

Laurence Lovette appeals sentence

He received life in prison for his role in Eve Carson's murder.

By **Zoe Schaver**
Staff Writer

Though it was upheld in N.C. Superior Court in June, Laurence Alvin Lovette Jr.'s sentence will be reconsidered by the N.C. Court of Appeals. Lovette is one of the men convicted in former UNC Student Body President Eve Carson's 2008 murder.

Lovette is currently serving life in prison without possibility of parole after he was convicted in December 2011 for first-degree murder, first-degree kidnapping, armed robbery and felony larceny in connection with Carson's death.

After an oral argument by his lawyer Keat Wiles before the N.C. Court of Appeals on Feb. 6, he could receive a new sentence with the possibility of parole in 25 years.

Carson was shot in the early morning of Mar. 8, 2008, after being kidnapped near her home on Friendly Lane in Chapel Hill by Lovette and his friend Demario James Atwater. Atwater pled guilty to first-degree murder in 2010 and is serving life in prison.

After abducting Carson in her own Toyota Highlander around 3:40 a.m., Lovette and Atwater drove Carson around to various ATMs, withdrawing a total of \$1,400 from her accounts. The two then took her to a wooded area and shot her five times.

Wiles said Lovette deserves the lesser sentence because of a due process violation during his trial.

In 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that life in prison without possibility of parole for a person who was under 18 at the time

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The final countdown



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Andrew Powell, left, looks on as Emilio Vicente answers a question at a debate hosted by the Coalition of Carolina Voters in the Freedom Forum at Carroll Hall.

Powell and Vicente faced off for the last time before the vote

By **Jane Wester and Langston Taylor**
Staff Writers

No publicity is bad publicity, so the phrase goes. Yet in the race for student body president, publicity has put candidate Emilio Vicente on the defensive against opponent Andrew Powell.

"I'm not running to get national attention or to boost my resume," Powell said in his opening statement at the rare runoff election debate Monday.

But Vicente defended himself. "I just want to reiterate that I'm not running to get national media attention or boost my resume, I'm running because I want to hear from

you, Carolina students," he said.

Just hours before polls opened at midnight, the two publicly challenged each other's platforms and philosophies in an overflowing room in Carroll Hall Monday night. The debate was organized by the Coalition of Carolina Voters, an unofficial collection of recognized student groups.

Moderators Hetali Lodaya, a 2013 student body president candidate, and Anna Sturkey, undergraduate student attorney general, encouraged the candidates to speak informally and respond to each other directly.

The candidates also clashed over the current effectiveness of student government.

Vicente said that his plan for listening sessions would lead to greater student involvement and more effective advocacy.

"The problem with student government is that it works in a silo," said Vicente. "That's what my listening sessions are about."

Powell said student government officials already know their peers' key concerns, but they need to restructure the executive branch to better address them.

"It's not really a lack of awareness of student issues, but a lack of getting students involved in a structure that supports them," he said.

Powell said he would use the office to effect change for UNC students.

"Under my administration, student government will be about effectiveness, not resume-padding," he said.

Both candidates spent significant time emphasizing their central platform themes — Vicente pushing active listening by student government officials and Powell criticizing the current executive branch structure.

Moderators asked how candidates with limit-

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MEN'S BASKETBALL: NORTH CAROLINA 81, FLORIDA STATE 75



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Sophomore guard Marcus Paige (5) drives against Florida State's Aaron Thomas (25). Paige had 20 points in North Carolina's 81-75 win Monday. UNC has won seven games in a row.

Tar Heels forced to find new options in comeback

UNC won its seventh game in a row against FSU Monday.

By **Michael Lananna**
Sports Editor

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — It was all wrong.

James Michael McAdoo, the ACC's Player of the Week, hit the floor and had the wind knocked out of him barely a minute into Monday's contest against Florida State. He played just 13 minutes in the game, fouling out with four minutes left. He was a nonfactor. Zero points.

Marcus Paige, who tallied five 3-point-



DTH ONLINE: Head to dailytarheel.com to read about freshman Kennedy Meeks getting a career-high 23 points against FSU Monday.

ers Saturday in North Carolina's win against Pittsburgh Saturday, missed his first five attempts from the arc Monday.

Early on, he was barely there. The Tar Heels' shots weren't falling. A 1-for-7 start. Then 2-for-13. They were hurried, uncomfortable in Florida State's zone defense. Suddenly, UNC was down 21-6, resembling the UNC team that the Seminoles ran out of the Tucker Center, 90-57, in 2012.

SEE **FSU**, PAGE 5

UNC to roll out a studio art minor in the fall

Officials say no faculty will need to be hired for the program.

By **Cain Twyman**
Staff Writer

With the new studio art minor set to roll out next fall, the art department is hoping it can get right-brained students to interact with their creativity.

The minor will consist of five courses of different levels in the art department — up to three 100-level courses, one 200-level course and up to two classes 300-level and above.

James Hirschfield, art department chairman, said the department is not receiving any additional money from the university for the creation of the minor.

But Hirschfield said the department will not need to hire any faculty associated with the new minor because the classes required for it are already being offered individually at the university.

Another proposed arts minor, dance, which was slated to be offered in fall 2013 or 2014, was stalled due to a lack of money to hire faculty to teach the courses that would have been required for it.

Hirschfield said he feels the studio art minor will be beneficial to those who want to focus on art without having to major in it.

"It's meant to make it possible for students interested in

"It's meant to make it possible for students interested in art and other things to be able to focus on art."

James Hirschfield, UNC art department chairman

art and other things to be able to focus on art," he said.

Hirschfield said for the creation of a new minor the department had to make a request to the College of Arts and Sciences. The request then went to administrative boards for approval.

Sophomore Morgan Lee said she knows students who previously majored in studio art but changed majors after deciding they didn't want to study it alone.

"I think for them, a studio art minor would probably be good," she said.

