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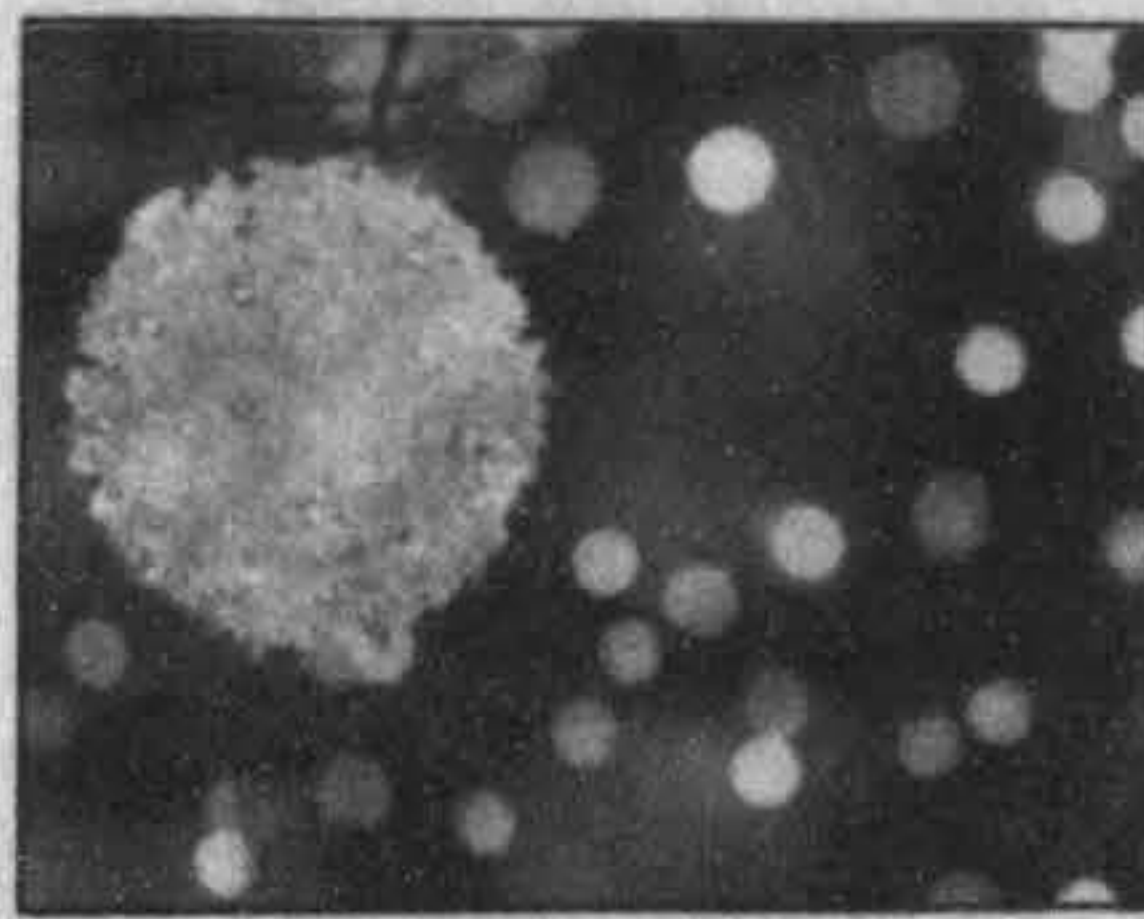
**How you play game really is telling**

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With Tom Brokaw gone and Dan Rather going, network news shows are pondering change to longtime formats. **8A**

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**Group homes sprout amid neighbors' fears**

Central Sioux Falls residents wary about recovering addicts

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What do you think about group homes for recovering addicts? Log on to [www.argusleader.com](http://www.argusleader.com).

**INSIDE**

Who's most at risk of addiction? **5A**

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The four men who live in a group home at 600 W. 26th St. in central Sioux Falls all own stories of gloom wrapped in the inexorable sweep of alcohol or drug addiction. But they share, too, in a goal of sustained sobriety.

Each has been through inpatient treatment and come to the realization that the longing for one more high is a burden yet too daunting to bear alone. So they cobble together their collective resolve. They share expenses. They teach and remind each other what it is to hold a job, to ride over the bumpy rhythms of life with a lucid mind.

"It's been a blessing," says Pat Ross, 31, a Sioux Falls man who spent much of his 20s addicted to alcohol and gambling. At 28, Ross

