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Service planned for slain woman

Kristina Hobbs, an accountant at ECU, was killed by her husband last month in a murder-suicide.

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Friends, family and coworkers today will memorialize a Greenville woman shot and killed by her husband before he turned the gun on himself.

The service for Kristina Hobbs will be held at 6:30 p.m. at East Carolina University's Hendrix Theater, in the Mendenhall Student Center. Hobbs, 34, worked as an accountant in the university cashier's office before Michael Hobbs killed her on Jan. 9.

Hobbs graduated from ECU with a business degree in 1996. Her relationships with the students she served led to the arrangement for a vigil in her honor, said Stephen Gray, director of parent and student services for ECU.

"The students came together with some employees and the dean of student services to create this vigil for Kristina because they felt she was a true help to them with their financial needs and just a neat person overall. They want to share her joy for life," Gray said.

The university immediately responded that it would assist with the effort, Gray said.

The students decided to coordinate with area churches and others to raise funds for the Hobbs' daughter, Sophie, and the surviving family, Gray said.

Dee Bowling, a cashier and student aid supervisor, and Kandus Simmons, an ECU undeclared freshman, will be moderators of the event.

A parking lot adjacent to the center is located behind McDonald's and Wendy's on Ninth Street.
Motorcyclist dies in wreck at ECU

The Daily Reflector

A motorcyclist was killed in a collision with an SUV driven by an East Carolina University student on the campus Sunday, university police reported.

Kasey E. Frye, 22, of Claremont, located about 50 miles east of Asheville, died at Pitt County Memorial Hospital after the 6:10 p.m. wreck.

A preliminary investigation by the Greenville Police Department showed that both vehicles were traveling north down College Hill Drive when the motorcycle collided with the SUV as it made a U-turn near the band practice area, Major Frank Knight of the ECU Police Department said.

There were no injuries to the three students in the SUV, the report said.

Frye was transported by Greenville Fire-Rescue to Pitt County Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead, Knight said.

The students in the SUV, whose names have not yet been released, are undergoing counseling provided by ECU. Frye's family came from Claremont to the hospital yesterday evening to be with their son, Knight said.

No alcohol or drugs were suspected to be involved in the collision, Knight said, and a police investigation will likely take two or three days to complete.
Football family helps former ECU coach

Frank Orgel, who was a linebackers coach for the Pirates in the 1970s, is battling motor neuron disease.

By Nathan Summers
The Daily Reflector

Although no one can win his battle but him, Frank Orgel is thankful he's not fighting it alone. Not by a long shot.

The former football coach at East Carolina, Auburn and Georgia is recovering with high hopes from stem-cell surgery — the best weapon he's got to topple the motor neuron disease that has robbed Orgel of much of his mobility.

But the trying process has been aided by members of Orgel's considerable coaching family tree. The staggering expense of the former coach's medical needs has been supplemented — mostly thanks to word of mouth — by Orgel's former teammates, players and fellow coaches.

In addition to the physical trappings of such a procedure, it's a surgery that requires some long, hard miles to get.

Orgel first flew to San Diego, then proceeded 60 miles south to a Mexican biotherapy hospital, where Orgel said he was injected with more than two million cells.

Because the surgery is not legal in the United States, it is also not covered by any insurance. That means the grueling journey to get the surgery he hopes will be a lifesaver was only half the battle.

Now, as Orgel recovers and hopes the cells will respond, he must face the familiar burden of financing his ordeal.

"I'm doing all I can do," said Orgel, who served as a linebackers coach in the mid-to late 1970s at ECU before the Warner Robbins, Ga., native moved on with head coach Pat Dye to Auburn. "I had a stem-cell implant a few weeks ago and at this point, it's kind of wait and see. But I've had a lot of former players and coaches that have rescued me."

Orgel said the stem-cell process included a series of intravenous doses and several shots over a two-hour procedure.

It will be much longer before Orgel knows if the implant was successful or not in repairing tissue and muscle.

"It will take a few months to see what it's going to do," he said. "In the meantime, I'm on a strict diet, I'm taking supplements and doing physical therapy."

Former Pirate staffer and current Greenville resident Ken Hutchison teamed with Dye recently to hammer out a fund to help Orgel finance his treatment for the disease.