Freshman Ankita Jain said she would not pursue the studio art minor because she said she's not artistic — but said she still thinks it is a good idea.

"It's not for me personally, but I think it's good for the curriculum," she said.

Freshman Lauren Groffsky said she thinks the minor would allow less artistic students to expand their horizons.

"I think it would be fun to try ... especially for kids who are interested in art but are science majors. I think it would be good for them," she said.

Hirschfield said the minor has long been a topic of discussion but became a serious proposal in only the last year.

Terry Rhodes, senior associate dean for fine arts and humanities, said in a

letter to Associate Dean of Undergraduate Curricula Erika Lindemann that she supported the minor.

She said she thinks it will not draw students away from the studio art major.

"I have spoken at length with the chair about the proposal, and he assures me that, after careful review and consultation with the faculty, the new minor would not have the unintended consequence of reducing the number of students who complete the studio art major," she said in her letter.

Hirschfield said there have been many students over the years who double-majored in biology and art but dropped the art major because it was not something they wanted to focus on.

He said the studio art minor should make it easier for someone to focus on art without having to major in it.

Hirschfield said the department is trying to create more opportunities for students, and he thinks the minor is a good way to accomplish that goal.

"We think this is going to be a good thing for students. If it helps students and isn't detrimental to the program, I think it's a win-win."

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Location: Flyleaf Books

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Time: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Location: Varsity Theatre

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DAILY DOSE

Blockbuster jail time

From staff and wire reports

If you're going to be sent to jail for failing to return a movie for nearly 10 years, make sure you choose a good movie to build a criminal record over.

But one South Carolina woman didn't get the memo when she held onto the Jennifer Lopez classic "Monster-in-Law" after she rented it from her local video store in 2005.

Kayla Finley was held overnight in a county jail after a warrant was discovered in her name when she approached the police about another issue. "Maid in Manhattan" was totally better.

NOTED. Starbucks isn't an Olympic sponsor, so it's forbidden from having an official presence in Sochi. What are NBC journalists to do? Open up a covert Starbucks shop at its media camp, of course. No McDonald's fare here.

QUOTED. "I've taken the unusual step of not only seeing a doctor but a vet, and both have confirmed I'm not a reptile."
— New Zealand Prime Minister John Key, when a person requested information to see if Key's a reptile.

POLICE LOG

- Someone reported a disturbance at Pantana Bob's at 305 W. Rosemary St. at 2:29 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- The person stole the front California license plate, valued at \$50, from a car, reports state.
- Someone reported larceny of a license plate at 110 North St. at 3:25 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- The person stole the front California license plate, valued at \$50, from a car, reports state.
- Someone reported auto-mobile theft at 220 Elizabeth St. at 5 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- The person stole a motorcycle valued at \$1,450 from a residence, reports state.
- Someone shoplifted from Walgreens at 108 E. Franklin St. at 8 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- The person stole protein powder valued at \$29.99, but the powder was later recovered, reports state.
- Someone trespassed and was subject to a narcotics search at Waffle House at 127 E. Franklin St. at 2:38 a.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported a stolen cell phone at 107 N. Columbia St. at 3:05 p.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- The stolen Apple iPhone was valued at \$500, reports state.
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— *From staff and wire reports*

Big man has big game at FSU

Freshman Kennedy Meeks stepped up in UNC's 81-75 win.

By Aaron Dodson
Assistant Sports Editor

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — As the red numbers fiercely ticked down on the game clock at the end of the first half, Kennedy Meeks caught the ball inside, gathered himself and finished strong with his left hand.

Before the ball could even drop through the nylon net, the freshman center began to backpedal.

He then stopped as the buzzer sounded and confidently nodded his head while high-fiving each member of the North Carolina men's basketball team as it headed into the locker room.

UNC still trailed Florida State, but Meeks grinned from ear-to-ear.

The freshman looked on the bright side.

The Tar Heels had found themselves down by as much as 15 points in the first half of their 81-75 win against FSU Monday. But his basket at the end of the half only made it a one-possession game.

Meeks had faith.

Following the game, he responded with a quick, "Oh yeah," while laughing when asked if he thought UNC had the momentum to mount a comeback. And that UNC did, fueled by a career night from its freshman big man.

"As the first half went on, I felt like I could be more aggressive and get those easy plays," said Meeks, who finished with a career-high 23 points. "...We were all starting to get discouraged. We just



Freshman center Kennedy Meeks had a career-high 23 points in UNC's 81-75 win against FSU.

needed that lift."

Meeks emerged out of the tunnel at the Tucker Center to start the second half just as lively as he had entered it minutes before.

A strong contest from Meeks on FSU's first offensive possession led to a wild shot.

On the other end of the floor, he converted.

On two of UNC's offensive possessions in the next few minutes, the crowd again heard the Tar Heel freshman's name ring through the arena.

Each time, Meeks skillfully dissected his matchup with Seminole center Boris Bojanovsky, who he out-weighs by 50 pounds.

Sophomore forward Brice Johnson attributed Meeks' fundamentals to the ease with

which he was able to score inside Monday. The freshman connected on 11 field goals — the most by any Tar Heel in a single game this season .

"He didn't play as well the last couple of games, so like coach (Roy Williams) said, it was great to have him out there able to score for us," Johnson said.

"He had a big-time effect on offense."

With UNC forward James Michael McAdoo in foul trouble all night, Meeks had the opportunity to show just how big of an impact he could have.

Whenever his team needed an energy boost, he was there. A strong outlet pass? He was there.

And most importantly, when UNC needed a basket

— Meeks gracefully dropped the ball in the net, employing the same fundamental strategy he did on the play that sent his team into halftime.

Catch, gather and finish. And after the game, the freshman received praise not only from his own coach, but the one that stood on the other side of the court, trying so desperately all night to combat his dominance.

"North Carolina's going to have quality talent in all positions," said Florida State coach Leonard Hamilton.

