

FUNERAL

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and colleagues came together at the house to remember her life. Words such as "special," "kind," "energetic" and "generous" filled the air. A few hours earlier at the Athens First United Methodist Church, just a few blocks down, more than 400 people filled the seats at a funeral for the 22-year-old UNC senior and student body president.

On one side sat her UNC community, on the other, her family and friends from Athens. "We come together in grief acknowledging our loss," said Senior Minister Bill Britt, who led the service, as members of the audience bowed their heads in prayer. The church was filled to the brim with people, forcing some to sit in the aisles of the balcony. Everyone stood together to sing hymns and recite some of the prayers that Britt led.

The audience was blanketed with a sadness that extended beyond the tragedy of a young, ambitious life taken too soon — it was the way Carson died that stirred an extra twinge of pain in so many.

Carson was shot to death early March 5. Since then, two Durham residents, Lawrence Alvin Lovette, 17, and Demario James Atwater, 21, have been arrested and charged with her murder. Police are calling the murder a random act of violence.

"We simply can't fathom this kind of violent act that is so foreign to our culture, our community," Chancellor James Moeser said in an address at the service.

Because so much of the reaction to Carson's death has been confusion and anger, a lot of the service revolved around ways of dealing with, though not answering, those questions.

But throughout the service, and even more so at the Carson house later, most people focused on the

memories.

"We're all better in some way because we knew Eve Carson," Carson's high school principal, Maxine Eason, told the church audience, mentioning several stories shared at a vigil in Athens on March 7, that about 750 people attended.

Eason recounted her own memories, specifically a conversation with Carson about the decision to attend UNC instead of Princeton or Yale universities. All three offered her scholarships.

"She said, 'But, Dr. Eason, I want to go to a public institution,'" Eason said, adding that Carson had an appreciation for public education throughout her life.

In an especially personal moment, Britt read words that Bob Carson wrote about his daughter.

"Believe me, something was just a touch different about Eve from birth," Britt read.

"The senseless murder of my sweet, sweet Eve is sadness defined, unfathomable and bottomless," he goes on to say, "but so appreciatively interrupted by each friend or family member who shares our grief."

And later in the afternoon when friends and family circulated the Carson house, the memories continued, some just talking with one another and others writing thoughts or prayers for Carson on white prayer flags.

The house overflowed with pictures. Carson holding an umbrella, on the Smith Center Court and in a foreign country hugging children.

Walking through the rooms, several stopped to smile to themselves about a personal memory that came to mind or even just let out a gentle laugh about Carson's free-spirited nature and abundance of energy.

Outside, the prayer flags waved their messages to Carson in the breeze between the pillars of the porch.

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ARRESTS

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misplaced. The court date that could have put him in jail was moved to the end of the month. Wake County court officials have stated that they were in error, and the state Department of Corrections will launch an internal investigation to see how Atwater was able to slip through the cracks.

"The system is second-guessed every day," Orange County District Attorney Jim Woodall said, defending Wake County. "It's a tough job. ... Nobody has a crystal ball."

Lovette was on probation at the time of Mahato's and Carson's shootings after pleading guilty to misdemeanor breaking and entering.

Arrest warrants served to Lovette on Thursday also link him to a repeat criminal offender. Stephen Oates, 19, had already been arrested in Mahato's death.

A list of charges filed against Oates spans six pages, containing more than 30 charges of robbery with a dangerous weapon and several counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Lovette also is accused of breaking into an apartment Feb. 19, taking a pair of pants and five pairs of shoes from a 17-year-old male, according to arrest warrants.

He was accompanied in the incident, reports state, by Cameron Leathers, 14.

His criminal records were not available because of his age.

These revelations marked the end of the weeklong hunt for suspects and the beginning of criminal court proceedings that could last years.

Both men appeared in court for the first time last week.

Atwater appeared Wednesday, the day of his arrest, in Orange County District Court. He is being held without bond.

Lovette appeared in both Orange County and Durham County district courts Friday after being

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arrested Thursday. His bond is \$3 million in Durham, but he was denied bond in Orange.

Both men are due for a probable cause hearing March 24 in Orange County.

Carson was found shot to death near East Franklin Street about 5 a.m. March 5. She was identified and her car was found March 6.

Chapel Hill police released surveillance photos of a suspect March 8, taken from a drive-through ATM where the man attempted to use Carson's bank card. The driver in that photo is thought to be Lovette.

More photos, taken in an area convenience store, were released March 10. Those are thought to depict Atwater.

Mahato, who was studying computational mechanics at Duke, was found shot to death Jan. 18 in his off-campus apartment.

His Verizon cell phone, wallet and iPod were stolen. A Durham prosecutor said at Friday's court appearance that Lovette was found with some of those items and had called Atwater using Mahato's phone.

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WATER RATES

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to change anything about his water use.

"I've always tried to use water efficiently," he said.

Carolina Car Wash adjusted to the drought. In August of 2007, the car wash switched its nozzles and fixtures to low-flow water pressure.

