

2 UNC students die in car wrecks over the summer

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Automobile accidents claimed the lives of two UNC students this summer.

Tammy Michelle Flake, 21, of 5-P Royal Park Apartments in Carrboro, originally from Wadesboro, was killed May 8 when a pickup truck driven by Michael Thomas Poth, a Marine from Camp Lejeune, rear-ended her car at the intersection of U.S. Highway 17 and South Main Street in North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Police said Poth's truck was traveling faster than 80 mph when it struck Flake's car, which police said was traveling north around 35 mph.

Flake was to graduate May 14 with an undergraduate degree in nursing.

Rising junior Heather Lynn Billman, 20, of 301 Alderman Residence Hall, originally from Monroe, was killed Aug. 7. Sgt. James Pinkham of the Bar Harbor, Maine, police said Scott David Bento, 27, of 187 Flax Hill, Norwalk, Conn. — the driver of the automobile Billman was riding in — crossed the center line on State Road 233 and hit a Jeep traveling west in front of the Kebo Valley Golf Club in Bar Harbor.

Billman died of a broken neck in the vehicle. Bento was later arrested for driving under the

influence, Pinkham said.

Flake was active in the Baptist Student Union and was scheduled to go on a Mission Trip to the Great Bahamas after commencement.

Although Flake didn't graduate, her mother said she had accomplished what she wanted to by fulfilling the nursing degree requirements. "We were just proud of all her accomplishments," Betty Flake said.

Of Flake's choice of nursing as a career, Betty Flake said, "She sort of fell into it and learned to love it.

"She was very caring and concerned of others' needs before her own. She enjoyed living more than anything else."

Billman was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and worked at the STOW desk and Carolina Union last year.

Billman had decided to major in psychology, said her mother, Mary Billman. "I asked her what she liked to do and she said, 'I like working with people. I like helping, listening.'"

Melanie Paul, who lived next door to Billman in Alderman last year, said, "The most important thing to her was good friends. She had a real enthusiasm for life."

Catherine Reichstetter, a sorority sister of Billman, agreed. "She was a bubbly type who just always encouraged a good time. She really cared."

2 campus eateries make changes

By JAMES COBLIN

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Carolina Dining Services made major changes in Union Station and the Cutting Board over the summer to increase service and flexibility, according to Chuck Hackney, dining services marketing manager.

Changes to Union Station include the addition of turnstiles, canned drink refrigerators and more serving lines. These changes increase serving area, make movement through the store easier and make purchasing items quicker, Hackney said.

The turnstiles were placed at the entrance to keep traffic a continuous one-way flow and to reduce theft, said Student Manager Kelly Driggers.

Chris Derby, dining services senior director, said the turnstiles were mostly for peak traffic hours. "The turnstiles will also help to move people through the four serving lines more quickly as well as prevent people from leaving without paying for their food."

Local health and fire officials are reviewing codes to determine if the turnstiles create any violations, Derby said.

Driggers said, "We are not sure if we are going to be able to keep the turnstiles. There may be a fire code violation, and they might have to be removed."

But removing the turnstiles would not be a problem, Derby said. "The turnstiles are not permanent, and they could be moved easily by you or me."

Additions to food available in Union Station include items formerly carried by the now-defunct Pit Stop, such as candy bars, ice cream and canned drinks, Hackney said.

The other major change in Carolina Dining Services was the addition of a deli and pastry shop



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Summer renovations to Union Station give it a new look

where the all-you-can-eat Cutting Board used to be.

The changes to the Cutting Board were in response to the unpopularity of an all-you-can-eat style restaurant, Hackney said.

The dining services researched more popular forms of restaurants on

other college campuses and communities to determine what should be in the new Cutting Board. "We found that bake shops and delis are popular in many other college campuses across the nation."

A pastry chef from Chapel Hill's Hotel Europa was hired to create the new pastry offerings, Hackney said.

The Cutting Board bake shop and deli will also feature a selection of meats and cheeses for deli sandwiches and a selection of signature items such as curly fries and prepared salads, Hackney said. Gourmet coffees will also be a unique offering of the shop, he said.

"We wanted to pattern the new Cutting Board after such area favorites as Durham's Ninth Street Bakery, the Hardback Cafe and the Columbia Street Bakery and Coffeehouse."

The dining service changes seem to be a success. Leigh Anne Bowling, a 1989 UNC graduate, said she found

the Union Station changes helpful. "The store is definitely more convenient now. Last year it wasn't this busy. Now there are massive traffic lines, but I think the lines move fairly quickly."

Reaction to changes in the Cutting Board also seem positive, Hackney said. "People are still finding out about it, but so far it seems to be doing well."

Good food at lower prices seems to make the new Cutting Board appeal to students. "I think it's an interesting change," said Caroline McIver, a senior from Durham. "This is my first time eating here since it was the old Cutting Board, but the food and especially the desserts look very good."

Ben Howell, a junior from New Bern, said, "I like the idea that you can come in and buy an individual item and not the whole meal, like you did in the old Cutting Board."

College is a big new world for freshmen

By JOEY HILL

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"Big" was the only word Leigh Scharff could find to describe UNC as she took a break from the hectic process of moving into her new home at Connor Residence Hall Saturday afternoon.

"It's real big," concurred Julie Swicegood, Scharff's roommate. "But," she added, "I knew that."

Scharff and Swicegood, both from Clemmons, were among thousands of freshmen who arrived on campus Saturday. Since their arrival they have experienced orientation, residence hall life and, in some cases, fraternity parties. They have also had time to form their first opinions of UNC from a student's standpoint.

But, of course, even non-students know UNC is big. There are those surprises reserved especially for new students. There is the unexpected. For example, there is drop-add. Then there is finding that you live on the fourth floor of a building with no elevator. And there is the incredible weight of the refrigerator which you must haul up those three flights of stairs.

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There are also the pleasant surprises.

"People have been real nice," Swicegood said.

While moving into her room, "I didn't have to lift one single thing out of my car," Scharff said.

Angie Tromba, a freshman from Yadkinville, said she is excited and looking forward to meeting new people. "It will be very different from high school," she said.

Tonika Tillman from Rockingham said she chose UNC because there are many resources available to students. "I'm a minority student, and I like the

counseling and support groups available on campus," she said.

Michele Johnson from Raleigh said her first drop-add session was hectic. "I'm not looking forward to going through it with everyone," she said. Johnson does, however, look forward to her classes. "I have heard good things about the academics and teachers."

Sarah Zaire from Oak Ridge, Penn., said she finds UNC's campus "pretty." Although she has thus far enjoyed residence hall life, "Lenoir

Cafeteria is not the thing I'm most looking forward to."

Kevin Jackson from Tryon said he is pleased with the diversity and abundance of people and activity at UNC. "There are a lot of organizations and a lot to do, too much, almost," he said. "I can find anything I want, good or bad. There are a lot of interesting people."

"I'm too much of an optimist," Jackson said. "I haven't thought about any bad possibilities at Carolina. I want to better myself as a person and to open my views to the world while I am here."

Josh Busby, from College Station, Texas, found the organization of drop-add "not as good as it could be." However, the experience "wasn't as bad as I thought it would be."

Busby hopes to have an intellectual challenge while at UNC, but "I don't like finals," he said. After three days on campus, "I'm kind of tired."

Kurt Reed from Volant, Penn., said he enjoys living in Old East. "I'm happy. I like it here."

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