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Outrage Over Slaying Prompts Vigil at UNC

B-GLAD Co-chairman Ian Palmquist says the vigil can help raise awareness of hate crimes and promote legislative action.

By PAUL HOBSON
Assistant University Editor

About 200 students, faculty and community members gathered Monday night in the Pit for a prayer vigil inspired by the recent beating death of a gay University of Wyoming student. Bisexuality, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity organized the vigil to mourn and to discuss intolerance and hate crimes a day after the annual celebration of National Coming Out Day. UW student Matthew Shepard, 21, died Monday in a Fort Collins, Wyo., hospital after

two men beat him last week.

Vigil attendees said Shepard briefly lived in Salisbury and attended Catawba Community College a few years ago.

"We want to call attention to the necessity of hate-crimes legislation to help prevent similar attacks from occurring in the future," B-GLAD Co-chairman Ian Palmquist said. "We are coming together in sadness."

B-GLAD Co-chairwoman Amanda Maris said the vigil needed to call attention to the history of hate crimes against gays.

"He's not the first one, and he's not the last," Maris said. "We need to speak, and more importantly, we need to take action."

Participants gently sang "We Are a Gentle, Angry People" while some etched phrases like "Why?" and "Stop hate" into the pavement

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with wax dripping from candles.

Petitions supporting the federal Hate Crimes Prevention Act circulated as participants took turns speaking from a megaphone.

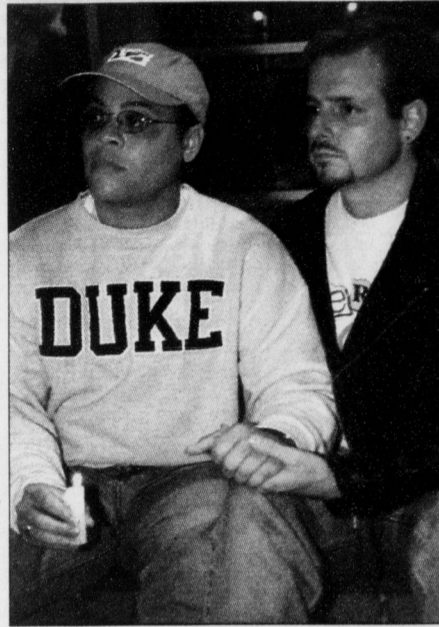
"It's more of a political act than an emotional one," said Derrick Miller, a graduate student and B-GLAD member. "I think it's important in the face of what happened to show solidarity."

The petition stated that the act, which will be considered by Congress, would make felonies of hate crimes based on sexual orientation, creed or religion. Palmquist said Wyoming was one of 10 states without hate-crimes legislation.

"Hate crimes are more than an attack on the victim," Palmquist said. "They are an attack on the whole group that victim represents."

Episcopal Campus Minister Stephen Stanley said violence was not the only kind of hate

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Carlton Leftwich (left) and Brian Denton remember Matthew Shepard, victim of a fatal hate crime.

Gay Victim Dies After Hate Crime

The suspects in 21-year-old Matthew Shepard's beating face murder charges after the victim died Monday.

Associated Press

LARAMIE, Wyo. — A gay college student who was lured from a campus hangout, beaten and tied to a split-rail fence died Monday, and the two young men arrested in the attack now face murder charges that could bring the death penalty.

Matthew Shepard, 21, died at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins, Colo., while on life support. His skull was so badly smashed that doctors could not perform surgery, hospital president Rulon Stacey said.

The University of Wyoming student had been in a coma since bicyclists found him in near-freezing temperatures Wednesday evening. They at first mistook him for a scarecrow.

The attack has spurred calls nationwide for hate-crimes legislation protecting gays. President Clinton pressed Congress to expand the federal hate-crimes law to cover offenses based on disability or sexual orientation.

"Americans will once again search their hearts and do what they can to reduce their own fear and anxiety and anger at people who are different," Clinton said.

"And I hope that Congress will pass the hate-crime legislation."

Russell Arthur Henderson, 21, and Aaron James McKinney, 22, were originally charged with attempted murder, kidnapping and aggravated robbery, and jailed on \$100,000 bail each.

Police said that with Shepard's death, the charges against them will be upgraded to first-degree murder, which carries a possible death sentence.

Their girlfriends — Chasity Vera Pasley, 20, and Kristen Leann Price, 18 — were charged with being accessories

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Break-in Suspects Arrested

Chapel Hill police charged three suspects who they believe are responsible for 58 weekend break-ins.

By REYNOLDS RICHTER
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill police arrested three suspects early Monday morning in connection with a wave of weekend car burglaries at the University's PR lot on Estes Drive and the Eubanks Road and Southern Village park and ride lots.

Eston Travis Rives, 18, of 103 Hillview St.; Robert Edmond Doran, 17, of 106 Rock Springs Court; and James Roy Webster, 17, of 206 Yorktown Drive, were each arrested on a felony charge of possession of burglary tools.

