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Murder Suspect Surrenders to Cops

By JENNY ROSSER
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The man arrested for the fatal New Year's Day shooting at the Orange Water and Sewer Authority plant in Carrboro faced his first day in court on Wednesday.

Raleigh resident Michael Jordan Cruz, 23, of 2738 New Bold Drive was arrested Tuesday evening and charged with first-degree murder in connection with the death of Michael Gregory Crosby, 21, of Raleigh.

Crosby's body was found by a construction worker at the OWASA plant, which is located on Old Mason Farm Road, on the morning of Jan. 1.

Chapel Hill Police Chief Ralph Pendergraph said Cruz was arrested after coming by the police department for questioning, but Pendergraph would not comment on possible motives for the murder.

"At this point we are not releasing details concerning the murder investigation," he said. "Although we have made an arrest, we still have a lot of work to do in order to be able to prosecute."

Pendergraph said because of the victim's age and the fact that he lived in an area where many people knew him, the pool of possible suspects had grown very large. "Initially, Cruz was no more a suspect than other people we inter-

viewed," Pendergraph said.

Police would not release details about why Cruz became the prime suspect in the investigation.

According to police reports, Cruz is being held at the Orange County Jail in Hillsborough without bond.

Cruz had his first court appearance in Orange County Superior Court on Wednesday. At that hearing he was scheduled for a Jan. 24 court date.

Pendergraph said Chapel Hill police had been working with both the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the State Bureau of Investigation since the body was discovered a week and a half ago.

Crosby's murder marks the first

homicide the Chapel Hill Police Department has investigated since 1996.

However, police spokesperson Jane Cousins said the police investigators assigned to the case had previous experience investigating homicides.

Police would not confirm reports that Crosby suffered a gunshot wound to the head, but did say that there was no connection between the murder and the OWASA plant.

Pendergraph said he was confident in the department's abilities but that there was a lot of work to do before getting a murder conviction.

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Murder Suspect Michael Jordan Cruz, 23, of Raleigh is being held in Orange County Jail.

UNC Ups Disclosure Deadline

The University joins more than 45 colleges who set Jan. 1 as a deadline for full disclosure of factory locales.

By ALEXANDRA MOLAIRE
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UNC task force members say interim Chancellor Bill McCoy's change in the deadline for UNC licensees to fully disclose their factory locations is a strategic move.

McCoy moved up the initial March 31, 2000, deadline to Jan. 1.

UNC joins a list of more than 45 colleges and universities, including Duke University, who set Jan. 1 as the deadline for their licensees to implement the Collegiate Licensing Co. labor code, which governs public disclosure, fair wages and working hours, child labor and harassment.

The CLC manages trademark licensing for about 175 colleges and universities across the United States.

McCoy, who agreed in April to enforce full disclosure for UNC's licensees to end a three-day student-led sit-in at South Building, said he changed the deadline to place UNC in conjunction with the other schools.

"As I saw the evolution of the process, a large number of the universities are going to be together in terms of the code content," McCoy said. "I thought it would be appropriate marching in step with the other universities."

McCoy said that after choosing the new Jan. 1 deadline for both requirements, the CLC notified UNC's licensees, including Nike Corp. and Champion, of the change in late December.

Rut Tufts, co-chairman for the task force, said a dilemma arose with the contract renewal process, leading to the new agreement.

In the former agreement, UNC licensees would implement the new CLC labor codes as they renewed their contracts beginning Nov. 15 and had to comply with full disclosure requirements by March 31.

Other schools, which share common licensees with UNC, required Jan. 1 as a deadline for full disclosure.

"The sites were going to be made public before they would have to implement the code," Tufts said.

The task force discussed whether to recommend implementing just the labor standards or the standards plus a monitoring process by Jan. 1, Tufts said.

The monitoring process would set up guidelines for implementation, verification and remediation of any problems at the manufacturing sites.