"Meeks just happens to be one of those players that got the ball inside tonight, and we had a difficult time stopping him."

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Faculty discuss APR scores

By Amanda Albright
University Editor

Morass.

The word, meaning "a confusing situation," was how one faculty athletics committee member described varying UNC athletic and academic success statistics.

The committee, which met Monday, discussed that and the athletic department's strategic plan, which aims for UNC to be ranked third in the conference and 10th nationally in both academics and athletics.

"The idea that academics are on the same par as athletics is new," said Paul Friga, a business professor. "We need to tell the academic story more."

How realistic that goal is — and how to measure such success — was a topic of confusion at the meeting.

Individual teams' five-year Academic Progress Rates dominated the discussion.

The rate, which is used by the NCAA, gives teams a score out of 1,000. The lowest five-year scores were held by the football team, with a score of 934; the wrestling team, with a score of 938; and the men's soccer team, with a score of 953. To stay eligible for championships, teams must keep a 930 average two-year APR.

UNC's football team was ranked 189th among Division 1 schools for APR, and men's soccer was ranked 160th.

But members criticized the

scores for only including scholarship or recruited athletes.

"Will we ever know if we've achieved or moved closer to this goal?" said Andrew Perrin, a member and sociology professor. "It seems like a morass."

Nursing professor Beverly Foster said the numbers were confusing because they exclude some players.

"If these athletes vary by team and are only part of the iceberg ... they're all part of our conversation," she said.

UNC has led the ACC average in APR for the past seven years, Friga said. The conference average is an APR of 975 — UNC's average was a 980.

Private schools, such as Duke University and Stanford University, were ranked higher than UNC academically, according to the data.

"We're trying to be as good academically as the privates and as good athletically as the publics," said Athletic Director Bubba Cunningham.

Committee Chairwoman Joy Renner said she was worried that the committee could become bogged down by comparing UNC to other schools.

"We're not in a place to compare ourselves to anyone," she said. We spent the last two years figuring out who we are. I'm hoping by the end of the year we can say who we want to be. Then we can say, 'How do we get there?'"

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New opponent for Hagan emerges

Will Stewart will run for Kay Hagan's seat in the Senate.

By Lindsay Carbonell
Staff Writer

While GOP candidates battle for the spot on the U.S. Senatorial ticket, incumbent N.C. Sen. Kay Hagan's approval ratings remain low. And now a new opponent to Hagan's seat has emerged — from her own party. Hagan's approval rating remains at 41 percent to 50 percent who disapprove of her. This marks the fourth consecutive month she has seen an almost -10 percent net approval rate, according to Public Policy Polling, a left-

leaning firm based in Raleigh. Her new opponent Will Stewart, 31, is an information technology expert with no prior experience in politics. “Frankly, I’m tired of looking at corporate politicians,” he said. “There’s not really anybody that’s representing the lower and middle class.” Meanwhile, Republican Bill Flynn, a Winston-Salem radio host, has dropped out of the race. N.C. House Speaker Thom Tillis continues to lead the pack, polling at 20 percent. He is followed by Greg Brannon and Heather Grant who are both polling at 13 percent. Both candidates gained 2 percent from last month, according to PPP. Ted Alexander, former Shelby mayor, is polling at 10 percent.

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Dustin Ingalls,
Public Policy Polling assistant to the director

Mark Harris, a Baptist pastor, and Edward Kryn, a former physician, trail behind. Brannon, a gynecologist, is in court for a civil lawsuit, according to The (Raleigh) News & Observer. Michael Cobb, professor of political science at N.C. State University, said it is not likely that Brannon's campaign will be affected by the lawsuit. “The only way that it would have any effect is if this is deemed to be some sort of political scandal that winds up receiving significant media coverage,” he said.

Grant, a nurse practitioner, said she's reaching out to people by hosting events and talking with neighbors. Dustin Ingalls, assistant to the director of PPP, said there is little interest among voters for GOP primary candidates. “It doesn't seem to be that exciting of a race,” he said. He said candidates have trouble distinguishing themselves in the race because they are not spending money. Even Tillis, he said, has not spent much of his campaign finances. Most of the money spent by special interest groups

— especially right-leaning Americans for Prosperity — is going to attack ads against Hagan, Ingalls said. “Once Hagan starts spending the hoards of cash she's stockpiling once the primary is over, things will change,” he said. Ingalls said it is difficult to stand out in a primary with so many candidates.

“Look at Ted Alexander and Edward Kryn who just got into the race last month,” he said. “Ted Alexander, I think for a lot of voters, just sounds like a generic white guy. He's someone who's Republican and he's male and who's not Kay Hagan, and that's really all voters know about him now.”

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FROM THE BLOGS



View from the Hill will be profiling the U.S. Senate candidates in weekly installments. Ted Alexander, former Shelby mayor, is the first profile, online now. Check dailytarheel.com/blog/view-from-the-hill each week for a new profile.



DTH FILE PHOTO

Laurence Alvin Lovette Jr. turns to watch courtroom activity behind the defense table during a break in the second day of testimony Dec. 8, 2011, in Hillsborough.

LOVETTE

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of the crime constitutes cruel and unusual punishment. In February 2013, the N.C. Court of Appeals ordered that Lovette, 17 at the time of Carson's murder, be resentenced in accord with the ruling. His original life sentence was upheld last June by N.C. Superior Court Judge Allen Baddour. Wiles said because of the Supreme Court decision, Lovette was not originally given proper notice of the conditions of his case and an opportunity to be heard, which are both necessary for

due process. “The problem is that the law changed while his case was going on,” Wiles said. “His sentencing wasn't fair because he didn't get a trial that would've allowed him to take advantage of the new sentencing scheme.” He said Lovette and his lawyers might have made different trial decisions had they known the ruling would take place. “That failure of notice represents a failure of due process,” Wiles said. Dick Ellis, the marshal of the N.C. Court of Appeals, said on average the court takes 90 days to make this kind of decision. Decisions

are posted to the court's website on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. James Markham, a UNC public law professor in the School of Government, said there is not much case law to which this appeal can be compared. “Given that he's one of the first people to whom this law has applied, it's not surprising that there would be some challenge to explore what the new law means,” Markham said. “He might have cooperated differently if he knew the lay of the land was changing like that.”