Capt. Gregg Jarvis said the suspects were arrested after being pulled over for a broken headlight. The arresting officer, who knew of the recent break-ins, found a large amount of suspected stolen property in the car in addition to burglary tools, Jarvis said.

"It was a combination of good, aggressive police work and a stroke of luck," he said.

The suspects were confined Monday morning at Orange County Jail, and each was being held on a \$10,000 secured bond, police reports state. They will be tried Nov. 7 at Orange County District Court in Chapel Hill.

Police reports listed 16 break-ins at the Eubanks Road lot and two break-ins at the Southern Village lot. University Police estimated 40 cars were broken into at the University-owned PR lot on Saturday night.

Thompson said the robbers targeted each lot on a different night.

"They hit Southern Village on Friday night, University on Saturday night and Eubanks Road on Sunday night," he said.

There was a total of \$3,100 in damages to cars in the Eubanks Road lot, mostly in broken windows, and \$1,850 in damages to the two cars in the Southern Village lot, according to police reports Monday. However, Thompson said many new reports were filed Monday, especially from people who parked in the Southern Village lot.

Jarvis said the damage reports did not include items stolen from the targeted vehicles.

Police will file additional charges against the suspects after investigators and University Police match the recovered items with their owners, he said.

"We're anticipating there will be dozens of charges lodged against each of the suspects," he said.

UNC junior Jeffrey Poulard, who parks in the Eubanks Road lot, said the

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LEADING THE WAY



Professor Chuck Stone and Chancellor Michael Hooker lead the procession to Memorial Hall, where University Day celebrations took place. Alumni, professors and students were honored at the ceremony, where Stone delivered a keynote address about UNC's future.

Cornerstone Honors Senior Class of 1998

The original cornerstone was laid in 1798 when South Building was the third building on campus.

By KATIE ABEL
Staff Writer

Chancellor Michael Hooker and former Senior Class President Franklin Golden unveiled South Building's new cornerstone Monday to a crowd of faculty, students, staff and alumni.

The new cornerstone, honoring the class of 1998, because it commemorates the 200th anniversary of when the building's original cornerstone was laid.

Hooker said William Richardson Davie, grand master of the Masonic Order in North Carolina, oversaw the laying of the building's first cornerstone on April 14, 1798.

"South Building has undergone many changes over the years, but it has always played a vital role in the life of the University," Hooker said.

Meigs and Peggy Golden of Sanford

and John and Ann Sanders of Chapel Hill, all of whom attended the ceremony, donated the new cornerstone. The Goldenes, grandparents of Franklin Golden, are residents of Lee County, the origin of the cornerstone's sandstone.

The Sanders paid for the cutting and engraving of the cornerstone as a personal gift to the University.

They said they were involved in a similar project five years ago when they funded the bicentennial cornerstone for Old East Residence Hall.

"It's a way of reminding people of the physical past of the University," John Sanders said.

Sanders said he first became interested in University buildings when he was a student at UNC.

South Building is the University's third oldest permanent building, after Old East and Person Hall.

It initially included 26 residence hall rooms, classrooms and a library, Franklin Golden said. Former U.S. President James K. Polk lived there as a student, he said.

After a major reconstruction project in 1925 and 1926, the building was used only for offices of University administrators and staff.

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The new cornerstone of South Building marks its bicentennial. The cornerstone, unveiled on Monday, honors the class of 1998.

Stone: Determination, Diversity Keys to Future Success of UNC

University Day keynote speaker Chuck Stone says UNC needs to assess its strengths and weaknesses.

By KELLI BOUTIN
Staff Writer

As the turn of the century approaches, the University community must establish a formula for greatness,

University Day keynote speaker Chuck Stone said.

Stone, the Walter Spearman professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, discussed "UNC's 21st Century Mission for Greatness" before a nearly packed Memorial Hall Monday. "University Day is a day to pause and take an intellectual inventory, assess our academic and athletic strengths and weaknesses,"

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University student Matthew Shepard died Monday after being beaten and tied to a fence.

INSIDE Tuesday

Natural Resources

Resource Officer Rex Gibson says the students of East Chapel Hill

High School see him as the school's neighborhood cop. Gibson uses personal interaction with the students to deter crime. See Page 4.

Let Freedom Ring

Yugoslavian President Slobodan Milosovic agreed Monday night to end his seven-month violent repression of the Kosovo province after months of threats from the United Nations and NATO. See Page 5.

Battling for Your Vote

State Senate hopefuls are gearing up for the Nov. 3 elections. The two Democratic incumbents and their Republican challengers are focusing on education reform. See Page 2.

Today's Weather

Partly sunny; Mid 70s
Wednesday: Partly sunny; Lower 70s.

Crime, like virtue, has its degrees.

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