

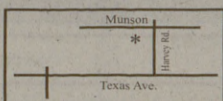
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Man's body found hanging in tree

MOUNT SELMAN, Texas (AP) — The intended victim of a foiled 1997 murder-for-hire scheme was found Friday, hanging in front of the isolated rural residence he once shared with the wife who wanted him dead.

Authorities said John Othello Haskins, 37, apparently had been dead at least a week. Haskins, an employee of Trane Co. in Tyler, had not reported for work since Aug. 7.

Mount Selman is in northern Cherokee County, about 10 miles north of Jacksonville and about 20 miles south of Tyler.

Sheriffs deputies found the man around 2:15 p.m., after receiving a call from a neighbor who discovered the badly decomposed body, Cherokee County Sheriff James Campbell told the *Jacksonville Daily Progress*.

Medical experts at the Southwest Institute of Forensic Sciences in Dallas identified

Haskins through his fingerprints, the *Tyler Morning Telegraph* reported.

Investigators found a farewell note, but declined to release the contents.

"We are awaiting autopsy results to determine affirmatively that this is a suicide case," Campbell said.

Haskins' troubled personal life made headlines in 1997 after he walked into an early morning ambush, orchestrated by his wife, Kathy Therese Haskins.

Authorities said his wife, 44 at the time, conspired with three men to kill her husband and then disguise the crime scene so that it looked like an accident.

"They were going to kill him, break his neck and then throw him out the top floor of the barn to make it look like he fell," Campbell said.

Joshua Mangrum, 18; Billy Bert Shoemaker, 23; and William Carl Stephens, 18, hid in the house and waited for Haskins to

come home from work, officials said. At the time, Haskins was serving probation, pleading guilty in April 1996 to intimate with a teen-age girl, whom investigators described as Mangrum's former girlfriend.

When Haskins arrived home on the morning of Sept. 2, 1997, the three jumpers were waiting for him.

"One man attempted to grab him from behind but Haskins, who was smaller than the other two men, managed to get away," Campbell said. "Haskins shot Stephens through a glass door in the back," Campbell said. Stephens made it to the pickup truck but hid behind a barn, but died shortly later in the truck, which was driven by Mangrum, *Daily Progress* reported in 1997.

Mangrum dumped Stephens' body in the woods beside the road and covered it with brush, but later led deputies to the site.

FRESHMEN

sessions begin in early August and end just before Fall 2001 classes begin. These camps are named in honor of University and community leaders.

This year, camps were named after former President George Bush and Tim and Janice Kerlee parents of, Tim Kerlee Jr., who died after the 1999 Texas Aggie Bonfire collapse.

The main focus of each camp is to talk, Sullivan said. Ten to 12 freshmen meet with two counselors in individual discussion groups, which

serve as the springboard for conversations about college life, from worries and fears to handling classes and dating, Sullivan said.

"This is our main avenue to make freshmen feel comfortable about coming to A&M," Sullivan said. "If we can make the fish laugh and break down barriers, then we've done our jobs."

The six different camps come together at night to watch camp counselors perform skits and demonstrate such Aggie traditions as yells and the War Hymn.

About 900 upperclassmen serve as counselors. The freshmen also participate in a mock Silver Taps and a Midnight Yell.

Not much differs from year to year in Fish Camp, said Sullivan, who's been a part of the camp since he first attended as a freshman. He sees Fish Camp as an A&M tradition that helps to carry on other traditions of the school.

"It's good to know that it won't change," Sullivan said. "Traditions are what drew me to the school, and Fish Camp

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is ensuring that new students get the same welcoming and carry on the same traditions that we did before. We are teaching the same things in 2005 the same things I taught."

Freshman Hershel Patel, a biomedical engineering major from Plano, will leave at 8 a.m. today in the final session of Fish Camp.

"I expect that I'll be about A&M," Patel said. "I came to this school because it's a good engineering school, but I want to know what else it is."

FOW

Review on the Quad from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Not all the freshmen who arrived will march in that review, however, as many decide that the regimented lifestyle of cadets is not for them. Of the 700 freshmen cadets going through FOW, about 15

percent will drop out before the week's end, Voelkel said.

"Some students just don't realize what they're getting into when they sign up for the Corps, so they drop out when they find out what it's all about," he said.

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But the orientation leaves the freshmen ready for life at A&M.

Everyday, the new recruits are finding closer friends, Smith said.

"It [is] a challenge, but I knew what was in for," he said.

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household," Rybinski said. "We expect to spend about \$2 million more before all is said and done. Every little donation is greatly appreciated."

Garren would have wanted to help, Passwaters said. "I've heard that Chad was the kind of guy that gave a lot of himself to everything he did," Passwaters said. "We wanted to do something for him in return."

Campus Calendar

Tuesday

A&M Men's Soccer Club will have registration for tryouts at Penberthy Sport Club Fields at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Drew Fitzgerald at 696-4562.

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