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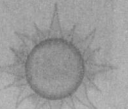
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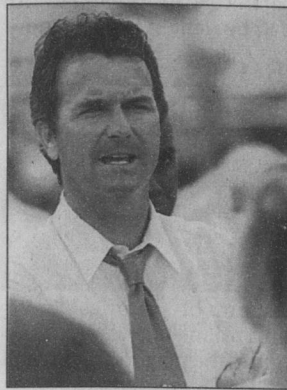
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Two former players filed suit against UNC women's soccer coach Anson Dorrance in 1998.

Dorrance Lawsuit Moves Forward

By KELLIE DIXON
Assistant Sports Editor

A U.S. federal court judge has validated a sexual harassment case against North Carolina women's soccer coach Anson Dorrance and several other UNC officials that was inexplicably tied up in court chambers for nearly four years.

The court order issued by U.S. Judge N. Carlton Tilley Jr. on Nov. 13 denied in part the state attorney general's motion for dismissal. The decision was made in U.S. District Court in Greensboro.

The state's motion, made in 1999, came in response to the original suit filed Aug.

25, 1998, by former players Debbie Keller and Melissa Jennings. In the \$12 million suit, Keller alleges that Dorrance tried to coerce her into meeting with him in a secluded area and made uninvited sexual advances in October 1996 and in 1998.

Melissa Jennings, who was dismissed from the team after two seasons, claims Dorrance arranged for team members to take her to bars on her recruiting trip and reimbursed them for alcohol bought.

These allegations still will be part of the lawsuit, but Melissa Jennings' claim that Dorrance forced her to withdraw \$400 from her bank account to purchase supplies before a game against Clemson

will not.

Also, the suit claims that Dorrance interfered with Keller's contractual relationship with the U.S. women's national team. Dorrance also is facing charges of battery against Keller and invasion of privacy against both plaintiffs.

After Tilley dismissed a handful of claims against Dorrance and UNC officials, six claims remain in the suit.

Some claims were dismissed on the basis of the 11th Amendment, which protects the government from being sued. The University is a government agency, so UNC officials qualify.

Louis Varchetto, attorney for Keller and

Melissa Jennings, said the prosecution plans to start taking depositions of the defendants and witnesses sometime soon.

"We were pleasantly surprised after all this time to have the ruling – and a ruling that maintained the integrity of most of the lawsuit," Varchetto said.

John Bason, public information officer for the N.C. Department of Justice, stated in an e-mail Wednesday that though the claims against the defendants are now personal and not official matters, the state still will prosecute the case. Bason refused other comment.

Dorrance, who has coached the Tar Heels to 17 national titles, said his lawyers

have advised him not to comment.

Voted national player of the year in 1995 and 1996, Keller said she's ready for the proceedings to begin. "I've waited four years, and I can tell the same story," she said. "If anything, over time, it's just solidified the longer we wait, just how important it is."

Craig Jennings, Melissa Jennings' father, echoed Keller's sentiments. "We're just glad they are going to progress," he said. "It's been a long time coming."

UNC Director of Athletics Dick Baddour, one official named in the suit,

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University Spending Questioned

By LAURA YOUNGS
Staff Writer

Recent University spending – including some key salary decisions – have many people questioning the use of seemingly limited University funds.

The decision to pay Vice Chancellor Susan Ehringhaus her full salary – despite the fact that she is stepping down from her position as the University's general counsel – has drawn criticism from the public and some state leaders. The (Raleigh) News & Observer reported last week that Ehringhaus' compensation will total \$376,000 over two years.

"It has certainly affected my perception," said Sen. Virginia Foxx, Watauga. "It's affected others' perception, too. It really does seem the (budget) problems are not as great as (the University) likes to make them."

Ehringhaus will spend eight months working in Washington, D.C., on the University's dime before returning to Chapel Hill, where she will take a faculty position in the UNC School of Law.

Foxx said paying someone who is not doing anything for the University for the better part of a year is unacceptable and not a proper use of money. "It's a mistake. It's a sign that the chancellor and the administration are out of touch."