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RUNOFF DEBATE

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ed experience in the executive branch of the student government will learn how to work with the legislative branch to implement policy. “I think that student government is not rocket science — it's learnable,” Vicente said. “Even rocket science is learnable.” Ever-increasing tuition also pitted the candidates against each other. Powell said while advocating against tuition hikes is important, student government ultimately needs to address the root issue — the classic lecture-based class-

room model, which he called outdated and ineffective. “The lecture model was created when we lived in a world of information scarcity. Now we live in a world of information overload,” he said. Vicente expressed concern that moving towards a more cost-efficient classroom format would allow the N.C. General Assembly to cut funding even further. The debate came hours after Vicente's former platform editor, Ishmael Bishop, publicly withdrew his support, claiming he focused on national media attention and identity rather than platform issues, asking students to vote for Powell. “I feel as if the UNC body

is preparing to vote for an identity. They are not voting necessarily for a strong candidate, they are voting for an identity,” Bishop said in an interview. Vicente repeatedly addressed criticism of his motives during the debate. “I'm running because I want to hear from you, Carolina students,” Vicente said. Following the one-hour debate, digital screens displayed discussion questions for students to ask each other after the candidates left the room. Most audience members did not remain for more than a few minutes.

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FSU

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The customary pieces were missing. The trusty formula didn't compute. Still, somehow, the Tar Heels found an alternative solution. Somehow UNC cobbled together a victory, the 300th ACC victory of coach Roy Williams' career — a 81-75 defeat of Florida State. In typical fashion, Williams deflected praise for his 300th-win accolade after the game, instead focusing on his players' performances. “Well, that was about as bizarre a game as I was involved in early because there was nothing that we did that was very good,” Williams said. “I feel like I've stolen every cookie out of the cookie store.” During one UNC timeout in the first half, Williams yelled, “I can just sit down on the bench and let you guys lose by 50. The choice is yours.” The Tar Heels couldn't rely on their usual methods. They couldn't just climb onto McAdoo's and Paige's shoulders — they had to take the leap themselves. Brice Johnson came off the bench in the first half and scored 10 points on 4-for-5 shooting and brought down seven rebounds. He combined with fellow big man freshman Kennedy Meeks, who scored 13 first-half points and pulled down five boards, to fuel an explosive offensive 14-4 run and to enter the half down by just three, 36-33. But there was still more work to be done — and limited tools with which to accomplish it. McAdoo sat most of the game, and Johnson soon joined him on the bench when he picked up his fourth foul midway through the second half. UNC's roster continued to unfurl. Jackson Simmons, Desmond Hubert and Luke Davis took the court in a ragtag effort as the scoring margin ballooned and contracted. “We all have capabilities of being leaders, especially us (upperclassmen) like me and Jackson, Luke, Brice, even though we don't play as much,” said Hubert, who tied the game at 55-55 with a put-back dunk in the second half. “We've been here awhile, and we all know what we're supposed to do, and we all know Carolina basketball, and we try to bring that to the table.” Eventually, Paige would break loose from his first

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Roy Williams,
men's basketball coach

half handcuffs, nailing three 3-pointers and scoring 16 points in the second half. And Meeks would continue his offensive outburst, finishing with a career-high 23 points. But UNC needed a guttier effort than usual to earn its seventh consecutive win Monday. The win was the Tar Heels' biggest comeback of the season — and first win after trailing at halftime this season. And they

did it, in large part, without the typical domineering presence of two of their best players. “I think each person on this team knows their role,” Simmons said. “And we've seen that doing our job can get us the W.” On Monday, the Tar Heels simply had to do their jobs differently.

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On the wire: national and world news

Gay marriage is on quick pace to Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — The legal campaign for marriage equality is picking up speed, moving at a pace that has surprised even longtime advocates and increasing the likelihood of a definitive Supreme Court test as early as next year.

Efforts by some lawyers to plan a careful strategy for which cases to push forward to the high court have largely been put aside amid a rush of lower-court rulings striking down bans on same-sex marriage. The most recent came last week in Virginia, the first such ruling in the South.

“I don’t think there is any way to predict” which case will arrive at the Supreme Court first, lawyer David Boies said after the Virginia ruling.

In the last eight weeks, in addition to the Virginia decision, federal judges in Utah and Oklahoma have struck down laws limiting marriage equality. A federal judge in Kentucky ruled the state must recognize same-sex marriages

from other states. And in Ohio, a federal judge issued a more narrow ruling that cast doubt on the state’s ban.

Increasingly, the judges are saying they can see no legitimate justification for denying marriage licenses to same-sex couples. With the Supreme Court having said that states cannot validly base marriage laws on traditional religious disapproval of homosexuality, the remaining justifications offered to defend the laws fail to pass muster, the judges have ruled.

U.S. District Judge Arenda Wright Allen in the Virginia case began her opinion with a lengthy quotation from Mildred Loving, the plaintiff who successfully challenged Virginia’s law against interracial marriage in the high court in 1967.

That opening served notice that the judge, a former Navy lawyer appointed in 2011 by President Barack Obama, did not accept Virginia’s argument that history and tradition were enough to justify the state’s ban on same-sex marriage.

She also forcefully rejected

the state’s argument that limiting marriage to heterosexual couples is good for children.

Accused Craigslist killer confesses to 22 slayings

LOS ANGELES (MCT) — Pennsylvania teenager accused of killing a man she met on Craigslist has confessed to the slaying — and to killing more than 20 other people after joining a satanic cult at age 13, according to an interview she gave to a local newspaper.