The task force recommended the latter option, but McCoy chose the former. "We're still working on those (remediation) processes," McCoy said.

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Broad to Mesh Tuition Hike, Aid Proposals

A historic state-based financial aid proposal might be part of the Board of Governors' annual tuition recommendation to the state.

By ALICIA GADDY
Staff Writer

UNC-system President Molly Broad will champion an unprecedented \$36.8 million financial aid allotment at Friday's Board of Governors meeting to compensate for her systemwide tuition increase proposal.

Originally presented to the BOG in October, the package would be the largest need-based financial aid program in state history if approved by the BOG and the N.C. General Assembly.

The plan calculates each student's expected family contribution and also requires a self-help contribution from each student. The aid covers the balance of the student's financial need.

Gary Barnes, UNC vice president for program assessment and public service, was chairman of the Student Financial Aid Task Force that recommended the aid increase to the BOG.

Barnes said there were still loose ends, although a \$32-million version of the financial aid plan had been approved by

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TAKING A STAND

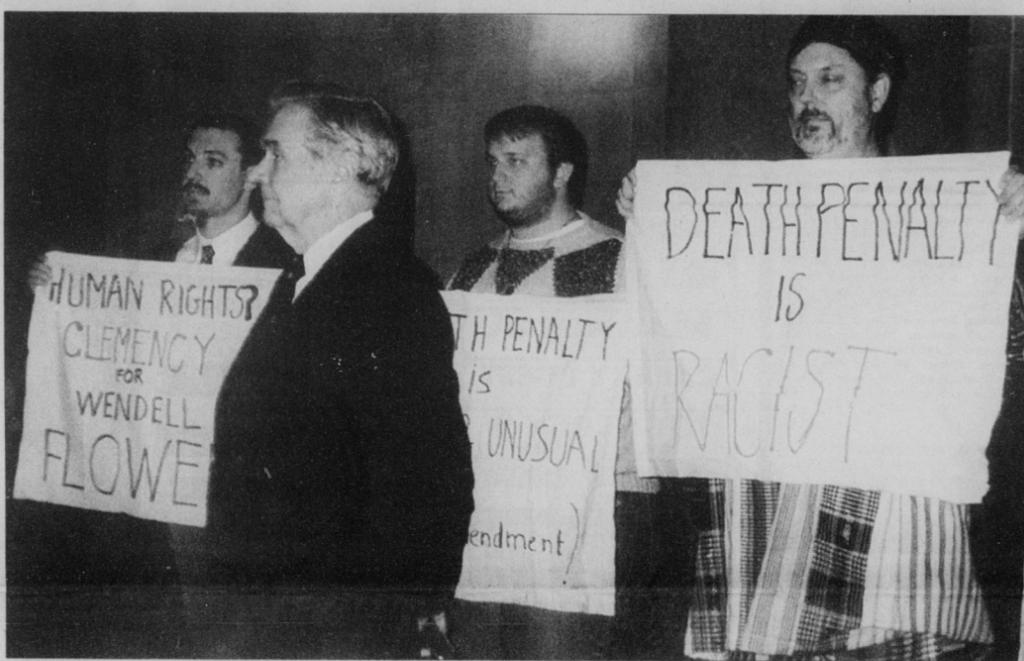


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In a December speech to human rights activists in Raleigh's Old Capitol, Gov. Jim Hunt was met by UNC-Chapel Hill students, including members from the Campaign to End the Death Penalty and the Carolina Socialists Forum. Kara Mannia, a CEDP member handed Hunt a resolution passed by Student Congress calling for a freeze of the death penalty.

Former Faculty Chairmen Blast Tuition Increase

By MATTHEW SMITH
Staff Writer

In the latest round of faculty reaction to tuition increases, five former UNC faculty chairmen wrote a stirring letter over Winter Break urging members of the Board of Governors to strike down a proposed University tuition plan.

Stressing the University and state historical commitment to affordable education, their opposition to tuition increases is directly in contrast to current Faculty Chairman Pete Andrews.

