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Chapel Hill man charged with murder

Ex-girlfriend found stabbed to death

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A man with a history of assault charges was arrested early Friday on charges of first-degree murder after his girlfriend was found stabbed to death.

Police charged Damego Demon Lee, 32, of 800 Pritchard Ave. Ext., Apt. C-17, with the murder of 30-year-old Keara Lynne Hart, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Jane Cousins, spokeswoman for the Chapel Hill Police Department, said that Hart and Lee were a couple and that they lived at the apartment at University Gardens Condominiums.

Family members of Hart became concerned Thursday when they could not contact her, Cousins said. Officers entered the apartment Hart and Lee shared about 6:30 p.m. Thursday and found Hart dead on the kitchen floor, a press release states. Hart had knife wounds to her neck and upper chest.

Lee was found in Durham and transferred to the custody of Chapel Hill police at 1:12 a.m. Friday. He is being held at the Orange County Jail without bail.

Lee made his first appearance in court in Hillsborough on Friday,



Damego Demon Lee had an arrest record in two states on a variety of charges.

and his case was assigned to the county public defender's office.

His next court date is scheduled for April 17.

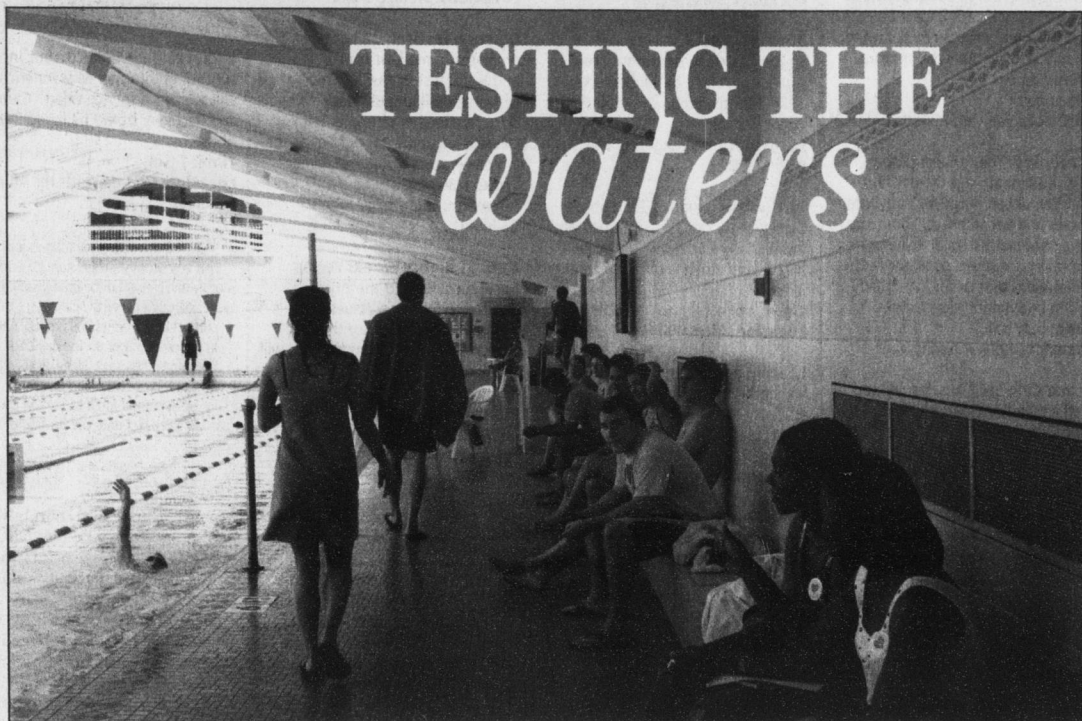
Edward Whitted, who lives in the apartment below Hart and Lee's, said that he heard them scuffle the night of the murder, but that it sounded more like someone moving furniture than an argument.

Whitted said that out of curiosity, he decided to take his trash out. "I got to the top of the stairs, and I heard her say, 'Stop it,'" he said. "She didn't scream or anything."

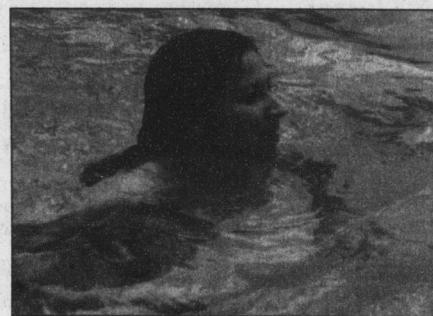
Whitted added that Hart has two children who came to stay with her on weekends.

Police reports reveal that this is not the first time Lee has been arrested on charges of assaulting Hart.

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Seniors line up at Bowman-Gray Indoor Pool to take the final swim test of the semester. Mitchell Wilson (below) is part of the last class required to take the exam. Students who failed the test Friday will have to retake it during the summer before they can earn their degrees.



2006 SENIORS TAKE FINAL DIVE

BY AMANDA YOUNGER
STAFF WRITER

The University test that for decades has elicited procrastination and widespread animosity has been laid to rest.

With their One Cards and bathing suits in tow, seniors who still needed to pass the test before graduating flocked to Bowman-Gray Indoor Pool on Friday.

With the test being retired at the year's end, Friday was the last time UNC seniors will be forced to take the

aquatic exam until after the semester.

"I know a ton of seniors who still need to take it," said senior Mitchell Wilson, who passed the test Friday. "I understand the reasons behind the test, but it really isn't necessary."

Next year the University will adopt a new curriculum that does not include the swim test, which requires students to swim one lap and tread water for the

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Junior tapped to lead DTH

Schwartz chosen as 140th editor

BY BETHANY BLACK
STAFF WRITER

Joseph Schwartz has worn many hats at The Daily Tar Heel, and he's about to try a new one on for size.

