Sgt. Kevin Lytle shows how trained K-9 attack dog, Jeta, does her job during a criminal justice career fair outside of Mendenhall Student Center. Sergeants were allowing volunteers to get attack by their dogs in a full bite suit. Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012. (Aileen Devlin/The Daily Reflector)

**Career fair has serious chops**

By SHANNON KEITH
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Several ECU students were bitten on campus Wednesday by attack dogs from the Fort Bragg Police K-9 Unit.

In fact, after the first few attacks, students were lining up to be next.

“People always want to try the bite suits out at least once,” Staff Sgt. Darrell Wade said. “And most of the time, once is enough. It can hurt, even with the suit on.”

The K-9 exhibition was part of East Carolina University’s 2012 Criminal Justice Career Fair for students aiming for jobs in law enforcement.

Wade and his team put the dogs through the paces they take on when deployed by the military or law enforcement.

“There are a lot of K-9 units deployed in Afghanistan,” Sgt. Kevin Lytle said. “They do everything from locating roadside bombs and searching houses for booby traps to locating large shipments of narcotics. I never imagined all of the things that these animals could be used for until I started working with them.”

The Fort Bragg unit was among many state, local and federal law enforcement agencies that took part in Wednesday’s event.
“We have a good cross section of agencies represented here today,” said William Bloss, chairman of ECU’s Criminal Justice Department, a division the College of Human Ecology.

“It isn’t easy getting this many groups here at the same time, but it was definitely worth all of the hard work.”

Bloss said he made an annual career fair a priority after joining the university two years ago.

“I think having something like this every year is important for the students,” Bloss said. “It gives them a better idea of the options they can explore after graduation.”

Students can get the most detailed and up-to-date information about an agency from the agency itself.

“These career fairs are designed to be very information-oriented,” Bloss said.

“Things like salaries and minimal job requirements change all the time, and now the students can get the information directly from these groups.”

Deputy Marshal Nate Mason of the U.S. Marshals Service said that he enjoys meeting with students face to face.

“With the Internet, we can get all our recruiting information out there,” said Mason. “But it lacks that personal touch. I like to interact with these kids and be able to tell them what we are all about.”

Mason, who was at last year’s career fair, said this year’s event was “a whole lot bigger.”

“There are a lot more students in here this year,” Mason said. “And the school really did a nice job of setting things up.”

Mason said the U.S. Marshals’ booth was popular with seniors.

“We are taking applications on March 3,” he said. “We only do that every two or three years, so I’ve given a lot of information to a lot of seniors today. The juniors weren’t too happy about it.”

“We never know what the job market will be like around graduation,” Bloss said. “I was pleasantly surprised to find out that it is looking pretty good this year. The Raleigh Police Department said they had 100 openings to fill.”

Aaron Jones, 20, who is minoring in security studies, said that the career fair gave him some different options to pursue after he graduates in May.
“This is my first career fair, and I found it to be very informative,” Jones said. “I came away with a lot of good information.”

Shanice Davis, 19, said she got some leads on several possible internships. “I got to talking with my hometown department, Winston-Salem, and might have an opportunity to intern with them this summer,” Davis said. “I was also talking with the Greenville Police Department about internships.

“I made a lot of valuable contacts today.”

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In his Feb. 19 Point of View article ("Tying UNC system tuition to performance"), J.B. Buxton questioned the four-year graduation rates on UNC campuses and suggested that future state support and tuition increases should be tied to improvements in this measure of performance. While we share Buxton's commitment to improving college completion in North Carolina, focusing on a four-year rate assumes that all students will enroll full-time as freshmen and then continue full-time to graduation at the same institution. Students who transfer and graduate from another institution, students who must stop out to work for a semester or students who cannot attend full time because of work or family circumstances are considered failures using this methodology.

Because of changing demographics and attendance patterns, fewer than 70 percent of first-time UNC students now enroll full time. Yet using a more accurate measure of actual semesters enrolled, students on UNC campuses graduate on average in 8.6 semesters - or just over the equivalent of four years.

While there is no question that UNC campuses can and must do better, UNC has implemented a number of performance-based measures in recent years that are already making a real difference. We are incrementally raising minimum admission requirements to ensure that the students we enroll are better prepared to succeed academically and graduate. We have established retention and graduation goals for every campus and now restrict enrollment growth at campuses that don't meet those targets. We have put in place more intensive academic advising and counseling. We are fine-tuning our our enrollment funding model to reward and incentivize campuses that reach performance goals and make academic improvements.