But UNC Provost Robert Shelton said UNC's actions were appropriate given the circumstances and the precedence for the decision.

"It's common when someone from the administration returns to the faculty to give them a sabbatical," Shelton said. "She is getting paid as someone who served as vice chancellor and legal counsel for a very complex institution."

Rep. Bill Culpepper, D-Chowan, a key House leader, said that he understands the public's reaction but that the issue is not as serious as people have perceived.

"I know (Ehringhaus) personally, and she's probably well worth the salary she's getting, but it certainly didn't look good in the press," he said.

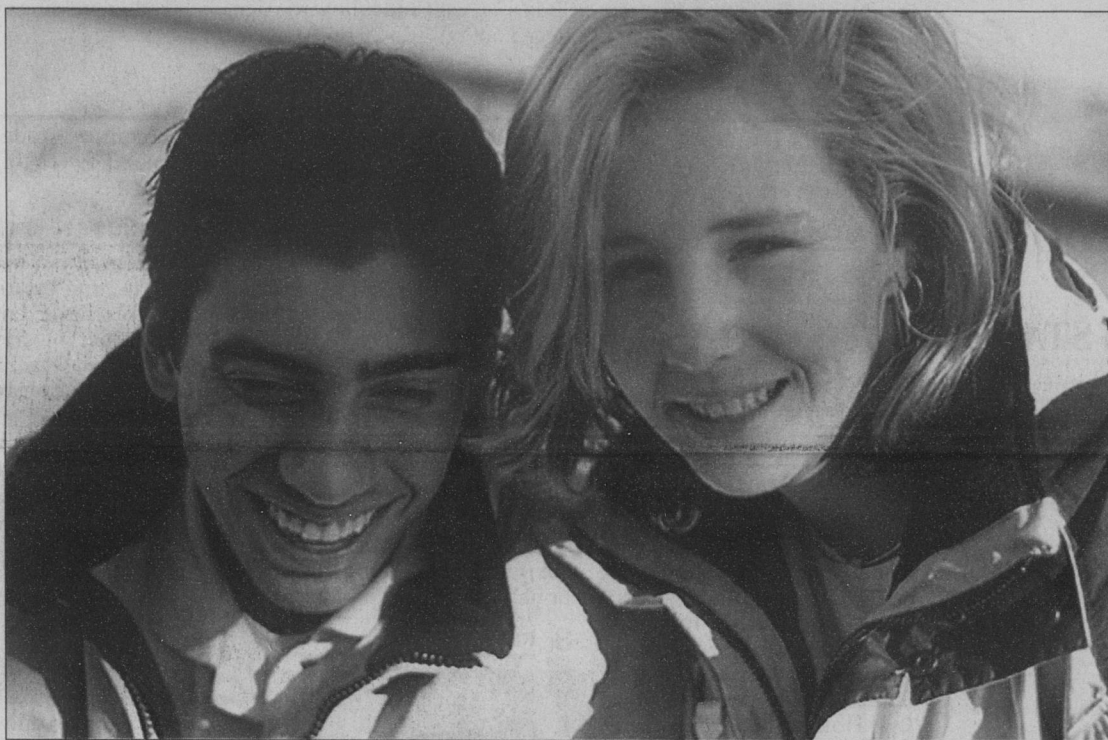
"I don't see the (Ehringhaus) situation being a catalyst for a big overhaul of how universities are looked at."

Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, said he has been approached by several people concerned about the issue of Ehringhaus' salary. "I'm sure there will be questions raised about it (in the legislature)."

Enhancements on UNC's campus – including the addition of a ram statue and the slated installment of a large video board at Kenan Stadium – could also increase criticism from legislators and the public in light of the foundering state budget, even though those projects were funded by private dollars.

But Shelton said people do not always differentiate between University spending and outside donations. "I do think that we have always – and especially now – had an obligation to be clear in what we do."

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DTH/GARRETT HALL

Sophomores Eric Montijo from Orlando and Crystal Lee from Winston-Salem dated for several months last semester but broke up because Montijo's parents' disapproval of the interracial match added tension to the relationship.