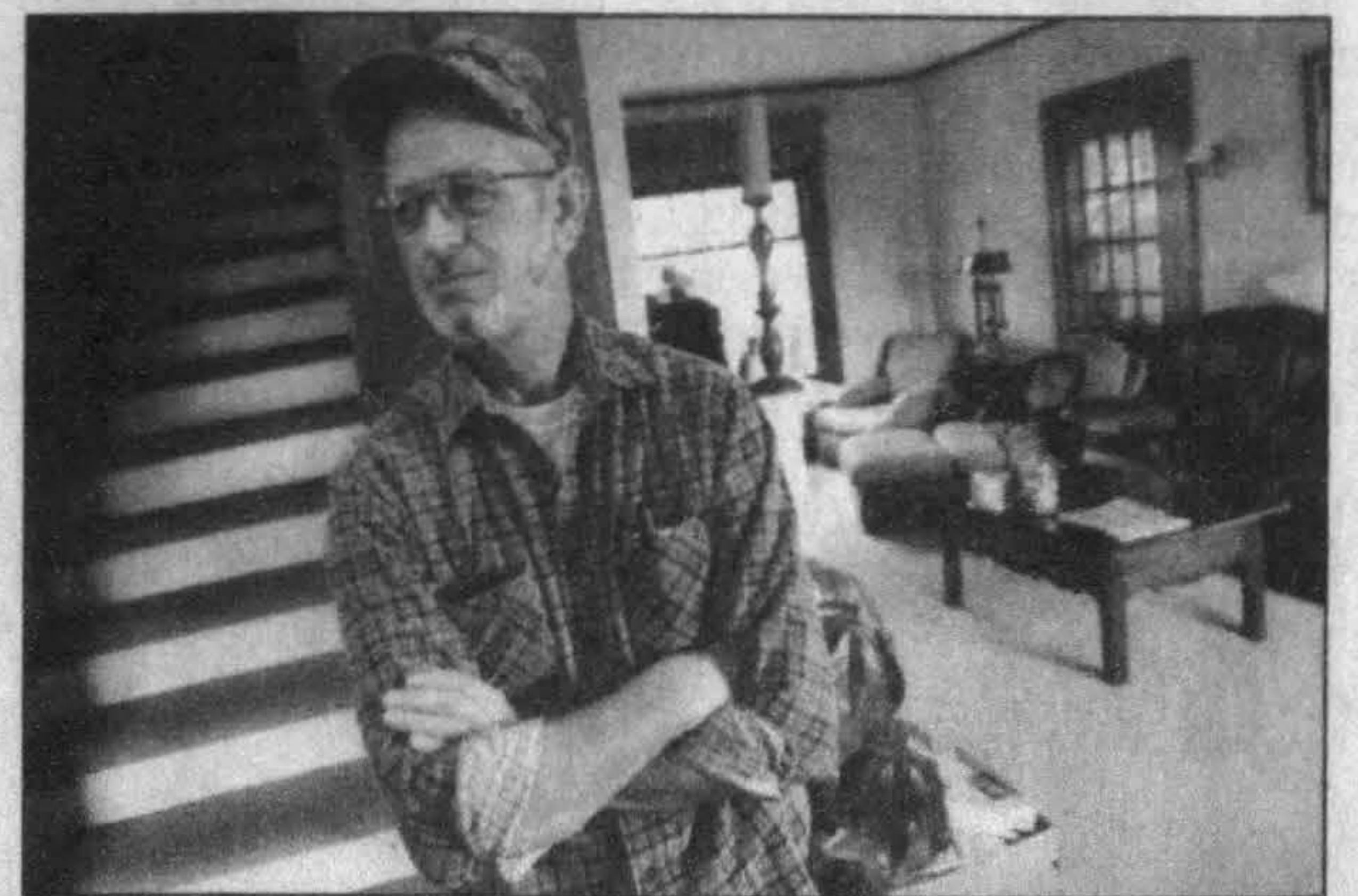
woke up sober – and in prison. Years of writing bad checks to fund addictions led to a grand theft conviction.

"It's hard to understand, but for some people, it takes that much to realize you've hit bottom," says Ross, who got out of prison this year and moved into the group home in July. He landed a job and is committed to sobriety. His housemates "all relate and can understand and help each other. It makes a huge difference."

They live in what is thought to be the first-of-its-kind home in Sioux Falls. It promises much for addicts: among residents in such houses in other cities, success rates are four times greater than for those who try to stay sober on their own.

But it also raises trepidation for neighbors.

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CHRISTOPHER GANNON / ARGUS LEADER  
**Bob Butts, 68, lives in a group home for recovering addicts at 600 W. 26th St. in central Sioux Falls. "This house shows you how good life can be if you stay away from alcohol," says Butts, a recovering alcoholic.**

*More than a month after a shooting on the Northern State campus, little is known about the incident or the first-year teacher who died.*

**The mysterious death of a professor**



Morgan Lewis

Not knowing 'unsettling' to community

BY JENNIFER SANDERSON  
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**A**BERDEEN – The Rev. James Morgan never met the man whose absence now lingers in the calm of his chapel.

Morgan, a Catholic priest at the Aquinas Newman Center in Aberdeen, rises early many mornings to pray. Across the street, through a series of windows on the chapel's north side, he can see Northern State University and the U-shaped brick of Seymour Hall.