Importantly, we also are working in partnership with the state's community colleges to facilitate joint admissions, improve transfers between the two systems and increase the number of North Carolinians earning college degrees.

UNC is one of the nation's leading public universities, yet we cannot rest on our laurels. We continue to look for ways to operate more efficiently while
preserving and enhancing the quality of the education we offer to our students. We thank J.B. Buxton for his suggestions. In this instance, however, we are already on the case.

Tom Ross
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The length limit was waived to permit a fuller response.
I write urging the N.C. General Assembly to deny the UNC Board of Governors’ request for a tuition increase. This is not the time to add to the financial burden of parents and students seeking a college education at one of the UNC institutions. And, of course, the full cost is not just tuition, but also fees, books, room and board, and travel to and from home.

Board of Governors Chairwoman Hannah Gage is quoted as saying the proposed tuition increase should be rare and not the norm. Unfortunately, UNC tuition increases have been the norm for many years now. The record back to 1998 shows regular tuition increases without regard to state appropriations or our state’s economy.

In a paper dated September 2008 by Dr. Shirley Ort with UNC Chapel Hill’s office of the provost, tuition increased 154 percent from 1998-2009. Ort recorded that resident or in-state tuition at UNC Chapel Hill was $3,705, just three years ago. And now as reported in the News & Observer, the requested tuition increase will be $7,500.

Second, the tuition request lacks a basis in terms of financial need to operate the institutions. We have not experienced runaway inflation for some time now. In fact, the Consumer Price Index for the period of 1998-2011 averaged just less than 2.7 percent.

The requested increase is presented as a way to deal with legislative budget cuts. Following that explanation, tuition should have gone down over the last decade. The Board of Governors should recognize that the cuts were made in response to less tax revenue.

The proposed tuition increase should be dead on arrival. In fact, there should be a moratorium on any tuition increase for the next four years.

**JACK R. STONE**

Zebulon
Evans recounts McNeill meeting
By Nathan Summers
Thursday, February 23, 2012

Former N.C. State quarterback and current Wolfpack broadcast color analyst Johnny Evans recounted on Wednesday stories of playing under Lou Holtz and answered questions about the state of affairs in college football, but he finished with a story that’s far from his favorite.

Evans, who starred with the Wolfpack in the late 1970s before landing in the broadcast booth in the mid ’80s, couldn’t finish his speech to the Greater Greenville Sports Club without being asked to spin the tale of a much younger Ruffin McNeill, now the head coach at East Carolina.

It was 1977, Evans was a senior and his Wolfpack was trailing ECU inside Carter-Finley Stadium on the opening day of the season. In need of a touchdown, he drove his team to the 3-yard line and, with 7 seconds left, sent a pass to running back Ricky Adams in the flat.

“When you’re playing quarterback, there are things that go on in your mind,” said Evans, who detailed his playing and broadcasting career but also his commitment to faith through his work as the eastern North Carolina director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization. “When I released it, I knew I’d thrown it perfect, and I could tell there was enough
space between him and (ECU cornerback) Ruffin McNeill to get his shoulders turned (and score).

“There’s a split second when you think, ‘Oh my God, we’ve just won this game.’”

But there is a reason that Evans — who went on to call the games that his son played as N.C. State’s starting passer — didn’t bring the story up on his own. It was mentioned during the question and answer session.

“It hits his hands, he turns and Ruffin comes up and sticks (Adams) right under the chin and drops him,” Evans said. “He drops like a sack of bricks on the 3-yard line and they win the game. I hadn’t even thought about Ruffin McNeill until (he was hired at ECU).”

Despite the sting he still feels from it, the McNeill story perhaps best summed up the message of Evans, who was also an accomplished punter for the Wolfpack.

Evans called sports his laboratory for life, saying the playing field was a valuable testing site for situations and circumstances in the rest of his life.

Much of that testing occurred when Evans played under Holtz.

“He was the head coach, but he was also the quarterbacks coach, so he answered to himself, and that’s a scary thing,” Evans said, recalling that the N.C. State QBs knew that UNC had a separate QB coach, prompting them to ask Holtz for the same but to no avail. “He just drove us nuts. He told us, ‘If I can make things more difficult for you in meetings and in practice, more stressful than you’ll ever feel in a real live game, then I think I’m doing a good job.’”

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Mr. Perry Wayne Lineberry, 65, died Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012 at his home in Greenville. Funeral service will be 3 p.m. Friday, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home, Wadesboro with the Rev. Jimmy Knotts officiating. Interment will follow in Anson Memorial Park.

