

Acclaimed Alumnus MacNelly Dies at 52 Sutenfield, Shelton Fill 2 Key University Posts

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JUNE 15 - We celebrate the life of cartoonist Jeff MacNelly and embrace him as an alumnus of the University and The Daily Tar Heel.

The DTH was just the launching ground for a magnificent career that would ultimately net MacNelly three Pulitzer Prizes and recognition among peers as the greatest editorial cartoonist of his generation, if not ever.

"He was the greatest cartoonist ever," said Gary Brookins, a cartoonist at the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

"His humor went hand in hand with the beautiful drawings that were unsurpassed. No one else really approached him."

MacNelly died last Thursday at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

The 52-year-old native New Yorker had been battling lymphoma.

Truth is, MacNelly never graduated from UNC.

Given the talent he displayed from his days at the DTH, it was apparent that school would only hinder his growth.

He dropped out in 1969 before finishing his senior year.

"He knew where he was headed," said Dennis Zaborowski, professor of art, who was MacNelly's painting instructor.

"He probably figured out that he didn't need to be in school, which he didn't."

During his junior year, in 1968, MacNelly began working for the Chapel Hill Weekly as well.

When he dropped out the following year, it was to take a \$120-per-week job at the Weekly.

"He just got tired of the whole University scene and said, 'Screw it,' and walked down the street to us, and we grabbed him," said Jim Shumaker,

professor of journalism, who was then editor of the Chapel Hill Weekly.

Shumaker later became the inspiration for MacNelly's comic strip "Shoe."

"Shumaker let me hang myself twice a week," MacNelly said in 1998.

"That's not as easy as having someone tell you what to do."

"(MacNelly) had a wit that is extremely hard to get into cartoons, and he did it very quickly," said Shumaker.

"But to do that without being mean. There wasn't a mean bone in his body."

MacNelly would head to the Richmond News Leader in 1970, where he would win his first Pulitzer two years later, at the age of 24.

His second would come in 1978.

In 1982, MacNelly joined the Chicago Tribune and won his third Pulitzer in 1985.

He worked out of the Tribune's Washington bureau until his death.

While editorial cartooning was his first love, MacNelly might be best known for his cartoon "Shoe," which features the cigar-chomping, sneaker-wearing P. Martin Shoemaker, based on Shumaker.

And "Shoe" fans will be happy to know the cartoon will continue. MacNelly had been making plans to retire from the strip, said his assistant, Chris Cassatt.

Cassatt had been doing the lettering and production work, allowing MacNelly to focus on his drawings.

Brookins' style is so similar to MacNelly's that Brookins was tabbed by MacNelly to take over the strip with Cassatt.

Throughout his life, MacNelly was fond of UNC.

Cassatt said, "He really loved the school and loved his time there."

Robert Shelton was tapped as provost, and Nancy Sutenfield was named UNC's chief financial adviser.

By ELIZABETH BREYER
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OCT. 16 - The University's searches for two of its highest ranking officials have officially ended.

The Board of Governors approved Robert Shelton for the position of provost and executive vice chancellor and Nancy Sutenfield for the post of vice chancellor for finance and administration at its meeting Friday.

Shelton, who will assume the position Feb. 1 and be paid \$234,190 annually, is the vice provost for research in the University of California Office of the President. Sutenfield, who will take office Nov. 20 and be paid \$235,000,

is Case Western Reserve University's vice president for finance and administration.

"It's really nice to see our leadership team taking form," said Student Body President Brad Matthews. "They will both be great additions to the University."

Shelton's appointment marks the end of a search process that began when Chancellor James Moeser came to UNC.

Shelton's name was the only one submitted to the Board of Trustees by the Provost Search Committee and required review by Moeser and the BOT before being forwarded to the BOG for the final seal of approval.

Sutenfield was approved by the Board of Trustees at its Sept. 28 meeting, but Shelton's appointment was approved by a recent mail ballot sent to the trustees. "The timing for Ms. Sutenfield's appointment coincided most directly with the trustee meeting," said Nancy Davis, associate vice chancellor for University relations. "The next trustee meeting wasn't until November, and (the BOT) wanted to get Shelton approved before that."