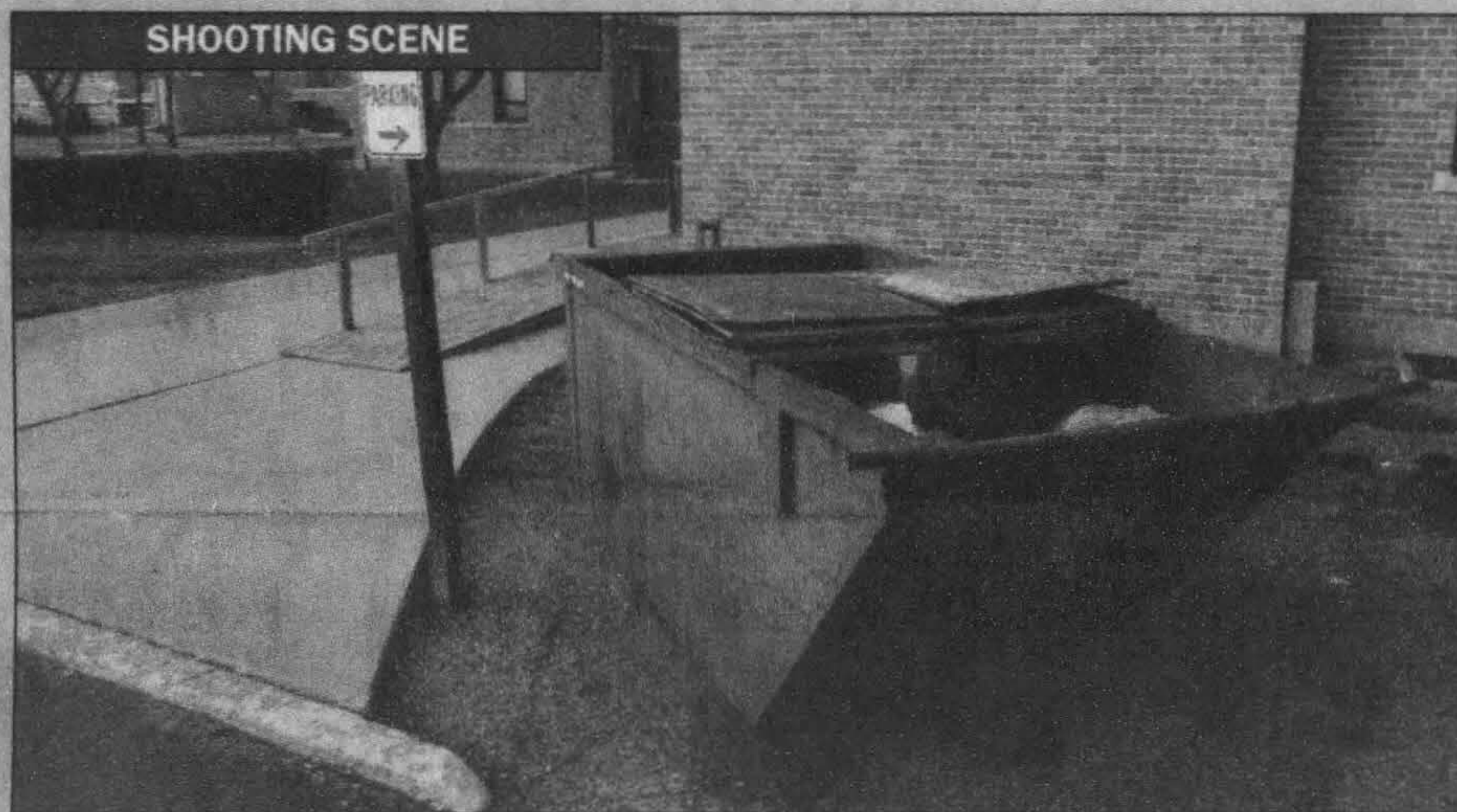
If he had looked up in the dim hours of Nov. 1, the priest wonders, would he have seen who fired a bullet into Morgan N. Lewis' neck? Could he have done more than accompany the man's friends and pray over the body in the morgue?

"But that morning, All Saint's Day, I slept in," he said.

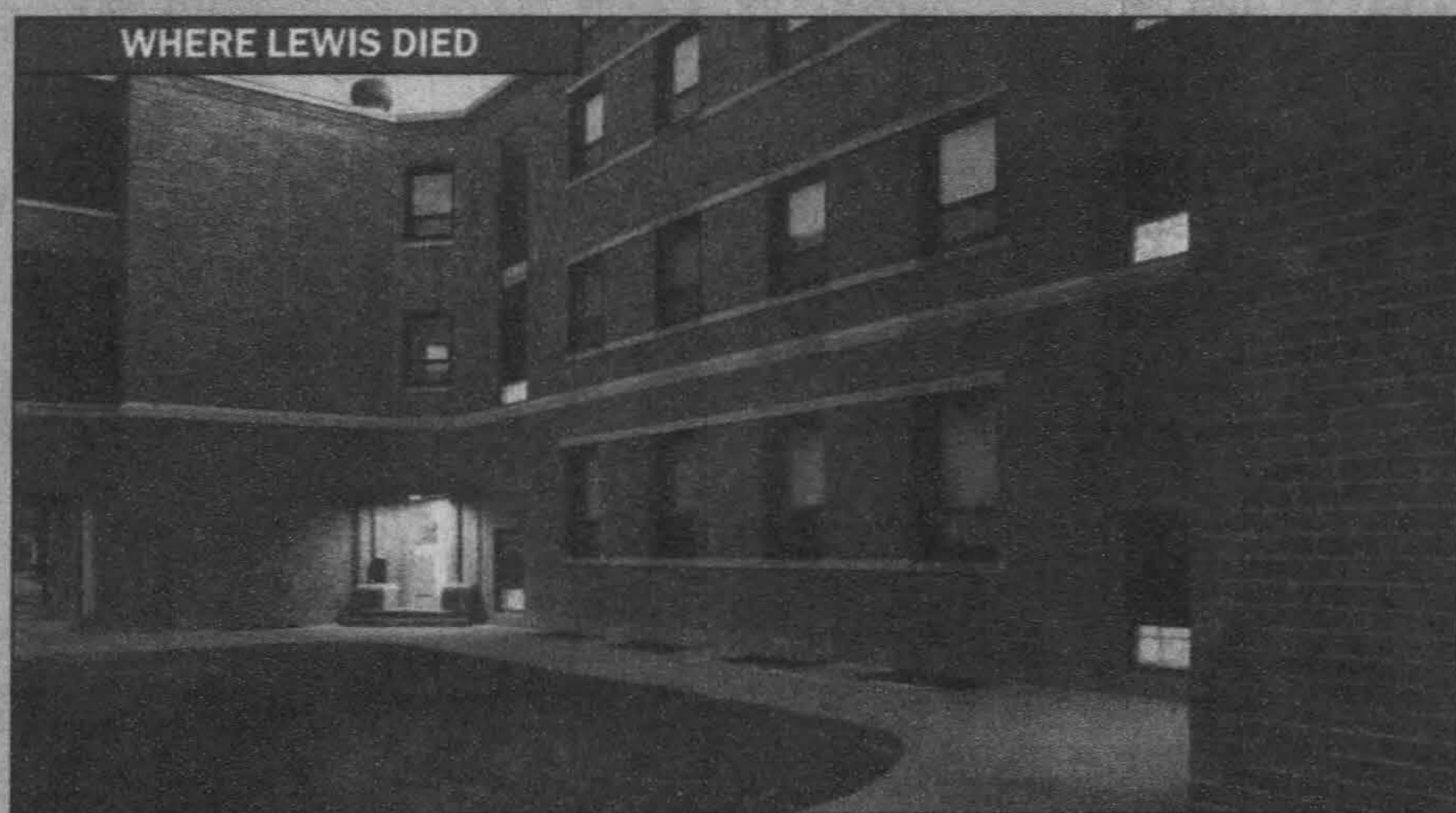
Such thoughts cannot be controlled. Sharing them lightens the burden, and the entire community of Aberdeen is doing just that, talking about a man most of them never knew.