Now, Orgel said support for his fight has become galvanized, making a high-risk procedure seem worth it.

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er it. Sometimes you have to do things you don't have a choice about," Orgel said. "There is no cure for what I've got. That means you're in a bind."

Thanks to the efforts of Dye, Hutchison and former ECU players like Terry Gaffaher who have kept tabs on Orgel over the years, the word is out, and suddenly the coach has an army of people on his side while he waits.

Orgel said the phone calls, letters and visits have buoyed his spirits and spurred what, so far, has been an impressive rebound. Already, Orgel said he has trimmed his medication from about 10 pills a day to just one.

While he admits it's still questionable whether or not the injected cells will restore mobility in the left side of his body, he said he's enjoyed the lift he's gotten from so many names and faces from his football past. Some have even been household names.

"This past Thursday, Bo Jackson came in and spent about three days with me," Orgel said of the former Auburn and NFL great. "He had to come to Atlanta for a meeting, so he came here to see me and I got him on a couple of quail hunts. I went out on the Jeep with him."

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Rivals’ managers on the undercard

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CHAPEL HILL — While UNC center Tyler Hansbrough practiced jump hooks Monday, six other Tar Heels were running plays and plotting strategy for another basketball showdown with Duke this week: the manager game.

“We’ve got to step it up,” said UNC graduate Eric Hoots, 26, whose team is 0-2 in the soon-to-be-annual, night-before-the-real-game tipoff between the rival water-grabbers, laundry-doers and practice-rebounders.

“You never want to lose to Duke,” said Hoots, who coordinates video for the real Heels. “Plus, we want to set the standard for the next night’s game. You want to say, ‘We won, now it’s y’all’s turn.’”

The managers for the No. 3 Tar Heels and No. 2 Blue Devils — whose actual teams face off Wednesday —

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day night at the Smith Center in Chapel Hill — started their own rivalry last season, complete with uniforms, shot clocks and betting fans (including, sometimes, the varsity players).

The tradition continues at 11:30 tonight at the Smith Center. For security reasons, it’s invitation only.

“Our job is pretty serious almost all of the time, but this is cool,” Duke senior manager Chris Lauten said. “The rivalry is so crazy, to have this little thing to call ours, for managers at both programs, it’s fun.”

The Duke managers enter tonight’s game with a spotless 3-0 record; they beat UNC twice last year and walloped the N.C. State managers by 16 points last week before that ACC showdown.

Last year’s Duke team boasted five players who were captains on their high school squads, Lauten said, and the Tar Heels “are definitely looking for revenge.”

Lauten said the Duke managers reached out to the UNC guys to start the game after a suggestion by Mike Schrage, the director of basketball operations. Schrage was student manager under Bobby Knight at Indiana; the Hoosier managers used to battle their rivals at Purdue every year.

The teams play 20-minute halves and call their own fouls, and the prize is bragging rights — after Duke shellacked Carolina by more than 20 points at Cameron last season, for instance, some Cameron Crazies showed up totting signs boasting “Our managers beat your managers.”

The result: The Tar Heel managers lost by only 19 points in the rematch at the Smith Center.

Granted, Duke has a built-in advantage. Manager Griffin Tormey was a walk-on on the Duke team last season.

Duke also brings about a dozen men, compared with UNC’s six, which is one reason UNC small forward Marcus Ginyard said he would make Duke a 19-point favorite — if he were a betting man.
Duke professorship honors author Price

DURHAM COUNTY

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DURHAM - Author Reynolds Price will be honored with a professorship in creative writing at Duke University, officials announced during a weekend celebration of Price's 50-year teaching career at Duke.

The Homeland Foundation will give $1.25 million, which will be matched by The Duke Endowment, to endow the Reynolds Price Professorship.

Price's writing and teaching were celebrated at the university late last week. Participants included Nobel Prize-winning author Toni Morrison and many of Price's fellow writers, colleagues and former students.

Reducing obesity doesn’t cut costs

BY MARIA CHENG
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Preventing obesity and smoking can save lives, but it doesn’t save money, researchers reported Monday.

It costs more to care for healthy people who live years longer, according to a Dutch study that counters the common perception that preventing obesity would save governments millions of dollars.

"It was a small surprise," said Pieter van Baal, an economist at the Netherlands' National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, who led the study. "But it also makes sense. If you live longer, then you cost the health system more."