Miranda Barbour, 19, reportedly had been married only three weeks when she and her husband, Elytte Barbour, 22, stabbed and strangled Troy LaFerrara, 42, after meeting up with him on Nov. 11, according to police in Sunbury, Pa. Both Miranda and Elytte Barbour, who wed in North Carolina, were arrested a month later in Pennsylvania. They are in custody and facing charges that include criminal homicide, assault and robbery, according to court records.

In a jailhouse interview published Saturday, the Daily

Item in Sunbury, Pa., reported that Miranda Barbour admitted to killing LaFerrara and to being part of a satanic cult since she was 13 years old.

Barbour said she began killing people shortly after she joined the cult while living in Alaska and “stopped counting” when “I hit 22” slayings, according to the newspaper.

Sunbury Police Chief Steve Mazzeo told the Daily Item he couldn’t confirm her claims but said “we are seriously concerned and have been in contact with the proper authorities” in other jurisdictions.

A spokeswoman for the FBI, Carrie Adamowski, told the Los Angeles Times in an email Sunday that “the FBI’s Philadelphia division has recently been in contact with the Sunbury Police Department regarding Miranda Barbour and will offer any assistance requested in the case.”

Barbour reportedly told the Daily Item that she had participated in killings in Alaska, Texas, North Carolina and California, with the majority happening in Alaska.



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Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 9 -- You’re entering a one-month review period, with the Sun in Pisces, in which you’re extra sensitive. Maintain objectivity, a philosophical perspective, and stay flexible. Will yourself to success (and work with partners). Consider your bedrock values.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 9 -- Favor private over public time. Peace and quiet draws you in. Get your main tasks handled so you can rest. You’ll have more fun for the next month, with the Sun in Pisces. Save up energy!

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today is an 8 -- Use your secret powers. Don’t be intimidated. Your emotions take a soft turn, and conditions seem unstable. Clean house. Re-arrange furniture for better use of space. Save money and watch a movie at home.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Today is a 7 -- Travel conditions improve this month, with the Sun in Pisces, but surprises still lurk. Consider new developments. Study and practice what you love for the next month with the Sun in Pisces. Step carefully. Travel later. There could be some fierce competition.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is an 8 -- Neither a borrower nor a lender be. Do without unnecessary expense. Study and practice what you love for the next month with the Sun in Pisces. Step carefully. Travel later. There could be some fierce competition.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 9 -- For the next four weeks with the Sun in Pisces, you can do well financially, if you can keep from spending it all on good causes. Stay practical. You may not have what you think. Give appreciation.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

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Professor Tonu Kallan directs the UNC Symphony Orchestra at a rehearsal in Hill Hall on Monday.

Symphony Orchestra shows student talent

By Sarah Vassello
Staff Writer

It takes many musical instruments coming together to create a unique harmony. Tonight, UNC students are doing just that in the annual mid-semester UNC Symphony Orchestra concert.

The concert, which highlights undergraduate talent, will feature two UNC student soloists — Kaswana Kanyinda and Christina Lai — both of whom were winners in the symphony's annual student concerto competition, held in November.

In addition to the competition winners and the undergraduate orchestra members, senior Vincent Povazsay will act as a guest student conductor for Gustav Mahler's "Adagietto from Symphony No. 5," an impressive feat as very few undergraduates are given this privilege.

Povazsay said he was extremely thankful for the opportunity granted to him by the music department.

"It's a rare opportunity to be able to lead a group of 100 of your closest friends and colleagues to the great music of Gustav Mahler," he said.

"Working on that piece with the orchestra has been a real pleasure and it's sounding fantastic."

Junior Vincent DeSio, president of the UNC Symphony Orchestra executive committee, said a panel of three professional musicians from outside the University selected the concerto winners to eliminate bias within the music department.

"(The judges) decide who would be the best performer for the concert — music selection, how they perform it, how expressive they are, how professional they are," he said.

Kanyinda, a senior, will be singing Tchaikovsky's "Polina's Romance" from the opera "The Queen of Spades, Op. 68," as well as Gershwin's "My Man's Gone Now," from the opera "Porgy and Bess."

Kanyinda said though she will be performing a solo, the true value in the performance comes from the collaboration with the rest of the orchestra.

"When you're rehearsing with the orchestra, you're so enamored by the amount of sound that comes through the instruments and the depth that it has," she said. "You get so caught up in it. I love it."

Lai, a junior pianist, is the concerto's other winner. She will be performing Ravel's "Concerto in D major for Piano, Left Hand."

An already difficult piece, Ravel's piece appealed to Lai because she injured her right

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hand, leaving only her left to play with. But, after practicing for more than a year, she has perfected the technique.

"The piano piece is quite spectacular," Kalam said. "It's almost 20 minutes long — it will bring down the house because it's a big part for the soloist, and it's a big part for the orchestra."

While the focus is largely on the concerto competition winners and on Povazsay, the UNC Symphony Orchestra also hopes to draw attention to the excellence of UNC's music program in general.

"As Carolina students, a lot of people think of athletics, and the nursing school, and the law (school)," Kanyinda said.

"I feel like this is our opportunity as a music department to say, 'Hey, Carolina is great for all of these things, but don't forget the music. Don't forget that we have artistic people — we have well rounded students, and this is their artistic side.'"

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Group starts 'cookie-cott'

By Ben Moffat
Staff Writer

As Girl Scout cookie selling season reaches its peak, some anti-abortion groups across the country are aiming to take a bite out of the organization's cookie sales.

Pro-Life Waco, a Texas anti-abortion organization, is leading a "cookie-cott" based on a tweet from the Girl Scouts account about a Huffington Post article that named Texas Sen. Wendy Davis, a pro-abortion rights advocate who filibustered a Texas law restricting the procedure, one of its Women of the Year.