The family will greet friends Friday beginning at 1:30 p.m. until time for the service at the funeral home and other times at the Lookabill Home, Wadesboro.

Wayne was born Dec. 23, 1946, a son of the late Clifton Conrad Lineberry and the late Louise Cole Lineberry. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his older brother, Staff SGT Jerry Lineberry, who was killed in action during the Vietnam War.

He was a 1965 graduate of Wadesboro High School, a graduate of East Carolina University and later received his Master's Degree from ECU, as well. He had a long career in insurance and financial investments. He was a member of the Pirate Club for 30 years, serving as a community representative and was recently inducted into the East Carolina University Hall of Fame for his accomplishments in football.

Surviving are his wife, Dianne of the home; sons and daughter-in-law, Philip Lineberry of Arizona and Matt and Vickie Lineberry of Greensboro; grandchildren, Rachel, Luke, Nason and Daiven; sisters and brothers-in-law, Gay and Lee Roy Lookabill of Wadesboro and Anita and Lewis Sparks of Marshville; stepdaughters, Meghan Indoe of Williamsburg, Va., Amie Miller of Glendora, Calif., Annie Wylie of Culver City, Calif. and Suzie Flock of Raleigh; and seven step-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the East Carolina University Pirate Club, c/o Dennis Young, 304 Ward Sports Medicine Building, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858-4353 or to the Ansonia Theatre Project, c/o Anson County Arts Council, P.O. Box 332, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.
Visitors enter the center for tours Wednesday. The $235 million facility officially will be dedicated today. It opens to patients Monday.

**Duke debuts $235 million cancer center**

BY JAY PRICE - jprice@newsobserver.com

DURHAM—A flickering gas fireplace welcomes you at the entrance. Around the corner from the front desk is a boutique with dark wood floors and low lighting calibrated to flatter.

And if the weather's nice, a staff member might discreetly murmur that perhaps you would rather have your chemotherapy al fresco on the upper-floor terrace, amidst the decorative plantings, rather than in your room with the flat-screen television.

It could nearly pass for a high-end hotel, but Duke's new $235 million cancer center, which will be dedicated today, is really the latest and flashiest of a wave of makeovers among the state's three comprehensive cancer centers, which are expanding to accommodate a growing and aging population.

The American Institute of Cancer Research predicts that the number of cancer cases nationwide will grow 55 percent by 2030. And North Carolina is unusually well-positioned to handle its share: It's one of just five states
with at least three "comprehensive cancer centers," the National Cancer Institute's designation for those that not only treat the disease but also do research and clinical trials. These centers lure some of the best medical talent and tend to offer the broadest treatments.

UNC Health Care opened its $207 million N.C. Cancer Hospital in Chapel Hill, the clinical home of the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, in 2009. And Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center is in the middle of a $125 million, six-floor expansion of its cancer center in Winston-Salem.

'Through one clinic'

Duke's new center, adjacent to its main hospital complex, is not only warm and welcoming, but more practical than the scattered arrangement that cancer patients sometimes had to navigate before.

It does that by pulling a full range of different kinds of doctors, nurses, researchers and others involved in cancer treatment under the same roof.

"It's one-stop shopping for the patient," said Dr. Michael Kastan, executive director of the Duke Cancer Institute, which includes the new cancer center. "If someone has a diagnosis of, say, breast cancer or a brain tumor or prostate cancer, they're going to come into one clinic, and in that clinic they will see all the sub-specialists, the medical oncologist, the surgical oncologist, the radiation oncologist, and they'll get their diagnostic imaging, their supportive care, and that's all going to be coordinated through one clinic," Kastan said.

That, he said, makes the experience easier for the patient, but makes their treatment more effective.

There's also a lot more space. Dr. Joe Moore, a professor of hematology and oncology with the Duke Cancer Institute and medical director of the Duke Raleigh Cancer Center, said that when he arrived at Duke in the mid-1970s, there were four exam rooms and three treatment chairs for his patients, and that sometimes doctors had to use his boss's couch for patients.

That gradually improved, and now there are 28 rooms and about 38 treatment chairs for cancer patients.

The new center will have 123 examination rooms with more privacy and 78 treatment chairs.