In a paper published online Monday in the Public Library of Science Medicine journal, Dutch researchers found that the health costs of thin and healthy people in adulthood are more expensive than those of either fat people or smokers.

Van Baal and colleagues created a model to simulate lifetime health costs for three groups of 1,000 people: the "healthy-living" group (thin and non-smoking), obese people and smokers. The model relied on "cost of illness" data and disease prevalence in the Netherlands in 2003.

The researchers found that from age 20 to 56, obese people racked up the most health costs. But because both the smokers and the obese people died sooner than the healthy group, it cost less to treat them in the long run. On average, healthy people lived 84 years. Smokers lived about 77 years, and obese people lived about 80 years. Smokers and obese people tended to have more heart disease than the healthy people. Cancer incidence, except for lung cancer, was the same in all three groups.

Obese people had the most diabetes, and healthy people had the most strokes. Ultimately, the thin and healthy group cost the most, about $417,000, from age 20 on.

The cost of care for obese people was $371,000, and for smokers, about $326,000.

The results counter the common perception that preventing obesity will save health systems worldwide millions of dollars.

"This throws a bucket of cold water onto the idea that obesity is going to cost trillions of dollars," said Patrick Basham, a professor of health politics at Johns Hopkins University who was unconnected to the study. He said that government projections about obesity costs are frequently based on guesswork, political agendas and changing science.

Obesity experts said that fighting the epidemic is about more than just saving money.

"The benefits of obesity prevention may not be seen immediately in terms of cost savings in tomorrow's budget, but there are long-term gains," said Neville Rigby, spokesman for the International Association for the Study of Obesity. "These are often immeasurable when it comes to people living longer and healthier lives."
2 indicted in assault on UNC athletes

2 others charged in murder cases

BY JESSE JAMES DECONTO
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HILLSBOROUGH – An Orange County grand jury handed up indictments Monday against a man and woman charged in the alleged sexual assault of a UNC-Chapel Hill football player.

In other cases, jurors indicted two men charged with murder.

The grand jury indicted Michael Troy Lewis on two counts each of first-degree kidnapping, attempted larceny and assault on an officer, and one count each of robbery with a dangerous weapon, resisting a public officer and conspiracy to kidnap, rob and sexually batter the football player.

Police say Lewis robbed and terrorized UNC-CH lineman Lowell Dyer, taking a wallet with $100 cash and trying to steal a TV, an Xbox video-game system and an iPod, together worth about $3,000. They also say Lewis bit a police officer and pushed him down a flight of stairs.

The jury indicted Monique Taylor on charges of first-degree kidnapping, felony conspiracy, sexual battery and resisting a public officer.

One football player testified last month that Taylor removed his shirt, pushed him onto a bed, sat on him and tried to tie his hands. When he resisted, he said, a naked Lewis held a kitchen knife to his throat. He said one or both of them removed his pants and Taylor fondled him.

Assistant District Attorney Morgan Whitney did not seek an indictment against T'Nikia Washington, the third person initially charged in the case. She was accused of sexual battery against a third player.

Last month, a judge found no probable cause to hold Washington, but Whitney had said he might still seek an indictment against her.

The murder cases

Orange County sheriff's deputies say Standifer shot Jeffrey Lee Walton after kicking in the door to Walton's home on Christmas Day. They also say he stole Walton's wallet, which had $700 in it, and took former girlfriend Diana Koutsis hostage "for the purpose of facilitating" his escape.

The jury found evidence that Standifer had struck Koutsis in the mouth with the barrel of the same 20-gauge shotgun allegedly used to shoot Walton.

The grand jury also indicted Willie James Mayo Jr. on charges of first-degree murder and accessory after the fact to murder. Mayo is one of three people charged in the July 29, 2006, death of Kedrain Swann. Swann, 26, was shot and run over by a car outside the now-closed Avalon night club at 325 W. Rosemary St.
Carolina schools spend generously to woo prospects

KEN TYSIAK

Clemson coach Tommy Bowden was about to make his most important recruiting trip of 2002 when the school's plane broke down.

With little notice, the school chartered Bowden a plane. He got to Owensboro (Ky.) High in time to impress Justin Miller, who signed to play cornerback for Clemson.