Members of the UNC community expressed their pleasure with the approval of Shelton. "I think he's going to be an excellent provost," said Sue Estroff, chairwoman of the Faculty Council. "He has a lot of experience with university-level and system-level work."

As provost, Shelton will serve as chief academic officer for the university and oversee all academic operations, including University libraries and all educational centers on campus. Deans of UNC's 13 colleges and schools will also report to him.

Shelton will also fill the role of executive vice chancellor, requiring him to serve as the chief operating and administrative officer, while also acting as the University's primary spokesman.

Joanne Marshall, dean of the School of Information and Library Science, said she is thrilled about the prospect of working with Shelton. "I think he has wonderful experience to bring to UNC," she said. "He has an excellent understanding of the issues facing a research university and is very sensitive to the needs of students."

Moeser earlier told The Daily Tar Heel that he was hoping to name a physical scientist to the post - and that Shelton, a former chairman of the UC-Davis physics department, fit that bill. Estroff said that reasoning makes her glad Shelton was picked.

"It will be a bit different for us because he's a basic scientist - it will be very positive for people in the basic sciences," she said. "He will be a good partner for the chancellor."

Although Marshall represents a school outside the realm of science, she said she is confident Shelton will address her needs as well. "He is aware of the complexities in a research university and the many interest groups and is a very balanced person."

Estroff also served as a member of the search committee that chose Sutenfield. "She is very self-possessed, and has enormous experience in the public sector," Estroff said. "She knows her stuff but doesn't take up a lot of space, she listens but is not shy."

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Guilty Verdicts Issued in Open Cheating Case

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OCT. 2 - Jaws dropped Sunday night as the Honor Court delivered two guilty verdicts in a cheating case hashed out in an open hearing.

Senior Mike Trinh and junior Brianne Roth were found guilty of academic cheating by unauthorized collaboration in connection to a programming assignment in James Coggins' Computer Science 120 course last semester.

Trinh received academic probation through the spring and an "F" in the course. Roth received suspension through the fall semester and an "F" in the course.

The two students' hearing started on Thursday and was completed last night.

"I'm disappointed," said Trinh, who was visibly shaken by the decision, which he plans to appeal.

Student Attorney General Taylor Lea said students can appeal on three grounds: unfair severity of sanctions, violation of basic rights or insufficient evidence.

After the spring semester ended, Coggins turned in 24 students for working in groups on a homework assignment. The Honor Court hearings for these students, who are being tried in groups, started Sept. 18.

Coggins said he encouraged groupwork for study purposes in the class but said he explicitly prohibited collaborative efforts on assigned work. "Here some study groups started for wonderful reasons, but they went over to the dark side because of passivity and indifference," Coggins said. "It's a very slippery slope."

But Ruwani Opatha, Trinh's defense counsel, said in closing arguments that Coggins promoted groupwork in the

class. "The question is whether or not students thought they were using unauthorized aid," Opatha said. "Groupwork was no secret in the course and was actually encouraged."

After two hours of defense testimony, the Honor Court panel went into deliberations for more than an hour and a half.

During the break, the defendants and the audience, which was mainly composed of students from the course, remained optimistic. "I'm in good spirits," Trinh said. "I'm just waiting for the verdict, but I feel confident."

And some of the accused students who have already been tried said they hope last night's hearing might be a basis to overturn previous convictions.

"I hope it might pave the road for the rest of us," said Dharmesh Patel, a senior computer science major. "They need to

go back and review the evidence. But I'm here for support."

Students argued the cases should have never made it to the Honor Court because classes in the Department of Computer Science operate under different circumstances. "Collaboration did take place, but it didn't damage academic growth - it nourished it," said Clate Stansbury, a junior computer science major.

He said the Honor Court is not designed to be flexible and to understand that computer programming works through collaboration.

When the verdict was delivered, Trinh's jaw dropped while Roth remained straight-faced. The audience responded with mutterings of shock.

"I can't even believe it," said Bill Safcik, a senior mathematics major. "The issue here is they're taking things out of context."

But Coggins said the cheating charges applied. "It creates an unfair playing field for the class."

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