"We have needed more space for so long, but this is just a quantum improvement in so many ways," Moore said, gesturing around him in the light-filled atrium.
It's no secret that the Triangle's health care market is highly competitive. But the new center wasn't conceived as a salvo at UNC, Kaplan said. "This isn't an attempt to increase patient volumes or make us more attractive, but we're doing it because this is what cancer patients deserve," he said. "They're going through the most challenging time in their lives, and to be able to provide patient-centered care and have them in a physical environment that takes the pressure off and makes it more tolerable, we've done them a great favor, and we've made ourselves a better institution."

**Boutique, 'quiet room'**

Not to mention a better-looking one, what with all the natural light, the wood, the stone and artwork scattered throughout the seven-floor building, all by North Carolina artists, and much of it, Moore said, selected by philanthropist Mary Duke Biddle Trent Semans, who died last month.

Some of the paintings discreetly conceal the oxygen hookups in treatment rooms.

On the first floor is the Belk Boutique, which is staffed by Duke and doesn't sell goods from the department store chain. The name reflects the company's $1 million donation.

Next door is a librarylike resource room, and across the way is one of the most striking features of the center: a round "quiet room" with lighting and music that visitors can program themselves.

The room got raves from one of the first patients to see the center, Melissa Culbreth, 37, who came during an open house Wednesday for patients and survivors.

Culbreth, a plain-talking N.C. Army National Guard chaplain, has been on active duty since 2008, the year before she found a lump in one of her breasts while serving in Iraq. She got her first round of chemotherapy and radiation at Duke in 2010 and is a routine visitor lately because of a recurrence of her cancer.

Culbreth volunteered to undergo a makeover in the boutique Wednesday as Belk commemorated the opening of the space. There, Duke offers items such as wigs, scarves, hats - some of them at no charge - and services such as consultations on how to cope with treatment side effects, such as hair loss.

It also has private consultation rooms, including fitting rooms for prosthetic devices staffed by a professional fitter. The rooms also may be used for alternative therapies such as massage and acupuncture.
'It's just awesome'

So much changes when you get cancer, Culbreth said, that it's important to have a welcoming place to be treated. She said she jokes that Duke is like walking into "Cheers," the bar where everyone knows her name.

"The doctors are great," she said, "but it's everybody, from the administration people who check you in and out to the rest of the staff.

"I wouldn't have gotten through the last two years without that, because it helps you feel like less of a patient," Culbreth said. "You just get tired of feeling like you're broken, and for those people to have a place like this with more room and more space to treat patients, it's just awesome."

Price: 919-829-4526

Duke Cancer Center

**Size:** Seven floors, 267,000 square feet

**Original budget:** $235 million. The final cost is still unknown, but the building is expected to open under budget.

**Construction initiated:** Late 2009

**Open to patients:** Monday

**Key components:**
123 clinical exam rooms
73 infusion stations
Radiation oncology
Radiology services
Mammography suite
Three linear accelerators

**Patient and family amenities:**
Cancer patient boutique
Outdoor, garden terrace with infusion area for patients
Retail pharmacy
Patient resource center
Cafe
Quiet room
Retired North Carolina teacher named as Obama campaign co-chair

Ann Cherry, a retired North Carolina school teacher, was today named one of 35 national campaign co-chairs of President Barack Obama's re-election campaign.

Cherry retired in 2008 after 30 years of teaching band and general music in the public schools in Eastern North Carolina. Since then she has been involved in voluntary activity.

A graduate of East Carolina University, Cherry is a life long member of the N.C. Association of Educators.

Cherry is in some pretty high cotton. Other chairs include Sen. Michael Bennet of Colorado, Gov. Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, former White House Chief of Staff Bill Daley, Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, Caroline Kennedy, actress Eva Longoria, Gov. Deval Patrick of Massachusetts, and Joe Solmonese, president of the Human Rights Campaign.
NCCU to phase out 5 degrees

BY MARK SCHULTZ - mschultz@newsobserver.com

DURHAM–N.C. Central University will phase out five degree programs under a restructuring program that the board of trustees approved Wednesday.

The changes, which need final approval from the UNC Board of Governors, will free about $2 million for the university to spend in higher-priority areas, Chancellor Charlie Nelms said.

All told, 14 programs are being eliminated or merged, including the consolidating of the colleges of science and technology and of liberal arts into a new College of Arts and Sciences.

The restructuring responds to recent state funding cuts and "the cumulative effects of historic underfunding," including a $50 million reduction since Nelms arrived on campus nearly five years ago, he said.

"The cuts are painful; they're real," he said in an interview. "But the real question is how do we deploy our resources in the most strategic manner."