Miller led the ACC with eight interceptions in 2002 and led the nation in kickoff return average in '04. Bowden said going to the expense of chartering the plane was worth it.

"If you just look at us the last three years, we have literally been one play away from the (ACC) championship game," he said. "A lot of these games, if you just stop the team on third down and get the ball and run the clock out, the game is over."

"A lot of times it's one play made by one player, so that one player can make a difference between an $18 million bowl and a $4 million bowl."

This belief causes schools to spend on recruiting in amounts that would make a human resources director at a medium-sized company blush. An Observer survey of 2006-07 fiscal year recruiting budgets revealed numbers well into six figures at Carolinas Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A) public schools.

Each school itemizes in its own way, so it's impossible to proclaim a Carolinas recruiting budget champion. But North Carolina ($449,347) and Clemson ($401,083) each spent more than $400,000 and South Carolina ($283,505) and N.C. State ($243,462) more than $200,000 in 2006-07.

East Carolina spent $148,412, and Football Championship Subdivision champion Appalachian State spent $45,000, according to data provided to the Observer.

The NCAA limits schools to 25 scholarships in a class. That means some Carolinas schools in 2006-07 spent more than $10,000 per signee. North Carolina spent $18,722 per signee in a class of 24.

Such expenditures concern some who believe college athletics spending is out of control.

"Recruiting is one of those expenditures that just continues to increase," said Amy Perko, a Kannapolis native who is executive director of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics. "And the number of players that they're able to sign hasn't increased, so it is something that needs to be continually looked at in terms of policy."

The Knight Commission is a consortium of academicians and former athletes dedicated to changing college athletics to emphasize academics and decrease commercialism. In a 1991 report, the commission said some schools spend more to recruit a handful of basketball players than they do recruiting the rest of the (non-athlete) student body.

N.C. State athletics director Lee Fowler blames rising travel costs for increases.

"Gas is three dollars a gallon instead of a dollar fifty a gallon," Fowler said. "A lot of the expenses are because of the economy as much as anything else."

Transportation, hotels and meals for traveling coaches and athletes' official visits make up the bulk of recruiting budgets -- 79 percent of Clemson's and 78 percent of South Carolina's, for example.

Clemson spent $93,694 to fly coaches on the university aircraft and an additional $27,790 for charter flights.

Schools also spend on printing brochures for prospects ($57,073 for N.C. State) and on subscriptions to recruiting services ($52,834 for South Carolina).
Coaches often subscribe to recruiting news sites such as rivals.com and scout.com, said rivals.com national recruiting analyst Mike Farrell. They also get early evaluations and contact information on prospects from companies such as The Forbes Report, a Miami-based service run by Terry Forbes, a former assistant to Lou Holtz at Notre Dame.

"These are very valuable sources of information ... that provide all this stuff for them as their starting point," Farrell said.

The NCAA cracked down on some lavish recruiting practices in 2004 after reports of excesses surfaced. Recruiting hostess groups were disbanded. Private plane trips for recruits for official visits were banned.

But some coaches still fly on private planes to visit players, and recruits eat 30-ounce steaks while staying in plush hotels on their official visits.

"Everywhere I went, they had better beds than I have back at home," said Concord Robinson offensive tackle R.J. Mattes, who committed to N.C. State after visiting five schools.

That's a small part of what the Knight Commission reports call the "Arms Race" in college athletics. If a visiting recruit gets a bed with six pillows in a nice hotel at one school, coaches at some competing schools will want to provide seven pillows in a nicer hotel.

"At Division I-A schools, (athletics) expenses have been increasing at a rate three to four times that of overall university expenses," Perko said. "It just can't be sustained, and recruiting is one of those areas that has really jumped and continues to grow."

When Bowden spared no expense to make his meeting with Miller, the coach might have made an impression that landed Clemson an impact player.

Fowler said that when schools pay for recruiting services, they're trying to make sure they won't miss the next great running back or quarterback who can make a huge difference.

"Recruiting is the lifeblood of any program," Fowler said. "You've got to have good athletes."

So while the rest of the nation tightens its belt in fear of a recession, recruiters afraid to miss out on the next great prospect have spared no expense as signing day approaches.

**High Cost of Recruiting**

2006-07 expenses for Carolinas Football Bowl Subdivision public schools:

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