Lewis, 46, collapsed near Seymour Hall's doorway, three stories down from his office, according to police. A trail of blood led from his body, diagonally across a courtyard and to a green Dumpster about 40 yards away. Inside the garbage container, police found a .25-caliber Colt pistol. Nearby was an empty shell casing of the same caliber.

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SHOOTING SCENE  
 LLOYD B. CUNNINGHAM / ARGUS LEADER  
**A Colt .25 pistol was found in this Dumpster, next to the spot where investigators suspect Northern State University professor Morgan N. Lewis was shot early Nov. 1.**



WHERE LEWIS DIED  
 LLOYD B. CUNNINGHAM / ARGUS LEADER  
**Lewis collapsed and died to the right of this doorway at Seymour Hall. A trail of blood led to this site from a Dumpster about 40 yards away where investigators say he was shot.**



INVESTIGATION  
 DAWN DIETRICH / ABERDEEN AMERICAN NEWS  
**The body of Lewis is brought Nov. 1 from where it was found outside Seymour Hall. Investigators are waiting for test results on the Colt .25 that could reveal fingerprints.**

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► **INVESTIGATION:** What leads are being followed, and what have police determined so far?

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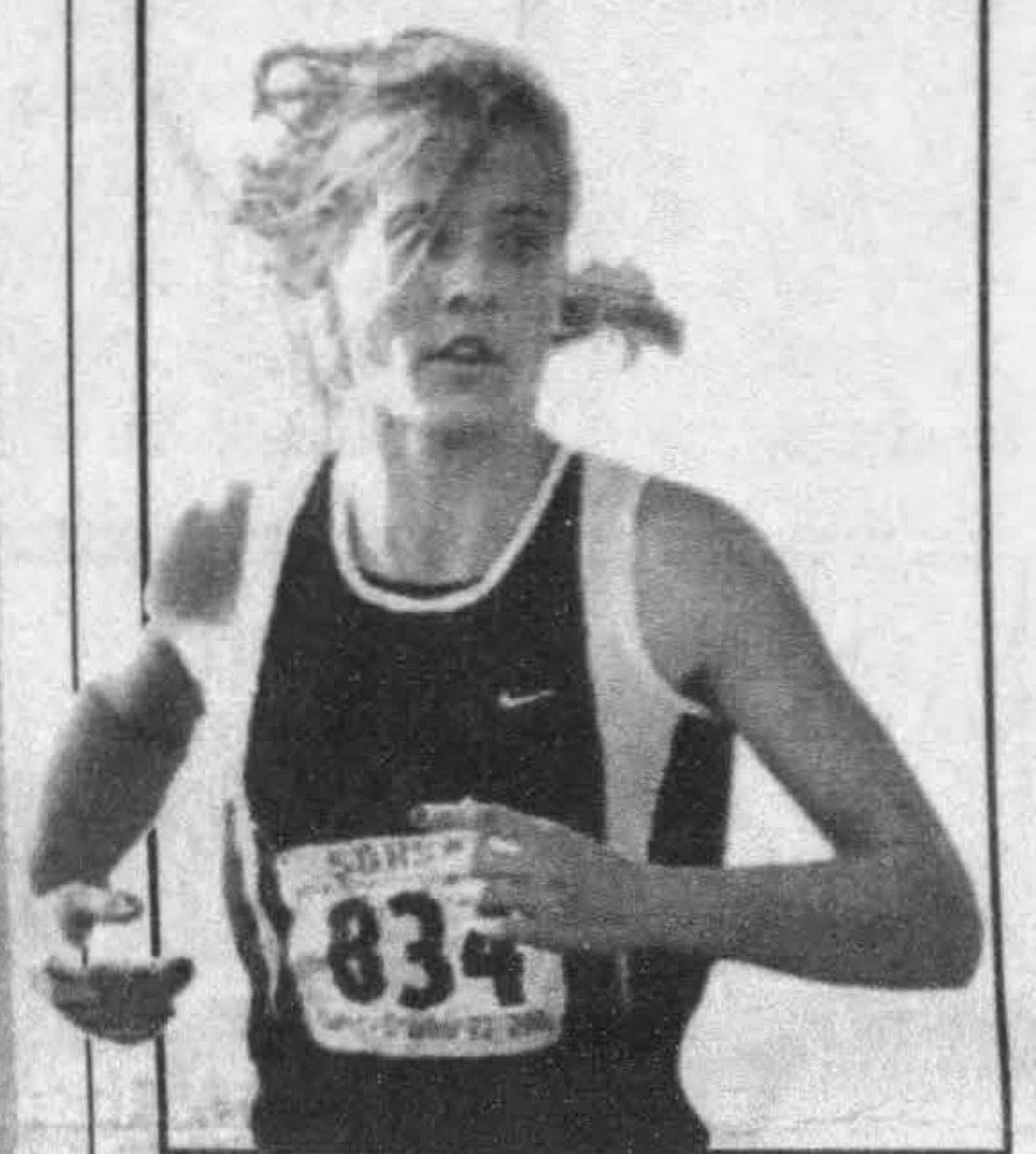
**MORE ONLINE**

For previous coverage of the shooting death of the Northern State professor, log on to [www.argusleader.com](http://www.argusleader.com).