Campuses across the UNC system are taking a hard look at their academic programs in the aftermath of budget cuts. N.C. State University launched a reorganization a year ago and is now mulling the future of 260 academic programs. UNC Greensboro has merged some schools, and East Carolina University is considering 56 options for altering the university's academic structure.
NCCU's restructuring is the most comprehensive academic review in more than 30 years. The university held six forums attended by more than 800 people, in addition to several meetings with colleges and departments.

The academic changes are expected to free approximately $500,000 by having fewer deans, department chairs and adjunct instructors, Nelms said. Adjuncts teach about a third of NCCU's courses, he estimated.

Another $1.5 million will be produced over the next 18 months from "administrative efficiencies," such as speeding up the hiring period, reducing paperwork, and centralizing some printing.

Nelms estimated 250 to 300 students are in the affected degree programs. Elective courses will continue to be offered, and all declared majors will be able to meet their degree requirements.

Last week, about 40 sociology students and others marched against the cuts, which eliminate the department's undergraduate and master's degree programs. They carried signs with messages such as "What would W.E.B. Du Bois say?" - a reference to the pioneering black sociologist.

Department Chairman James Davies, who joined the silent protest, told the Campus Echo newspaper he was marching to support the students. Efforts to reach him Wednesday were unsuccessful.

The university reviewed 51 departments, and the number being eliminated is "very modest," Nelms said. The university is requiring all programs to submit plans for recruitment, retention and enhancement.

"Because a program is not on the cut list does not mean it is protected forever," he said.

"We should have been reviewing our programs on a continuous basis even before now. For whatever reasons, that has not happened."

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**Academic changes at NCCU**

**Programs being restructured or merged**

Mathematics and physics will be restructured into a single department.

English and modern foreign languages will be restructured into a single department.

The Bachelor of science in environmental sciences and geography will be merged to become environmental and geographic sciences.
Computer information systems and computer science degree programs will be merged.
The dance program will be restructured and moved to the Theatre Department.

**Programs being eliminated**
Bachelor of arts and master of arts in sociology
Bachelor of arts in public administration
Bachelor of arts in art with a concentration in teacher education
Bachelor of arts in French

**Program being established**
The mass communication program will become the Department of Mass Communication.

**Colleges being merged**
The College of Science and Technology will be merged with the College of Liberal Arts to create the College of Arts and Sciences.
George Huguely guilty of second-degree murder

By Mary Pat Flaherty, Jenna Johnson and Justin Jouvenal,

CHARLOTTESVILLE — Former University of Virginia lacrosse player George Huguely V was convicted of second-degree murder Wednesday and sentenced by a jury to 26 years in prison.

The jury of seven men and five women decided Huguely did not plan to kill his onetime girlfriend Yeardley Love on May 2, 2010, when he kicked through her bedroom door, shook her violently, wrestled with her and left her bloodied in her bed. The 22-year-old was found dead by a roommate hours later.

Prosecutors had sought a first-degree murder conviction, while Huguely’s attorneys were hoping for the lesser charge of manslaughter. The verdict is in between the two.

The case of the two accomplished lacrosse players at a prominent university has captured national attention. In the small courtroom where relatives of Huguely and Love have sat across from one another for most of the month, there has been an overwhelming sense of lost promise and squandered privilege.

Huguely, 24, of Chevy Chase, stood stoic, but paler than he had been earlier in the day, as the verdict was read. Love’s mother, Sharon, and sister, Lexie, linked arms in a front-row bench. A whimper could be heard from Huguely’s side of the courtroom, where his grandmother sat in the front row with other relatives.

The jury also found Huguely guilty of stealing Love’s computer as he left her apartment. The panel sentenced Huguely to 25 years on the murder conviction, and one year for grand larceny. Circuit Court Judge Edward L. Hogshire can accept or lower, but not increase, the jury’s sentence.

“There’s nothing to make good the terrible tragedy done to the Love family,” Commonwealth’s Attorney Warner “Dave” Chapman said after Wednesday’s proceedings. “What we do in court is a rough approximation of justice. We hope they feel some solace.”

Each of the jurors reached after the verdict declined to comment.
As jurors began to consider Huguely’s sentence, Sharon and Lexie Love took the stand and emotionally described how their lives have changed.

The family still celebrates Love’s birthday and marked the anniversary of her death, Sharon Love testified.

Lexie Love, 28, said everything around her is a reminder of her lost sister: songs on the radio, photos of Yeardley’s friends, their childhood home near Baltimore, their family dog. She said Yeardley’s room and the bathroom they shared remain as they were before she died. “I don’t want to touch it or change it,” she said.

