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Former UNLV students involved in murder-suicide

Football star Randy Brewer murdered at local night club

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Brewer

Two former UNLV students were killed early Sunday morning in a murder-suicide, and a current UNLV criminal justice major is listed in fair condition at University Medical Center, following an altercation at a local night club.

Former UNLV football player and communications major Randy Brewer, 22, was shot to death by former UNLV student, Alexander J. Kaye, 21. Brewer's companion, Lauree Fujiuchi, 22, a junior criminal justice major, was shot once in the hand and once in the chest, according to Las Vegas Metropolitan Police.

Kaye committed suicide when confronted by the police shortly after the altercation, Metro police said.

Metro responded to a 911 call at the 4300 block of Deckow Lane and found Brewer on the sidewalk in front of an apartment with multiple gunshot wounds to the head. Paramedics declared him dead at the scene.

Police have no motive in the shoot-

ings, which stemmed from a confrontation that started at the Beach Club, near Paradise Road and Civic Center Drive, police said. "There was never a fight," said Metro Sgt. Kevin Manning. "There was an incident

where some people from Brewer's group were bumped into by members of Kaye's group. Words were exchanged but security intervened before a fight started."

Manning said the people from Kaye's group were asked to leave the club and wound up at the Drink And Eat Too, near Harmon Avenue and Koval Lane. Approximately one hour later, Brewer's group wound up at the Drink.

"The two groups knew each other were there, but there was no further interaction between the groups in the club," Manning said.

At approximately 3:15 a.m. Brewer and Fujiuchi left the club and walked towards their car. Kaye followed them and began shooting, police said.

A female witness to the crime gave Metro a description of the assailant and police began a search.

A short time after the shooting a Metro patrol car was hailed near Fla-

mingo and Paradise by a man who said a person fitting the description of Kaye tried to take his car at gunpoint.

Metro's search ended at a nearby adult bookstore, where police confronted Kaye, repeatedly telling him to stop. Kaye pulled a semi-automatic handgun from his waistband and fired one shot into his head, police said.

"It was a very, very bizarre incident," Manning said. "It is essentially a closed case. There is no doubt Kaye was the gunman."

Police are trying to get people from both groups involved in the confrontation at the Beach to come in for questioning in order to piece together a motive for the crime, Manning said.

Brewer, who was a starting tight end for last year's Big West Conference co-champion Rebels, was not involved in the initial incident at the Beach, Manning said.

Brewer was living in Denver, working as an intern in the public relations department of the Denver Nuggets basketball team.

A former walk-on to the football team, Brewer earned a scholarship and started eight games last season, including the Las Vegas Bowl. He was known for his excellent blocking skills and had a key, drive saving, reception in the Rebel's upset victory over the UNR Wolf Pack last season.

"That (catch) was the highlight of his college playing career," Coach Jeff

Horton said.

Last season Brewer had nine catches for 67 yards. His big game came in a regular season contest against the Central Michigan Chippewas. He caught four passes for 27 yards against the Chippewas.

Brewer was also a basketball player before a knee injury sidelined his career. He was named McDonald's All-American honorable mention coming out of high school. Brewer had one year of eligibility left but chose to graduate in four years and pursue a career in public relations.

Brewer's friends and coaches spoke highly of the former Rebel. "He was an awesome guy," Horton said. "He was the kind of guy we wanted representing our program. He did everything he was supposed to do and was never in trouble. He always did everything right."

Although he did not have great hands, his blocking skills and positive attitude made him a positive asset to the team, Horton said.

"He was always a positive guy," Horton said. "I used to yell at him for dropping balls and he would keep coming back for more."

Last Spring, Brewer held an internship in the UNLV sports information department. Friend and co-worker Scott Gulbransen remembers him as

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Pida faxes in veto of failed Senate action

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Questions are being asked about the validity of Student Government President John Pida's recent veto of the Senate's unanimous decision to deny salary compensation for a new assistant director position.

The Senate voted Sept. 6 to deny payment of a \$150 monthly stipend and 12 credit fee waiver for Tod Story, assistant director of the Nevada Student Affairs.

Pida, who was in Reno for the Board of Regents meeting at the time of the CSUN meeting, faxed in his veto against the action on Sept. 8, and Sen-

ate President Pat Smith announced the veto at the Sept. 11 Senate meeting.