**NATION'S BEST**

Ramsey Kavan (below) of Yankton has dominated high school running in the state, and now she's No. 1 in the nation. She won a national meet Saturday and led Yankton to third place. South Dakota had four runners in the top 15.

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**16 killed in suicide bombings**

Iraq strategy assailed

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** – Suicide car bombs struck Iraqi police and Kurdish militiamen Saturday in Baghdad and northern Iraq, killing at least 16 people, wounding dozens, and again demonstrating the lethal reach of Iraq's insurgency weeks ahead of crucial elections.

The U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. John Abizaid, acknowledged that the country's home-grown forces aren't yet up to the task of ensuring secure elections, requiring the planned increase in U.S. troops. More than 42 Iraqis have been killed in the last two days alone.

But U.N. special envoy Lakhdar Brahimi criticized the military's hardline approach to the insurgency and said credible elections cannot be held Jan. 30 under current conditions.

Brahimi, an Algerian who was sent to Iraq to help form the interim government, said the United States and the Iraqi government should reconsider their reliance on force to eliminate insurgents.

**INSIDE**

► **DUAL ROLES TAXING:**

Assisting grateful Iraqis one hour, fighting rebels the next: Back and forth takes toll on U.S. troops.

► **ABU GHRAIB:** Former prison commander says blame for abuses unfair.

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**Schwinn's collapse offers lesson in adaptability**

BY GRIFF WITTE

The Washington Post

**MADISON, Wis.** – In the glass atrium that marks the entrance to the Pacific Cycle company, the old and the new of the bicycle business are side by side. Each is called the Schwinn Sting Ray, and each in its time has been a best-seller.

But the similarities end there. In the space of a generation, everything about the process of designing, producing and selling a Schwinn has changed.

The old Sting Ray broke the conventions of bicycle design, boasting a banana seat, high handlebars and extra-wide tires. In the 1960s and early '70s, it

became not only a symbol of middle-class aspirations but a provider of thousands of jobs that paid good wages with health and retirement benefits.

Today's model, which projects the rough look of a motorcycle, comes from China, where the average factory worker makes less than a dollar

an hour. It is a symbol of a different sort – an illustration of how global economic forces and the sometimes clumsy responses of U.S. companies transformed middle-class jobs into low-wage work both at home and abroad.

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**BICYCLE MAKER'S FALL**

**SCHWINN'S PEAK:** In the early 1970s, employed 2,000 at its main Wisconsin plant. Nationwide, several thousand more worked at Schwinn dealerships and part suppliers.

**VALLEY:** Filed bankruptcy in 1993. **FACTORS IN DECLINE:** High wages, ignoring overseas manufacturing, clinging to old, heavy designs.

## Colt .25 might provide a lead

Suicide has not been ruled out

BY JENNIFER SANDERSON

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ABERDEEN — A Colt pistol recovered from a Dumpster might be the best piece of evidence so far in the unsolved shooting death of an Aberdeen man, but police can't yet determine whether the .25-caliber semi-automatic was the weapon used to kill Morgan N. Lewis.

Lewis, 46, was found dead of a gunshot wound to the neck early Nov. 1 on the Northern State University campus in Aberdeen.

Lewis, the college's new assistant professor of German, collapsed near a doorway to Seymour Hall.

### Shot in neck, but 'not the back of the neck'

Little else is certain in the case, which has not been labeled officially as a homicide. Earlier this week, Aberdeen police chief Don Lanpher Jr. said the hesitation is in part because of a key fact distorted in some reports.

"It was a single gunshot wound to the neck," Lanpher said, "not the back of the neck."

A bullet that enters from the front or the side could more easily be self-inflicted, and investigators have not ruled out suicide.

A spokeswoman from the South Dakota Attorney General's said investigators collect and analyze evidence the same way in both situations.

"There must be something in the crime scene that isn't cut-and-dried," said public information officer Sara Rabern.

"I think they're being cautious, and that's good. It still means running tests on ballistics and all other crime-scene evidence."

Much will depend on those results, which Lanpher's department awaits from the state crime lab. He hopes specialists there can obtain fingerprints and other evidence from the gun. Still, he remains cautious, and said that full DNA sequencing can take months in a busy lab.

"Right now, there's a lot that's unknown because of the circumstances," he said. "When the gun was found, it was raining," and the Dumpster's lid folded open.

Investigators also found an empty shell casing matching the pistol's caliber.

### Computer, university file server checked

Police have sealed off Lewis' office and removed his computer, a Dell Inspiron laptop. Officers trained in file recovery will search the hard drive and other digital storage for clues about whom Lewis might have communicated with in the days leading up to the shooting.

The affidavit supporting that request has been sealed "because some of the information that may be found on the computer may be protected by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act," according to a document filed with the Fifth Judicial Circuit Court in Brown County.

Meanwhile, another warrant gives investigators access to the university's file server, which stores the bulk of e-mail relayed through campus accounts.