Students Date Despite, Because of Racial Differences

By MATT SALDAÑA
Staff Writer

Sophomore Crystal Lee learned the good, the bad and the ugly aspects of interracial relationships when she dated and then broke up with sophomore Eric Montijo.

Racial differences enhanced their relationship but ultimately brought it to its end.

Many students such as Lee and Montijo have defied convention by crossing over racial lines in their relationships.

Ketura Parker, vice president of UNC's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said such interracial dating at UNC has become more accepted rather than simply tolerated.

But Parker said she knows students and parents who still disapprove of it. "They do believe the different races should stick within their racial boundaries, but I totally disagree," she said.

"Love transcends race or color."

Lee, a white nursing major from Winston-Salem, and Montijo, a Hispanic pharmacy major from Orlando, met at a party last year.

"I think what attracted me to him was that he was Puerto Rican," Lee said of Montijo.

"He could dance good, and I liked that. He was different."

Montijo, who had dated white women before meeting Lee last year, said he did not immediately consider race a factor in the courtship.

"What attracted me to her was that she took care of me when I got sick; that's something that I really appreciate and value," he said.

"I think our friends were really open to interracial relationships," said Lee.

Lee and Montijo agreed that the University community appeared to be equally accepting of – or at least indifferent to – the fact that theirs was an interracial relationship.

Montijo explained that cultural differences became a way for them to learn more about each other and to become closer.

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Sources: Dispute Led to Shooting

Victim threatened Tate family, they say

By JOHN FRANK
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While it only took seconds to end the bitter feud between a Chapel Hill man and a prominent local family, officials and family members close to the case said the dispute had been building for some time.

The conflict hit its boiling point Monday afternoon when Sherman Albert Tate Sr., 65, allegedly shot and killed his son-in-law James Earl Thompson, 34, outside Tate Realty & Construction Co. in Chapel Hill.

Witnesses said the men, both of whom police say were armed, were arguing in the office door before the shooting.

Sherman Tate Sr. is the brother of the late George Tate, a prominent local developer and founder of Tate Realty. George Tate died Nov. 10.

Sherman Tate Sr. of 104 Apple St. was charged with the first-degree murder of Thompson of 410 Knolls St., Apt. B, and later freed on \$25,000 bond after his first appearance Monday in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

But the rift between the two Chapel Hill men went back to Nov. 1, when Thompson reportedly began threatening his brother-in-law, Sherman Tate Jr., and his wife, Sharon Tate.

Three days before the shooting, the dispute escalated when Thompson allegedly called Sherman Tate Jr.'s cellular phone, making personal threats to him and his sister, Sharon Tate, as well as general threats to the entire Tate family, said Chapel Hill Police Chief Gregg Jarvis.

"The threats were made over the phone concerning the relationships between different members of the Tate family and the victim," he said.

Sherman Tate Jr. recorded the threats and played the tape for police when he

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BOT OKs Development Despite Protest

By RACHEL HODGES
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For the residents of the Elkin Hills area, the UNC Board of Trustees' approval of the architectural plans for the Campus Services Support Facilities project Wednesday was indicative of an ongoing dispute.

The project entails moving the UNC Printing, Grounds, and Environment, Health

and Safety buildings to the Giles Horney lot in the Elkin Hills area of Chapel Hill – a move residents fear will ruin their neighborhood.

"They're talking about building fueling stations, buildings and grounds storage facilities. ... Buildings and grounds cars and trucks that will be backing up at 7 in the morning going

'beep beep beep,'" said Elkin Hills resident Margaret Morse. She and about seven other residents attended the BOT Buildings and Grounds Committee vote on the project's design.

The full BOT later approved the committee's decision.

Morse said she's concerned that the proposed uses for the new buildings are not appropriate

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DTH/ANNE PHILLIPS

Chancellor James Moeser (left) and trustee David Pardue discuss a facilities relocation project.

After all there is but one race — humanity.

George Moore