The Girl Scouts of the USA does not take a political stance on issues such as abortion, but boycott leaders say that the group has undergone a left-leaning shift in recent years.

"There has been a decades-long concern over the drift of the Girl Scouts towards a support for pro-abortion activists," said John Pisciotta, director of Pro-Life Waco.

"We boycotted Girl Scout cookies in 2004 over their support for a scheme headed by Planned Parenthood, and we will do so again."

Girl Scouts representatives said the tweet did not constitute a political stance and that the boycott is based on misinformation.

"We do not feel it is our role to advocate for personal matters," said Krista Park, spokeswoman for Coastal Pines Girl Scouts

"We do not feel it is our role to advocate for personal matters."

Krista Park,
spokesman for Coastal Pines Girl Scouts

tion to Planned Parenthood and never have. We hope people will continue to support us through this time."

Pisciotta said the boycott will span this year's Girl Scout cookie season.

"We hope that our actions will convince the Girl Scouts of the USA to stand by their pledge to not back one side of the debate," he said. "If they continue to do so, many people will take their support for

the organization elsewhere, such as to the American Heritage Girls."

But not all anti-abortion groups fully support a boycott of the Girl Scouts.

"We don't have an official boycott of the Girl Scouts," said Barbara Holt, the president of N.C. Right to Life.

"We leave it up to our members to decide where to take their business. There are many manufacturers and industries that have connections to Planned Parenthood, and our goal is to raise awareness about what pro-abortion groups such as these teach and practice, rather than spending all our time boycotting."

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Town hears plan for development aimed at seniors

Courtyards of Homestead would include 65 homes.

By Bob Bryan
Staff Writer

It's a group Chapel Hill rarely gets the chance to serve.

At least, that's what Town Council member Ed Harrison seems to think.

Plans for a new development targeting senior citizens drew positive reactions from Town Council members at their meeting Monday.

The proposal, made by Epcon Communities, would create 65 single family homes on three parcels of land comprised of 2301, 2201 and 2209 Homestead Road.

The development, Courtyards of Homestead, could include a clubhouse, yard services and a community pool.

The council members said they appreciated the proposal targeting a section of the population that they think is underserved in the town.

"I'm glad to see this because there really isn't anything like this within Chapel Hill," Harrison said.

Joel Rhoades, vice president and general counsel for Epcon, said the company was attracted to the town due to the growing number of older citizens wanting to downsize.

"We saw a lot of people that want to stay in Chapel Hill as they get older, but want to

downsize from their larger homes to single story homes that are more manageable," Rhoades said.

Council member Jim Ward said many seniors move to communities outside of the town, mainly in Durham, due to the lack of options that cater to their needs.

While the proposal is in the early stages, the council offered suggestions to the developers regarding the project.

The council said the lack of affordable housing in the current proposal was worrisome. New developments in Chapel Hill must provide 15 percent affordable housing, which would be 10 of the homes. The current proposal substitutes paying a fee in lieu of affordable housing in order to offer all homes at market price.

"It's hard for me to think of any possible payment in lieu large enough to gain my support," council member Lee Storrow said.

Rhoades said the company has never had to develop a community with a minimum affordable housing requirement, but developers plan to meet it for Courtyards.

The other concern was the ability to create a sense of community within the development and how to integrate it with the surrounding neighborhood.

"For many seniors, when you move you don't know anyone," said council member Donna Bell. "You want to make connections."

IN OTHER NEWS

During its meeting Monday, the Town Council also discussed:

- A proposal to change the name of the Community Design Commission to the Community Design Advisory Board to streamline the development approval process in Chapel Hill.
- The cost of the current advisory board system is \$445,585, according to a presentation by Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt.
- The council will further discuss this change during its meeting on March 10.

The members also cited the need for pedestrian and bike accessibility in and out of the development to allow access to the nearby senior and aquatic centers.

Epcon has developments around the Triangle area including in Raleigh, Durham and Cary.

Rhoades said the next step is to take the recommendations from the council and revise their plans.

"We'll get together with our design teams and take everything we heard here tonight into account and hopefully come back with a refined proposal for the council," he said.

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New French Films on Campus

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Le Bonheur D'Elza (Elza)

Feb. 19 • Doors 6:30 • Film 7:00

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

1 JFK announcements

5 Athletic shoe brand

9 Haute, Indiana

14 Red dessert wine

15 A party to

16 Advil competitor

17 Two-toned treat

18 Bibliography, e.g.

19 Washer cycle

20 Phrase on a treasure map

23 Sycophant

24 Captain of industry

26 Novelist Deighton

28 Sinking ship deserter

29 Illuminated

31 Luxury SUV since 1970

36 Hard-to-hit tennis server

37 Black wood

38 Vigor's partner

39 Locale

40 Criminal, to a cop

41 Sophocles tragedy

43 Giant Mel enshrined in Cooperstown

44 NBC late-night comedy hit

45 Pull

46 First film to win the Oscar for Best Animated Feature

48 "Take care of yourself!"

53 One of the things little boys are made of, and

a hint to 20-, 31- and 41-Across

57 Take as one's own

59 Desert tableland

60 Pirate booty

61 Confused struggle

62 Cool and collected

63 Blackthorn fruit

64 Message limited to 140 characters

65 Lotion additive

66 -de-camp

DOWN

1 Glue for a model kit

2 Mel, "The Velvet Fog"

3 Fields of study

4 Nor'easter, for one

5 Light lager

6 Part of BTU

7 Dance wildly

8 Bet all players must make

9 Fossil-preserving spot

10 "The Waste Land" poet

11 Budget vehicle

12 Natl. park campers

13 Wide shoe size

21 Actress Cuoco of "The Big Bang Theory"

22 Guide for the Magi

25 Female relative

27 Best-seller list entry

28 Make payment

30 "Jurassic Park" predator, for short

31 Auto loan default consequence

32 Helps, as a 40-Across

33 Santa's home

34 Econ. statistic

35 YouTube clip, for short

36 Pacino and Capone

39 Washington's ___ Sound

41 Peeling potatoes in the mil., perhaps

42 Darts, commonly

44 Seven-person combo

47 Indian currency

49 Tostitos dip

50 Garlic mayonnaise

51 Monsoon aftermath

52 Makeup maven Lauder

54 Gym site, briefly

55 Negotiation goal

56 Northern European capital

57 Qty.

58 Beads on the grass



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Indicting the guilty pleasure

There is no greater joy in life than sitting down with a pint of Ben & Jerry's to binge-watch "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit." Many people would consider this behavior an indulgent 'guilty pleasure' — a societal determination of the uncool, unintelligent or embarrassing. I hate the idea of the guilty pleasure, of having to justify your interests in order to fit a mainstream definition of acceptable culture.