Andrews supported the Board of

Trustees October proposal calling for a \$1,500 increase over five years.

"For a long time (UNC) has boasted that a student can enter with an empty purse and leave four years later with a diploma in hand," the chairmen wrote. "History suggests that this goal goes back to the very establishment of our state."

E.M. Adams of the Department of Philosophy, Doris Betts of the Department of English, Fred Cleveland of the Department of Political Science, Dan Okun of the Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, and Dan Pollitt of the

School of Law were all cosigners of the letter, which was sent Dec. 27.

Since then, UNC-system President Molly Broad announced her own plan last week for tuition increases at UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University.

The BOG will consider both Broad's plan and individual campus initiatives in a Friday workshop in Wilmington.

The chairmen's letter marks the second group of UNC-Chapel Hill faculty to publicly express opposition to the increase. Members of the Progressive Faculty Network, formed this fall, and several other faculty members came out against

tuition increases in a November letter to the BOG. That letter was followed in turn by a message from 37 department chairmen in favor of the increase.

Pollitt said the tuition boost was not in the same spirit as North Carolina's constitution. "I agree with the framers of our state's constitution that tuition should be as close to free as possible," he said.

Pollitt said he believed his letter would impact the board members. "I've already got some phone calls from them saying they appreciate the letter."

Okun said salaries should be raised, but that students should not foot the bill.

"If a pattern of meeting the costs of the University with tuition increases, it would be a slippery slope," he said. "We'll raise them the next time we need to raise revenue and the next time."

The letter also proposed that competitive faculty could be retained by developing more programs for faculty, including adequate and affordable housing for professors, a sabbatical leave program and a faculty club. "Most campuses have them, and we used to have them."

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CUBISM



DTH/EMILY SCHNUR

Junior Emily Williams paints a cube Tuesday to announce Loreleis auditions on Jan. 18. The vocal group covers popular hit songs in an a cappella style. The all-female troupe will hold its annual spring concert later in the semester.

UNC, Duke Nab Hefty Grant For AIDS Research, Treatment

The grant enables the University's AIDS research team, globally renowned for its innovative work, to continue clinical experiments.

Associated Press

UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke University will receive a total of \$21 million in renewed federal grants to help treat AIDS patients in North Carolina and to participate in experimental AIDS treatments.

UNC-CH will receive \$12.5 million for its experiments over the next five years, while Duke will receive \$8.5 million, the two universities announced Wednesday.

The renewed grants originate with the national Adult AIDS Clinical Trial Group through the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

The announcement represents the fourth round of funding through the group for UNC-CH and the third for Duke, said David Williamson, a UNC spokesman.

This year, about \$80 million is being given for the trial group to 32 programs nationwide, Williamson said.

Through 1998, 8,769 North Carolinians had been diagnosed with AIDS and 8,479 adults and adolescents had tested positive for HIV but had not yet developed AIDS, said Dr. Charles van der Horst, one of two clinical researchers leading UNC-Chapel Hill's work on AIDS.

While AIDS deaths are down dramatically, two few Tar Heel residents are being tested, he explained.

"AIDS remains a huge problem in North Carolina, particularly among teenagers, heterosexuals and African Americans," van der Horst said.

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INSIDE Thursday

A Season of Change

Several Chapel Hill businesses have undergone changes recently, ranging from small renovations to complete overhauls. See Page 5.

The End of the Game

U.S. Justice Department lawyers are planning to request a three-way split of Microsoft, following the months-long monopoly trial. See Page 6.

Second-Half Shutdown

The UNC men's basketball team blew a seven-point halftime lead against Wake Forest on Wednesday and lost 66-57. Wake guard Robert O'Kelley scored 18 points after intermission. See Page 7.

Today's Weather

Cloudy;
High 60s.
Friday: Sunny,
High 40s.

What is the hardest task in the world? To think.

Ralph Waldo Emerson