Senators Shawna Campbell and Leia Fleischman said the veto was invalid because the action would have to be passed by the Senate before it could be vetoed by Pres. Pida.

Senate Pres. Pat Smith has requested the opinion of the CSUN Judicial Council. The council will determine the validity of Pida's veto on Friday, Sept. 22.

Senate reaction to Pida's veto was overwhelming. Sen. Campbell maintained her position at the Sept. 6 Senate meeting, stating, "It's a title. It shouldn't be anything more. Assistant director positions

aren't expanded enough to warrant pay.

This motion was voted down unanimously," Campbell continued. "It's not a legislative year, so assistant directors won't be very busy."

Sen. Scott Schwartz and Vice President Joe Mills agreed that paying assistant directors is not necessary.

Story says he hopes to have an increased workload, and said, "It all comes down to, are you going to be paid for your time?"

Regarding Pida's veto, Story responded, "It's up to the Senate whether or not they choose to readdress the issue."

President Pida was not available for comment.

Harter announces parking policy revision

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Controversy over inconvenience with UNLV's public parking permit has resulted in a revision of the policy.

President Carol Harter announced no fee will be charged to campus visitors after 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and after

5 p.m. Fridays, and all day Saturdays and Sundays.

A \$2 per day parking fee is charged to all non-students under the current system. The original intent was to enforce the fee 24 hours a day. It has become obvious, however, that there is no reasonable way to do so without inconveniencing the members of the public who visit the university for events, including concerts, lec-

tures, and theater.

Jeff Koep, dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts, is pleased with the action.

"Not collecting a fee in the evening will definitely help us.

My concern is for the students in music whose parents want to attend these

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Step in time...

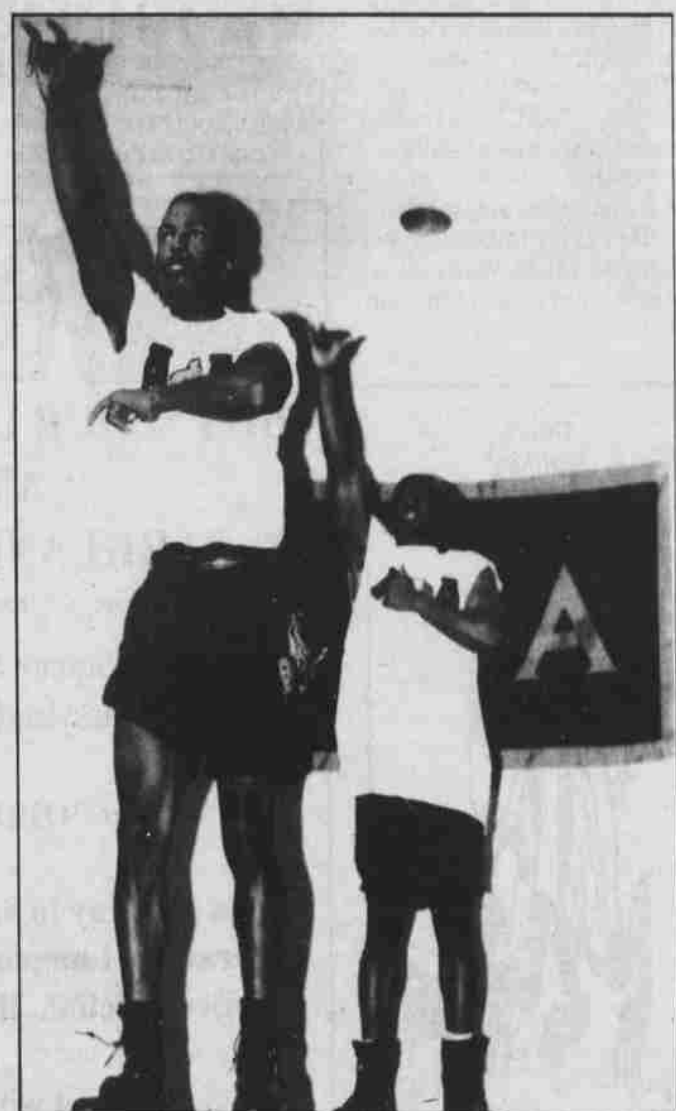


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Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity members steppin' to show pride.