At one point in my life, I would only openly discuss my varied musical interests with close friends. Most 15-year-olds know nothing of Stevie Ray Vaughan or Led Zeppelin, making me an anomaly of sorts.

I've learned, though, to embrace the idiosyncrasies of my cultural palate. I will tell everyone how Katy Perry's "PRISM" album explores great emotional depths and how Hayley Williams of Paramore is one of the strongest vocalists in pop music. From hip-hop to hard rock, I love what I love and feel no need to justify or qualify my taste.

There is no shame in loving the Kardashians in all of their televised glory. They are entertaining, funny, attractive and engaging. My obsession with their show is borderline religious.

Cultural guilt moves beyond music and television, extending to our fashion and style choices. My favorite clothing store is the notoriously inexpensive and trendy H&M. There is no freedom like that of the \$14.99 linen harem pant. Though I only wear them at home, I feel no shame answering the door in this wildly unattractive garment.

When I find someone who loves grunge music as much as I do, I know we are kindred spirits. However, if a friend expresses his profound adoration of Honey Boo Boo, I respect him more for his honesty. The songs, shows and films we love speak to our individual quirks and personality traits. If our interests never extended beyond John Mayer and "Grey's Anatomy," our culture would be very sad indeed.

Being a simultaneous fan of Zadie Smith and the Lifetime Movie Network makes me unique if not eccentric, both characteristics I embrace. My array of cultural interests has given me numerous conversation-starters. I can speak with anyone about music, whether they listen exclusively to Fall Out Boy or N.W.A. I consider this a skill.

The idea of 'confessing' our 'guilty pleasures' makes us feel as if we're wrong, as if we can't genuinely enjoy what makes us happy without feeling dumb or vapid. In the words of the Honorable Aubrey "Drake" Graham, "You only live once." Devoting time to worrying or covering our passions is unnecessary and sad. Own your love of the E! Network. I certainly have.

Two of my favorite shows, "Freaks and Geeks" and "My So-Called Life," are considered cult classics: shows which were not initially popular but have recently gained credibility. Maybe college kids 20 years from now will be fawning over "The Carrie Diaries" and "Dance Moms."

EDITORIAL CARTOON By Nate Beeler, The Columbus Dispatch



EDITORIAL

Run off with Powell

Students would do well to vote for Andrew Powell.

All students should vote for Andrew Powell to be their next student body president.

Out of the remaining two candidates, Powell possesses the qualities and characteristics that would make for the most effective student body president.

One of the most important responsibilities of the job is dealing with administrators and other officials at a high level. Whether it is speaking in favor of gender neutral housing in front of the Board of Trustees or casually meeting with Chancellor Carol Folt, it is extremely important for the president to connect with these people while still representing the students that voted for him.

Though he may not have the same experience dealing with these administrators that past presidents have, Powell is sure to be prepared in these meetings.

During candidate interviews with the editorial board, it became obvious that speaking publicly comes naturally to him. Additionally, though we asked about a wide range of topics, Powell was able to easily and directly answer

each question without skirting over any issue.

Both of these qualities are important when dealing with the BOT or the Board of Governors, who may be a little more intimidating than meeting with us.

The concreteness and breadth of his platform is also to be applauded despite its over-ambition.

His policies on increasing the environmental aspects of the university are both novel for the area and proven across the nation. UNC would benefit exponentially if Powell could implement his proposed campus-wide restriction on both plastic bottles and plastic shopping bags.

Powell's stance on gender neutral housing also demonstrates a sense of practicality that runs concurrently with his desire to represent the interests of the students. Though his platform states that he plans to continue pressuring the BOG for gender neutral housing on campus, it also details a short-term solution in the form of partnering with local apartment buildings to offer this type of housing near campus.

It would be appalling if this were the long-term solution. People desiring this type of housing should not be banished from campus — but is a hard truth that the BOG will likely not

pass this measure within the next few months and this seeks to offer realistic relief in the meantime.

Finally, Powell's stance on tuition communicates a pragmatism that is valuable to UNC. As his platform states, it is unreasonable to expect any student to actually argue in favor of tuition increases. Instead he offers solutions that would address the problem at its roots by cutting costs.

This is where Powell's near obsession with education reform comes in. Though his vision of a flipped classroom may be beneficial to UNC, it is possible that it may not be implemented during his time in office, as it's unlikely to implement something so vast with this position.

However, students should not simply see this as a negative. Instead, this obsession stands as a testament to the time and energy Powell is willing to put into a project or an idea. If UNC sees another one of the scandals that have plagued it in years past, it is reasonable to conclude that Powell will use these abilities to ease its passage through it.

Powell has the abilities and desire to implement change at this University. Students should see this and vote for him in today's run off election.

EDITORIAL NOTEBOOK

Dance minor blues

Many have felt scorned by the lack of a dance minor.

There have long been rumblings about a dance minor on this campus. Every time a new rumor sprang up in the past four years, I, along with many of my peers in the dance community, clung to the news for dear life.