### Examining sequence of events for gaps

Information from those sources must now be cross-referenced and matched with statements from Lewis' colleagues, students, neighbors and acquaintances in Aberdeen.

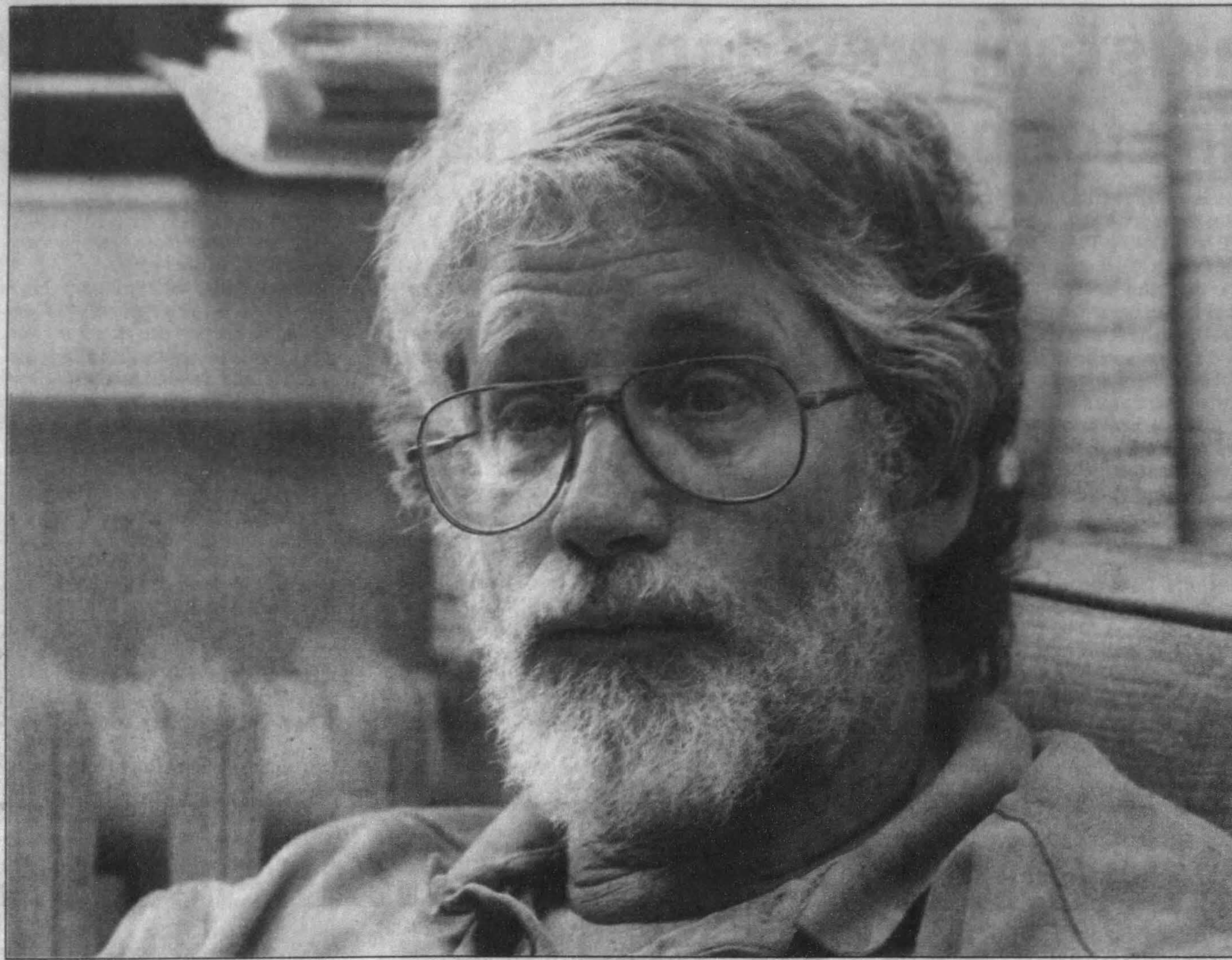
Lanpher said his officers are looking for gaps in the crime's timeline.

They'll also pore over transcripts, searching for people mentioned in others' statements who still need to be interviewed in person.

Rabern said it's unlikely her office would handle the charges, should the police make an arrest. The Aberdeen department is running the investigation, she said.

Brown County state's attorney Mark McNeary would prepare the people's case against any suspect. He could not be reached for comment.

Reach reporter Jennifer Sanderson at 575-3629.



Dr. Art Marmorstein, a history professor at Northern State University, was a friend of Morgan Lewis. "Just talking things over amongst ourselves, no one knows anything," says Marmorstein, who gave the eulogy at Lewis' memorial service. "No one has any more information than they did in the beginning. It's unsettling. People really want answers."

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# Professor: Friends can't conceive of possible motive

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The 911 call came in a little before 6 a.m., and by the day's first class, the campus knew there was a body and police, but little else. Lewis' colleagues covered his morning German courses, breaking the news to students that their new assistant professor was dead.

In the month since, there have been few answers and no arrests. Police say the shooting is suspicious but haven't labeled it a homicide. They don't know the time of death and can't be sure the semi-automatic pistol was the weapon used until they see test results from the state crime lab.

No one seems to know who would have wanted Lewis dead, or why. Many who knew him say suicide doesn't fit, but in a city of 24,000 people with little violent crime, a random killer on the loose is equally unthinkable.

Many of the details of Lewis' life are not yet known. But interviews with many friends and colleagues paint a portrait of a gentle man dedicated to his work.

Lewis spent some time in South Dakota while growing up in Southern California. But he had been in Aberdeen only since August. He made fast friends in the university's language department, though even the select co-workers who know of his family and background on the West Coast are at a loss.

