber and Jennifer Smith how to punch an average-sized man in the face if attacked.

UNC president needs academic past, some say

BY CHARLES HELLWIG
STAFF WRITER

Academic and business concerns clashed yesterday when leaders from across the UNC system met to outline the qualifications for the next UNC-system president.

The most vigorous debate among members of the leadership statement committee centered on whether the new president needed to come from an educational background.

"This time around we should have the guts to say we want a president who came from this environment, stands for this environment and will fight for the university community," Faculty Senate Chairman Peter Petschauer said.

UNC-system President C.D. Spangler served as chairman of the N.C. state Board of Education when he was chosen 10 years ago, but he was better known for his business background.

BOG member John Garwood, co-chairman of the leadership statement committee, said the issue of bringing in a president with experience in the education community came up repeatedly in public meetings held across the state.

"That feeling has come out in most of the hearings — that the leadership this

time should be from within the academic community," he said. "The feeling expressed is, 'They've had their turn, now it's our turn.'"

John Dervin, president of the Association of Student Governments, agreed. "One of the things that is important is finding someone to be the chief educator in North Carolina," Dervin said.

"Experience within the business community is important, but students want someone who has been in the classroom and can work with and understands students."

Phil Kirk, president of North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry, sent a letter to the leadership committee disagreeing with Dervin and Petschauer. "The president does not need to be a professional educator," Kirk stated.

Chancellor Edward Fort of N.C. Agricultural and Technical State University acknowledged the importance of listen-



Association of Student Governments President JOHN DERVIN said the next UNC-system president should have worked in academics.

ing to the students and faculty's recommendations, but agreed with Kirk.

"The 'it's our turn' feeling expressed at many of the hearings is fine, but let's not exclude the possibility of good people coming from outside the academic community," Fort said.

The committee also suggested a number of goals for the next president, including improving education, maintaining diversity throughout the system and expanding access to higher education for all North Carolinians.

"One of the main goals of the next president should be to keep tuition reasonable, that is, reasonably low," said Julius Chambers, co-chairman of the leadership statement committee and N.C. Central University's chancellor.

All the chairmen stressed the importance of input from the general public in the search process, pointing to the series of hearings that were held across the state to bring in a variety of opinions.

"We really do want the general public, faculty, students, business interests and others to know that this is their institution and we want the best president money can buy," Marvin said.

The leadership statement committee expects to finish reworking the statement for the BOG's November meeting.

Reality is that which, when you stop believing in it, doesn't go away.

Philip K. Dick