

N.C. State Athletes Receive Sentence for Davis Murder

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N.C. State University released Monday night the sanctions imposed on two football players charged in connection with the shooting death of Neil Vernon Davis Jr. on Nov. 22.

Both students, freshmen Harold Jackson and David Stringer, were convicted of committing Infliction or Threat of Bodily Harm by a student-faculty hearing board.

Jackson was suspended for four semesters, sentenced to 50 hours of community service and was ordered to seek counseling. Stringer was suspended for five semesters, sentenced to 60 hours of community service and must also seek counseling. Both students will remain on Disciplinary Probation for the remainder of their academic careers.

The two students and several others involved will face criminal charges ranging as high as involuntary manslaughter.

N.C. State's timing for releasing the

information from the hearings, which were held Saturday, might have been prompted by the distaste expressed by the victim's parents. Neil and Dorothy Davis publicly protested Sunday the university's failure to include them or even notify them of the proceedings.

Thomas Stafford, student affairs vice chancellor at N.C. State, said attendance at the meeting had to be restricted because of federal privacy laws.

"The law is called the Buckley Amendment and it provides for the confidentiality of all student records," Stafford said. "This is pretty standard practice for a university to include judicial information into the parameters of these records."

Gerald Beaver, the Davises' attorney, said they had intentionally steered clear of the ongoing investigation into the incident, but that they felt it was unfair to exclude them from the hearing.

Beaver said key witnesses for the prosecution testified, allowing the defense to be privy to information that

could be useful in criminal court. He said that this information might never find its way into the prosecution's case. "The family doesn't have the right to subpoena the information from the hearing; the district attorney does," he said. "And we don't know what their position is yet."

Beaver said he and his clients would consult the district attorney handling the case about their legal rights. Beaver added that they would investigate the federal statute N.C. State cited as grounds for excluding the Davises from its proceedings.

Stafford said, on a personal level, that he thought the Davises' should be allowed into the hearing but that the federal law would not allow them to attend.

"To me it does seem unfair and I don't mind saying that," Stafford said. "But under current law we can't respond the way the Davises would like."

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Dialectic and Philanthropic Society members and students voted 5-9-2 to keep Clinton in office.

By Carrie Callaghan
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Resolved: The Senate should remove the President from office.

The Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies, the oldest student organizations on campus, voted to defeat this proposal after a debate Monday night.

The societies have been meeting together for over 200 years to debate controversial issues.

An unofficial vote on the resolution was also taken, with all people in the room voting, even those not in the societies. The resolution then passed, with a vote of 12-11-5.

The main arguments made by students supporting this decision included the triviality of the articles of impeachment passed against President Clinton, perjury and obstruction of justice and their irrelevance to the lives of United States citizens.

Brad Timmers, a junior from

Columbia, S.C., argued against the resolution. "Have (the President's indiscretions) affected your day-to-day life?" he asked. "It's just not a good enough reason to remove him from office."

Alex Blate, a senior from Montgomery Village, M.D., also opposed the resolution.

"What Clinton did is something I think a lot of Americans would have done," he said. "He cheated on his wife, and having done so, lied about it."

Students against the resolution admitted that Clinton lied under oath, but maintained that the circumstances surrounding it did not merit removal from office. "In all circumstances it's regrettable that a witness should tell a falsity," Timmers said. "But the disadvantages of removing (Clinton) from office outweigh the dilemma of a falsity."

In response, Drew Haywood, a junior from Asheboro, asked Timmers, "Does that mean, to borrow an Orwellian phrase, that some pigs are more equal than others?"

Some of the members of the societies agreed with Haywood's argument.

Senior Sabrina Presnell, president of the Dialectic and Philanthropic societies joint senate said, "Nothing makes me madder, as Student Attorney General, than when somebody lies to me."

Presnell said she would not advise members of the societies as to which way to vote, but she felt Clinton's actions would set a poor example for the nation.

"The justice department in this country is based on people telling the truth," she said. "(Clinton) lied under oath and he made the decision to take one of the most sacred American ideals and disrespect it."

Deandra Scott, president of the Philanthropic Society, said the entire affair was distracting for the nation.

"I'm sure nobody looks at cigars the same way anymore."

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reason to believe that he will testify."

The filing from Clinton's lawyers - a joint effort by six private attorneys and five members of the White House coun-

sel's office - was received by Senate Secretary Gary Sisco at 11:48 a.m. - 12 minutes before the deadline.

Inside was a two-pronged rebuttal to the charges. First, that the allegations of perjury and obstruction of justice "do not constitute high crimes or misdemeanors," and thus are insufficient to

warrant the "conviction and removal from office of a duly elected president."

Secondly, that Clinton is innocent of the charges lodged, specifically the accusations of perjurious and misleading statements to Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's grand jury about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Clinton also denied committing perjury in answers to grand jury questions about earlier testimony in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit, in statements he permitted his attorney to make in the case and in his answers to questions about alleged efforts to influence others' testimony.

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sively waned from October to the end of last semester. "By December, he was not as strong as he needed to be as a treasurer responsive to the day-to-day needs of the office. He wasn't showing the level of commitment needed for a student body treasurer."

Still, Patel said the agreement for Dasher to step down had little to do with incompetence on Dasher's part.

"It's just that Reyna is not willing to compromise the office of the student body treasurer on his account ... And as

a result, the student body officers wholeheartedly support his resignation."

Still, "You can't have someone (in office) who's only half-performing," Walters said. "It's unfortunate because James is a wonderful person, but he is not the person for this position."

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cent," Hess said. The chemistry book is used in one of the largest entry-level classes at the University, Chemistry 11.

Unlike Student Stores, CUB's only criterion for purchasing books is that the book must be in academic use somewhere in the United States, allowing it to purchase some books that Student Stores does not.

When CUB puts the books back on the market to students, they too are sold at about 75 percent of the new book price. Hess said he kept a careful eye on the market and priced his books accordingly. "When I see a book getting old, I will drop the sale price and pay a little less for it," Hess said.

Unlike Student Stores, which Mahalek said was in a "noncompetitive position," Hess said he kept abreast of the prices other sellers paid for books.

"(Student Stores') mission is to have every book for every course," he said. "Ours is to save students time and money."

As well as citing the skills gained in her work as a public defender, Broun said her position as chairman of the Orange Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors had allowed her to closely observe Carrboro's growth.

She said she chose to apply after the recent birth of her child.

"I wanted to ensure that Carrboro would be a place for my child to grow up and get married and make me a grandmother," she said.

Bynum, an Orange County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council member, said she had proudly watched Carrboro grow in her 35 years as a resident. "When I first came here people used to laugh at Carrboro compared to Chapel Hill," she said.

Bynum said that Carrboro should try

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will be held Jan. 27.

Morrison said changes in the Student Code regarding election laws, such as a resolution defining candidates' use of e-mail and the Internet, would benefit this campaign.

"Now it's very clear," he said. "There was a lot of ambiguity this past year and Student Congress has worked on it and made a lot of changes."

to work more closely with the UNC Department of Urban Planning as well as the Institute of Government. "When we are planning for the future, the University is one department that has a lot of education that we could use."

Dorosin said his diverse experiences as a high school teacher, civil rights lawyer and bar owner had given him many perspectives on the power of local government.

He said one of his focuses would be drawing businesses and events that would protect and strengthen the character of Carrboro's downtown.

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