Those closest to Lewis understand and respect the care taken with their friend's case. They appreciate that investigators want to be sure before they disclose details. They are the same people who most want to know what happened.

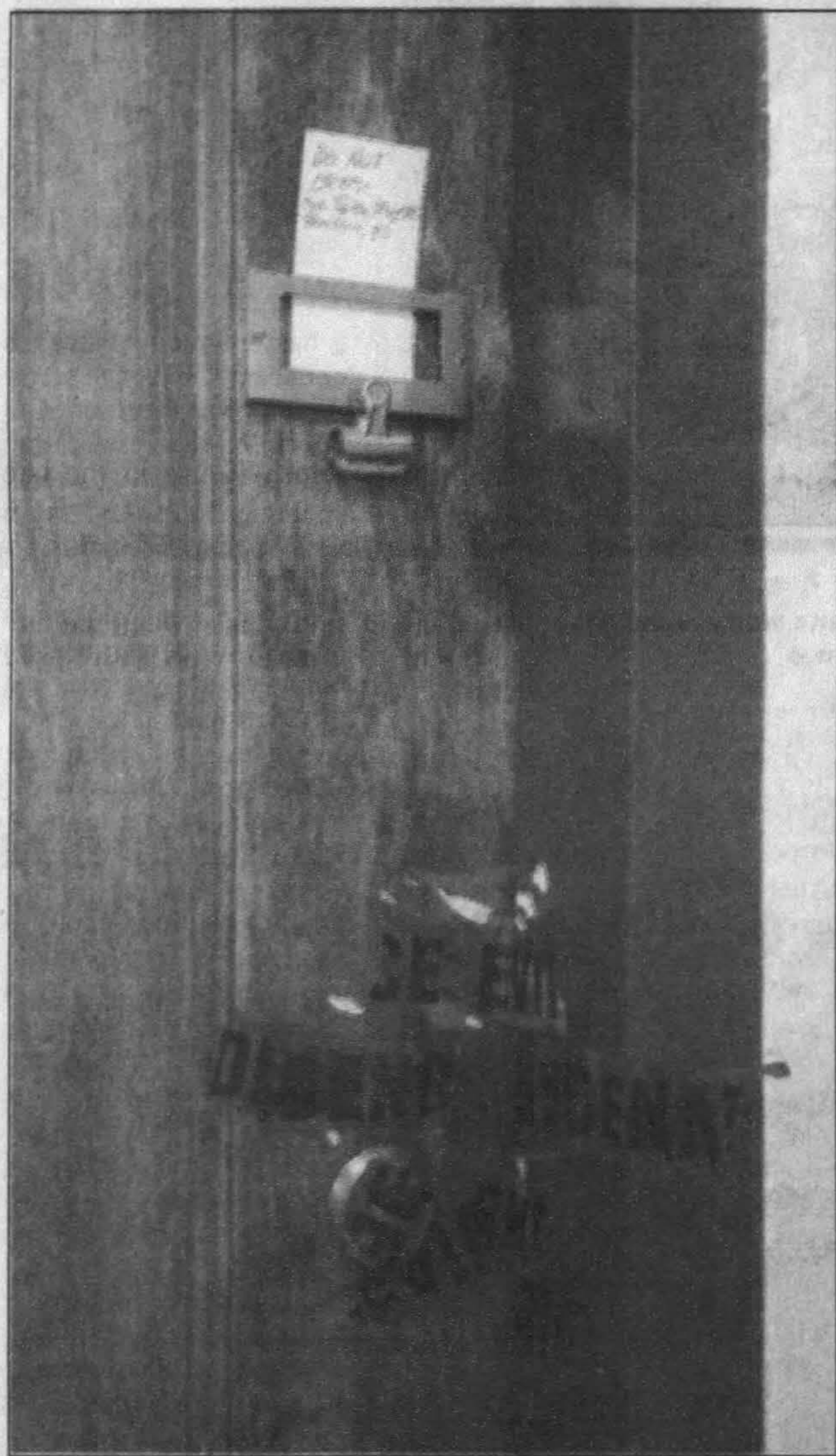
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### Dedicated teacher, private person

Lewis was a driven teacher who often arrived on campus before 6 in the morning and left after 8 at night. Despite his doctorate, his time in Germany and his experience teaching at high schools and colleges, Lewis wanted to prove himself in his first year at Northern. His brutal schedule included classes at NSU's Center for Statewide E-Learning, Aberdeen Central High School and Hutterville Colony, almost 30 miles southeast of Aberdeen.

Lewis gave students his full attention when he was with them and expected the same commitment in return. Ever attuned to others' feelings, he often apologized for something only he perceived as a slight. He was no loner, but neither did he talk about himself to fill the silence. Friends can't imagine what about him could have set off such rage.

None want to think the shooting could have been as impersonal as a hate crime, motivated by racial disputes or homophobia. Of Lakota descent, Lewis was in a committed, long-distance relationship with his male partner in California. By all accounts, he had neither the time nor the interest to seek additional companionship



The office of first-year professor Morgan Lewis in Seymour Hall on Northern State's campus in Aberdeen was sealed by police after his shooting death on campus in the early morning of Nov. 1. Police say the death of the 46-year-old Lewis is suspicious, but they have not said it was homicide. Investigators are awaiting tests from the state crime lab on a Colt .25 pistol found in a Dumpster next to the site where investigators say the shooting took place. Lewis' computer and the university's file server are also being checked for possible clues.

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in South Dakota.