"We want to use the minimum amount of potable water possible," said Tucker.

Business owners said they are confident that their businesses would survive.

"Certainly the drought doesn't help, but I think the business will survive," said Parks. "It's something that has come and gone before."

And even under Stage 2 water rates, conservation had been on the rise.

In January, OWASA customers used 7.37 million gallons of water, compared to a 6.66 million conservation goal. In February customers used 6.97 million gallons, and the conservation goal was 6.81 gallons.

OWASA has advertised the increased rates in news releases and information on its Web site, but has not yet sent a direct mailing to customers.

The OWASA Board of Directors will discuss returning to Stage 2 restrictions if lake levels reach 60 percent by April 1.

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HOGS

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diverse campus groups highlights the complexity of the food cycle and FLO's efforts to reform it.

"We're focused on food, but we see how it fits into the bigger picture and how something we do at least three times a day has global implications and local implications."

The downside of industry

Smithfield employs 11,000 workers at seven plants in North Carolina. After its Tar Heel plant opened, the number of hogs in the state jumped from less than 4 million to recent levels of almost 10 million, making North Carolina the second-largest hog-producing state.

That growth has provoked complaints from neighbors of Smithfield's swine operations, which dump their hog waste into large open-air lagoons before spraying it onto surrounding fields.

The resulting odor is pervasive for nearby residents, some of whom spoke at a March 5 forum sponsored by FLO and other groups. They described having to crack the door to check whether the air was clean enough to leave the house and having to throw out curtains and furniture that had absorbed the scent from nearby confinement facilities.

Devon Hall, one such resident, echoed statewide activists in accusing industrial hog producers of settling their operations in poor and minority areas of the state.

"People have their hands full just trying to survive on a day-to-day basis," he said. "They don't necessarily know what's coming into the neighborhood."

Surveys have found that residents who typically live within two miles of swine operations have median family incomes of \$17,000 to \$23,000 and are 65 to 90 percent black. The state median income is \$40,863, and the N.C. population is 22 percent black.

Organizers with the Justice at Smithfield campaign, which has tried for a decade to secure a union presence at the Tar Heel plant, say the multinational corporation has dominated those communities.

Smithfield, which has union representation at more than half of its pork plants, has denied the claims of Tar Heel union organizers, including charges that the company has used intimidation and rigged union elections.

The role of government

Though the N.C. General Assembly worked during the 2007 session to make hog waste disposal more environmentally sound, critics say the legislation continues a state legacy of being overly friendly to industrial hog producers.

The Swine Farm Environmental Performance Standards Act prohibits the construction or expansion of lagoons and spray fields and establishes a cost-share program to help interested farmers convert their lagoons to cleaner systems.

But critics have said the law will do little to change the way industrial

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producers dispose of waste, especially since many consider the state environmental standards to be subpar.

State universities collaborated on a six-year study to develop those standards and alternate means of hog waste disposal. The study, which included input from Smithfield, proposed five new technologies but found they would be too costly to mandate.

Roland McReynolds, executive director of the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association, said state incentives could give poor eastern N.C. farmers the jump-start to enter the more lucrative and more environmentally friendly sustainable farming business.

"We've got a real fantastic opportunity right now as a community, as a state, to bring that investment to rural areas and get our money recycling in our communities."

Obstacles to sustainability

Tom Meyer, owner of the Q Shack, said the switch to sustainable wasn't easy. Buying from six or eight local hog farmers tripled his costs, so he switched to a larger but still independent and organic operation a little farther east.

In later efforts to scale up his business, Meyer said, he ran into a problem that industrial hog growers have long since overcome. He needed large amounts of rib and shoulder for his barbecue business but had no use for the rest of the independent farmer's animal.

"The whole economic thing is out of balance — somebody's got excess something," he said. "On the industrial side, they have a plan for that. They have supermarkets and so forth."

Meyer got around the issue by partnering with Weaver Street Market, which sells other parts of the pig. But away from affluent regions such as the Triangle, it becomes harder to find local food systems that support sustainable farming.

N.C. Choices, which helps small hog farmers get their product to consumers, partners with only four farmers in eastern North Carolina — where industrial hog farms are clustered and where poor farmers struggle most — compared to its 17 farmers in the smaller, less rural but more affluent Piedmont region.

Robyn Stout, direct marketing coordinator for the group, said one challenge is generating interest among consumers who are less able to afford sustainable food options.

"If these farmers' markets are in the boonies, people might be like, 'I'm not going to pay \$8 a pound for bacon when I can go to Food Lion.'"

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Target Stores: Executive Team Leader (deadline March 30)

WORKSHOPS

*Resumes and Cover Letters: 3-18-08, 4-5pm, 3102 Union. Prepare your resume for the Career Fair! Co-sponsored by the Tar Heel Transfers
*Career Clinic: 3-19-08, 12-1pm, Wilson Library-Pleasants Family Room
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