Still, Sharon Love said she worries that her sense of her daughter is slowly slipping away.

“Every year that goes by, I’m afraid I’m forgetting pieces of our life,” she said, sobbing.

Rhonda Quagliana, one of Huguely’s attorneys, urged the jurors to consider a lighter sentence. “No person is the sum of the worst decisions he’s ever made,” she said.

The verdict came after a two-week trial that centered on about 10 minutes in Love’s apartment during the on-and-off couple’s senior year. Jurors, who deliberated for about nine hours, weighed the “stupid drunk” and “boy athlete” portrayal of Huguely by the defense and the image of a controlling abuser put forward by prosecutors.

Huguely did not testify on his own behalf. The jury heard from him only through a videotaped statement he gave to police hours after Love’s body was found.

It was never a question of whether Huguely and Love were together the night of May 2, 2010, or that they fought. In his statement to police, which was played in court, Huguely admitted that he had shaken Love, grabbed her by the neck and wrestled her to the floor after she refused to talk with him. He said she hit her head against a wall.

Love, of Cockeysville, Md., was bleeding but alive when he left, Huguely told police. He also told them that he didn’t call for medical help because she didn’t seem seriously injured.

When a detective told him Love was dead, Huguely wailed: “She’s not dead!” “There’s no way she’s dead!”

Medical experts came to different conclusions about how Love died.
Love had bruises and some abrasions but died of blunt-force trauma to her head, the Virginia medical examiner’s office ruled. A defense expert said she suffocated in her pillow, which was wet with blood.

During the trial, prosecution witnesses detailed an increasingly volatile relationship between Huguely and Love. On their last night together, prosecutors said, an angry Huguely kicked through Love’s door, reached in to undo the latch and tried to force her to listen to him even as she told him to go away.

A few days earlier, Huguely had sent Love an e-mail saying, in part, “I should have killed you” after finding out about a liaison she had with a lacrosse player from a rival school, according to testimony.

The wording was “hyperbole,” Huguely’s attorneys told the jury.

Chapman left it open for jurors to decide whether that e-mail may have been a rant from a spurned and immature man, but he also presented them with a witness who testified that he went to Love’s aid when Huguely had her in a chokehold in February 2010.

Huguely’s defense team told jurors that Huguely played “a role” in Love’s death but portrayed it as a tragic accident due to his recklessness. As early as his opening statement, defense attorney Francis McQ. Lawrence told jurors that if they found themselves struggling over Huguely’s role, it should be involuntary manslaughter that they looked to as their verdict.

After the verdict, Lawrence said Huguely has “displayed amazing resilience and courage.”

“He’s hopeful, he’s spiritual and we look forward to correcting what happened here tonight,” Lawrence said.

Huguely came to U-Va. from a family with a well-established lumber and building supply business, and a private school education at Landon in Bethesda.

He majored in anthropology and intended to go to San Francisco after graduation, he told police, a cross-country move that was among the things he had wanted to talk over with Love.

As his senior year wore on, Huguely’s drinking became excessive, and some teammates and their girlfriends testified that they had met and discussed an intervention after the lacrosse season ended.

Before that could happen, Huguely was under arrest.
Huguely himself seemed to have moments of admitting that his drinking — if not his outbursts — had become a problem.

In Love’s bedroom, crime scene investigators found a letter Huguely had sent to Love after the chokehold episode, saying that he was “horrified” by what he had done and that “alcohol is ruining my life.” Yet months later, he was kicking through her door, drunk, again.

And to the detectives who arrested him, he said: “I should not have gone over there when I was drinking.”

The impact of Love’s death extended beyond the tight-knit lacrosse community and the circles of friends who created a foundation in her memory that already has helped fund a $1 million athletic field at Love’s prep school alma mater in Towson, Md.

Love was invoked by name when Virginia law was changed to allow more victims of domestic violence to seek protective orders. The events surrounding her death also prompted closer counseling, monitoring and, in some circumstances, sanctioning of U-Va. students for alcohol and drug issues, dating violence and past criminal problems.

But it wasn’t those sweeping changes on painful display in the courtroom. It was the deeply personal impact of her death.

During the trial, Sharon and Lexie Love sometimes stared coldly at Huguely. As a government major, Yeardley Love had completed an internship in New York and was considering going back. On a May day in 2010, she was sitting at brunch talking about such plans with the roommate who would find her body only hours later.

“There’s something about everything that reminds me of her,” Lexie Love said of her sister. “The absolute worst thing in the world that could have ever happened happened.”