Yet they realize Lewis' short time in Aberdeen and his splintered timetask created blind spots in their mental images of him as a complete person. Many heard he had been baptized Catholic, but fewer knew he had abandoned the faith years ago. He sought his own path and was interested in exploring traditional Native American religions.

He never seemed secretive or mysterious, but friends know enough to recognize they don't know everything.

So do the investigators trying to put the pieces together.

Apparently, no one heard the shot or saw the shooter, though two dorms of sleeping students are nearby. The officer assigned to campus, an 18-year veteran of the force, resigned abruptly after the shooting. Terry Albers declined comment on either his leaving or the day's events.

An Aberdeen detective and an agent from the state Department of Investigation spent three days talking to Lewis' friends and family in California. Aberdeen police chief Don Lanpher Jr. won't say what they found but called their time out-of-state worthwhile to the effort. Neither would Lanpher say whether the investigation has moved away from a "person of interest" interviewed several times in a span of about 10 days.

Lewis' neighbors within the same house, a sprawling 2½-story divided into apartments like many historic-district homes in college towns, noted mainly the type of car he drove — an Italian-made Alfa Romeo Spider.

### Police doubt shooting was hate crime

English professor Dominique Hoche's office is offset slightly from Lewis' now-vacant one. She shared with him a narrow hall, California ties and a disillusionment with Christianity. Also like Hoche, Lewis had a rooted belief in environmentalism.

He drove a tiny car because he knew the effects of mining and burning fossil fuels, Hoche said, and he planned to buy a bike because he lived within blocks of campus. Hoche described Lewis as a pacifist, and the thought has crossed her mind that he met someone, either straight or gay, whom he didn't recognize as dangerous.

Don Lanpher Jr., Aberdeen's police chief, has all but discounted the hate-crime theory, based on evidence at the scene.

"There's absolutely nothing so far to indicate it was a hate crime," he said.

Marmorstein didn't need anyone to tell him something horrible had happened that rainy Monday morning. Walking from home around 8:15, he saw the crime-scene tape. When he heard Lewis had been shot, Marmorstein's initial reaction was laced with irrational guilt not unlike that of the Rev. Morgan.

### No 'plausible reason why this happened'

"I remember worrying that maybe he'd been driven over the edge" by workload stress, Marmorstein said. Casey Black, the French professor who chaired the search committee to hire Lewis, expressed similar thoughts. Still, neither man can fully reconcile Lewis' death with suicide.

"I can't think of any plausible reason why this happened," said Marmorstein, himself a California transplant who's been at Northern State for 17 years. "Yes, he was working really hard, but he was happy."

Lewis, Marmorstein said, had "the most horrendous schedule of any first-year professor I know," but had agreed to help lead a course on Native American history in South Dakota. Marmorstein, who is white and in his first year of teaching the course, recognized the irony. Lewis' father was Lakota, Marmorstein said, and Lewis grew up hearing and speaking the language — in part on a family farm near Mission.

Neither the Rosebud Sioux Tribe enrollment office nor county tax records list any

Morgan Lewis, though others with the same surname live on reservation lands.

The South Dakota link also was included in the *Exponent*, the college's student newspaper.

The article introduced Lewis and a dozen other new faculty members. It hangs on a department bulletin board in Seymour Hall, though Lewis' photo has been taken down, and his office cordoned off with red evidence tape.

### People 'knew Dr. Lewis and ... did not know him at all'

Jerold Frakes, who had Lewis as a graduate student at the University of Southern California, agrees with Marmorstein's profile of a conscientious worker mindful of others' feelings.

Frakes, a professor of German and comparative literature, taught a library research methods class as part of USC's program. Lewis had earned bachelor's degrees in fine arts and humanities at the University of California before switching to USC to work on his master's and doctorate certificates.

"The research course wasn't very popular because it was a nuts-and-bolts kind of class," Frakes said.

"I hadn't kept in touch with Morgan, but probably six or eight years after he left, he sent me a note saying how much he had learned and how useful it was in doing his own research. I thought it was pretty remarkable that after so much time, he would write to say that awful class was so helpful."

Marmorstein thinks that "sounds just like Morgan." So does Black, whose daughter was one of Lewis' students at the public high school.

"Morgan wanted very much to have things above the board," Black said. "He was very wary of giving offense by saying something wrong."

Black last saw Lewis the Saturday before the shooting, when both men were working in Seymour Hall. "I wish I could remember what he said," Black said. "It was something like, 'You're here, too.' There was no subliminal call for help."

Instructors will finish out Lewis' classes this semester and next, though it's unclear whether a full-time German professor can be rehired for fall 2005.

College administrators acted quickly the day of the shooting, hosting meetings for students to talk with counselors and clergy from various campus ministries. The police department led safety workshops to reinforce freshman-orientation basics and had a new campus officer on the beat within the week.

"We are going to do whatever we need to do to make sure students feel safe," said Brenda Dreyer, director of university relations. "I think they're back to their college routines. This is a tragedy, but it really did bring the campus together."

University officials are working "in full cooperation" with police, Dreyer said. "We're a TV world, and we want things instantly. But we have to be patient because we want it to be done properly."

The Rev. Morgan hopes the community as a whole can take away more than the knowledge that "bad things happen not only to good people, but in good places." Born and raised in Ipswich, about 30 miles west of Aberdeen, he doesn't like to think of his home area as a place where people are noticed only when they're no longer there.

"People knew Dr. Lewis and people did not know him at all," Morgan said. "It's the age-old axiom of looking out for one another. That's living as a community, not as individuals. It's become popular in our technological society to interact and yet be divorced from any sort of real relationship. When we interact, it should mean something."



James Morgan



Casey Black



Dominique Hoche