Like so many students whom I have come to know through late night practices on every far flung corner of this campus, I came to UNC unprepared to let go of years of dance classes and performances. I have long felt that enrolling in a dance minor at UNC would be the ideal way to go to the school of my dreams without giving up on a passion that has driven me.

There have been widespread movements, and two dance studios have been built on campus. The dance community genuinely believed the Holden Thorp administration when they said the minor would be up and running a year after they approved it in 2013.

This month we found out that budgetary concerns



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are holding the minor back from being fully realized and appreciated by a community that genuinely wants it. And that is a shame. The realities of budget cuts are often hard to comprehend until they confront you personally.

Despite the scarcity of professional, guided instruction on this campus, in the past four years, I have found my way around the lack of a dance minor through a series of fulfilling outlets. The sheer amount of groups on this campus dedicated to creating innovative and creative dance pieces is amazing.

However, the vast majority of groups on this campus are student-led. While I appreciate everything I've learned from my peers, nothing can ever beat instruction from a well-trained professional.

When Gov. Pat McCrory spoke openly about his derision for the liberal arts, our campus felt targeted and bonded together in our distaste for his comments.

Yet somehow, in the midst of these discussions, our lack of a serious commitment to dance on this campus did not come up. I can think of no better time to bolster our responsibility to the arts — as the flagship school of the UNC-system — than when our system faces criticism and scorn from those who do not care about education in the arts. If there ever was a time to go full throttle, it would be now.

They will say that the lack of existing faculty is a nail in the coffin for the dance minor, but I and my peers who have petitioned for years for this minor, will only see this as an excuse standing in the way of something great. North Carolina is a gold mine of creative talent, in dancers and those who teach it. This minor is worth the time, money and effort. Chancellor Carol Folt should listen to the hundreds of unfulfilled dancers at this University to continue the work Holden Thorp could not finish.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Well, that was about as bizarre a game as I was involved in early because there was nothing that we did that was very good."

Roy Williams, on UNC's slow start to an 81-75 win at Florida State

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"The administration's last minute decision to cancel classes before waiting two hours to close the school put lives at risk."

CarolinaGirl, on the winter storm last week

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help make factories in Bangladesh safe

TO THE EDITOR:

My name is Kalpona Akter. I am a former child garment worker and Executive Director of the Bangladesh Center for Worker Solidarity. I have traveled thousands of miles to the U.S. with Reba Sikder, a survivor of April's Rana Plaza factory collapse that killed over 1,100 Bangladeshi garment workers, to ask for your solidarity to put an end to deathtrap factory conditions in my country.

Together with our allies in Student Action with Workers, we're asking UNC-Chapel Hill to join Duke University and seven U.S. universities that have required their apparel brands to sign the Bangladesh Safety Accord. Unlike the empty promises we've seen from corporate social responsibility programs, the Accord legally requires companies to ensure their factories are made safe, according to independent inspections by safety experts. In contrast, the Alliance for Worker Safety (the program proposed by VF Corporation and Walmart) contains no legal obligation for companies to pay a single cent toward the repair of their factories.

This Tuesday at 3 p.m., a committee will convene in Vance 120 to vote on whether to require brands to sign the Accord. UNC's action with respect to the Accord will affect the working conditions of thousands of workers across the garment industry who toil in unsafe factories making as little as \$68 per month. I urge UNC to seize this opportunity to be a leader among U.S. universities and make a real difference in the lives of the Bangladeshi garment workers by requiring its brands to join the Accord.

Kalpona Akter
Executive Director
Bangladesh Center for
Worker Solidarity

Do not cry for any football coaches

TO THE EDITOR:

The Daily Tar Heel has reported the low rank of UNC football coaches' salaries, but additional data from the Knight Commission should eliminate any concern for action to change this rank. From 2005 through 2011, academic spending per student, defined as just those costs associated with educating students, has declined by 12 percent at UNC to about \$31,000. In striking contrast, football spending per player has entered the stratosphere, increasing by 56 percent to nearly \$145,000 per player.

A big chunk of this increase in football spending comes from coaches' salaries, of course, where

the highest paid football coaches nationally now earn over \$5.5 million. At UNC, coaching compensation per player has increased a whopping 138%. Debt service for facilities has also exploded, more than doubling to over \$4.2 million per year in 2011.

To those who argue that most of this spending comes from ticket sales, TV revenue and private donations, it is worth pointing out that institutional funding — that is, the athletic subsidy per athlete (not just football) — has increased by 83 percent, just over \$11,000. UNC seems to be racing to catch up to its ACC competitors, for whom the average athletic subsidy has increased by only 18 percent. Recall, however, that the athletic subsidy has increased while academic spending per student has declined by 12 percent. Do these current spending trends advance UNC's mission of scholarship, research and service?

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Shale gas is not the answer and not clean

TO THE EDITOR:

Shale gas is not the answer to lowering carbon emissions. While we are faced with the threat of runaway climate change, it is imperative that we do not continue our reliance on fossil fuels, whether it is shale gas, coal or oil, to fuel our growing energy demands.

Extracting and burning shale gas is incorrectly labeled as "cleaner" than burning oil simply because it is less carbon intensive. Not only does the release of methane (which is over 20 times more potent of a greenhouse gas than carbon) significantly contribute to the greenhouse effect, but also the extraction process (fracking) is dirty and destructive. Since 2005, 250 billion gallons of water have been contaminated because of fracking. Fracking wastewater is very difficult and expensive to clean and restore to a usage state, so it is almost always dumped in a toxic waste pit, often in someone's backyard. In light of the extreme droughts in California, not to mention areas around the world without access to clean water, how can we justify polluting the single most vital — and very limited — natural resource that we have?

Solar and wind power technology is sound. Bavaria, a region in Germany with 0.7 percent of the landmass of the U.S., produces more solar power than all 50 states combined, and local economies are reaping the benefits from solar and wind farm cooperatives. Renewable energy is the answer to sustainably reducing carbon emissions, not shale gas.

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