Schwartz, a former University, City and State & National editor, was selected Saturday to serve as the 140th editor in chief of the DTH.

An 11-member committee of community members and DTH staff representatives chose Schwartz, DTH managing editor and a junior journalism major, after more than four hours of deliberation.

Committee member Amy Fuschino said the decision between Chapel Hill native Schwartz and Kavita Pillai, DTH State & National Editor, was not an easy one.

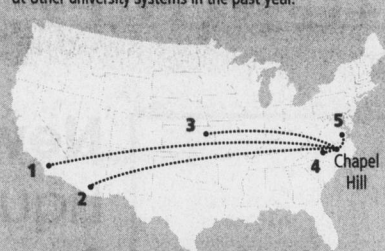
"We were all like, 'Either one of these people is going to do a good job — we just have to pick one,'" said Fuschino, advertising manager for the DTH.

Pablo Friedmann, a Student Congress representative and committee member, echoed the sentiment.

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Where are they going?

Five of UNC's top administrators have accepted positions at other university systems in the past year.



1. Jerry Lucido, vice provost for enrollment policy and management, is leaving for a similar position at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. He worked at the University for eight years. He starts Aug. 1.

2. Robert Shelton, provost, is leaving July 1 to become the president of the University of Arizona in Tucson. He has worked at the University since 2001.

3. Gail Agrawal, interim dean of the School of Law, is leaving July 1 to become dean of Kansas University's law school in Lawrence. Agrawal has served as interim dean since Nichol left.

4. Nancy Suttentfield, vice chancellor for finance and administration, is leaving Aug. 1 to become the senior vice president and chief financial officer at Wake Forest University in Winston Salem. She was Chancellor James Moeser's first major hire after he came in 2000.

5. Gene Nichol, former dean of the School of Law, left last July to become president of the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. He had been at the University for six years. He was inaugurated Friday.

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UNC policy brain drained

Effects of administrator exodus remain speculative

BY BRIAN HUDSON
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Many college students drench their hearts in a single color of alma mater pride. Many university administrators, on the other hand, take a more tie-dyed approach.

When Provost Robert Shelton moves to fill the presidency of the University of Arizona at Tucson next academic year, he will don a purple mixture of Wildcat red and Carolina blue.

The dressing rooms of many former UNC administrators share a similar taste for mixing and matching.

As three top administrators gear up to leave UNC this summer, it has raised questions of the imprint they will leave behind.

Sometimes those legacies fall quickly to the wayside.

"Administrators get quickly soon forgotten," said Sam Williamson, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1977-85 and provost from 1984-88. "You have names on buildings, names on chairs. That's the sort of way the memory is preserved."

Other times, the impression is more lasting.

On the way out

Shelton was the first of the departing three to announce his intentions when he was selected as UA president in late January.

Within the past three weeks, Jerry Lucido, vice provost for enrollment policy and management, and Nancy Suttentfield, vice chancellor for finance and administration, announced they

will be taking similar posts at private universities.

Effective Aug. 1, Lucido will take a similar post at the University of Southern California, and Suttentfield will become senior vice president and chief financial officer at Wake Forest University.

The announcements mean more than the formation of three national search committees to scour for replacements.

Shelton, Lucido and Suttentfield have been among the top policy-makers of Chancellor James Moeser's tenure, having laid out the academic, enrollment and financial plans, respectively.

In one package, that's the University's growth and academic direction in the coming years and the means to fund it all.

Not only has that work benefited the University and provided future guid-

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Vacant positions affect schools

BY BETHANY BLACK
STAFF WRITER

It's been nine months and counting, but students and faculty at the School of Law still don't know when new leadership will be in place.

The school has been without a permanent dean since Gene Nichol stepped down July 1 to become the president of the College of William and Mary, and it soon will be without its interim dean.

And the law school isn't the only academic division at UNC that is stuck in transition.

The School of Journalism and Mass Communication recently named Jean Folkerts as dean — ending a 16-month search process — and the Department of Romance Languages is searching for a permanent leader.

Schools and departments without a permanent director can lose an important source of vision and planning, as well as fundraising capabilities, officials say.

"When you have a dean leave, inevitably there will be a drop off (in fundraising)," said Faculty Chairwoman Judith Wegner, a professor of law and Daily Tar Heel guest columnist. "The folks who plan events might hold off the splashy events until a new dean is named."

"It's just the nature of the process," she added.

"I think if you don't have a dean for more than a year, it can be bad," departing Provost Robert Shelton said. "However, it depends on the individual. For instance, (interim journalism Dean) Tom Bowers had been the senior associate for 20-plus years."

Students in the law school also cited the importance of a dean in maintaining long-term vision.

"No interim is going to put a long-term project into place, but no project that Dean Nichol put into place has been stopped," said Jaclene Nance, president of the Student Bar Association and a third-year law student.

"We actually have a pretty good interim dean, but we need a dean for morale."

Shelton, who ultimately selects the University's academic leaders, noted the importance of a knowledgeable interim dean to maintain focus during the transition period.

"For an interim dean, they have to know enough about the priorities of the

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FEATURES BLOG A 21-year-old man's love of Legos and a look at magazines

THE BLOGS Due to technical problems The Daily Tar Heel's old blogs system crashed late Tuesday. The new system is being retooled. Thanks for your patience.

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VETERAN MOVE

The Sierra Club goes with experience in the county board of commissioners race, endorsing two incumbents and a longtime politico.



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THE WAY IT WAS

The Hillsborough Historic Alliance examines the impact the Civil War had on the area during "Life on the Southern Homefront" on Saturday.

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University Director of Athletics Dick Baddour calls contract talks with then-Kansas men's basketball coach Roy Williams "very good."

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