

**Campus Calendar**

**Today**

6 a.m. - Students for Economic Justice will hold a 24-hour "Sweat-In" in the Pit to dramatize sweatshop conditions and present the Worker Rights Consortium, an alternative to the Fair Labor Association.

5:30 p.m. - The Newman Catholic Student Center will hold its Student Night Dinner followed by a program titled "Catholics Around the World." Hear about what it is like to be Catholic in other parts of the world. What are the differences and similarities?

**Thursday**

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - The Student Environmental Action Coalition invites all women to bring their half-used boxes of tampons to the Pit to pledge their commitment to use safer feminine hygiene products that are not bleached or use rayon. Everyone is also welcome to come just to gain general information on the problem.

5 p.m. - The UNC-Chapel Hill chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will hold its general body meeting in Union 205.

8 p.m. - The Campus Y presents Salsa Night in the Union Cabaret. Tickets are \$3 for members and \$5 for nonmembers. There will be free food, lessons and the best salsa music around. Buy your tickets all week in the Pit or at the door. For more information, call the Campus Y at 962-2338.

**Friday**

7:30 p.m. - Internationally known

foreign policy critic Dr. Michael Parenti will speak in Memorial Hall in connection with the first Students United for a Responsible Global Environment Conference. The event is free and open to the public.

**Saturday**

10 a.m. - The annual Samaritan 5K benefiting the Orange County Rape Crisis Center will begin outside of Carmichael Auditorium.

**Items of Interest**

■ The UNC School of Medicine Pediatric Interest Group is sponsoring a Halloween Party for children ages 5 to 12 on Halloween night from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Great Hall and we need volunteers to supervise games and events for the kids.

For more information, contact Kecha Lyn Shue at 932-5682.

■ Mojo Productions will hold auditions for Bah! Humbug!, a Christmas musical by Jack Herrick, on Nov. 2-3 in the Student Union. Please prepare one song, sheet music or self-accompanied. Casting for two women and two men (ages 18-40).

For more information or to schedule an audition time, call Franklin Golden at 929-4090.

■ The third annual Franklin Street Mile has been rescheduled and will be held Saturday. The one-mile, age-group races are open to all abilities and will begin at 8:45 a.m. Register at Fleet Feet Sports in Carrboro or on the race day at McCorkle Place.

■ The Golden Key National Honor Society Membership deadline is today.

# Attorney Outlines O.J. Case Lessons

By JAMILA VERNON  
Staff Writer

What was labeled "The Case of the Century" in 1994 managed to still spark discussion at the School of Law on Tuesday.

Attorney Peter Gelblum, who represented the Goldman family in the civil court case against O.J. Simpson, spoke to a crowd of about 30 people about the different perspectives and lessons to be learned from the criminal case.

Gelblum began by asking the crowd whether they believed Simpson committed the murder. More than half the audience raised their hands.

Many attendees - sponsored by the

Domestic Violence Advocacy Project in conjunction with Sexual Awareness Month - had their own experiences with domestic violence. "I came today because I know someone who's been in a domestic violence situation," said Avril McKean of Ponchatoula, La.

She said the O.J. Simpson case still had relevance to domestic violence.

Gelblum said domestic violence was committed by an intimate partner at least 3 million to 4 million times a year, while only one in 20 incidents were reported. "Most of this goes on behind closed doors. It goes vastly unreported."

He pointed out five danger signs evident in abusive relationships: a history of battering, stalking, threats to kill, jeal-

ousy and obsession, and repeated separations and reconciliations.

Gelblum recounted Nicole Simpson's relationship with her husband stretching from 1978 until her 1994 death. He pointed to one particular incident of abuse after a New Years Eve party as the worst case, he said. "Nicole hid the pictures in a safety deposit box," he said. "Those pictures were shown in court."

Throughout the speech, Gelblum presented court depositions, 911 phone calls, diary entries and reconciliation letters from Simpson to Nicole.

"He goes through the traditional rationalizations," Gelblum said.

Gelblum noted that the murder trial unfairly attempted to paint Nicole as an

angel and Simpson as a devil.

Whether or not the high-profile case has made domestic violence a more recognized issue still remains in question.

"I don't think it's made it more recognized," said Justin Scranton, a third-year law student. "Advocates against domestic violence have tried to use it to make it more recognized."

Others, like School of Medicine administrator Robynn Steen, said the case showed the issue's severity.

She said, "It was a high-profile case, in that sense people will be more open to learn about domestic violence."

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# Hate Crime Provision Fails in Committee

By BRENT KINKER  
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A legislative provision seeking to expand the definition of hate crime motives to include gender, sexual orientation and disability was rejected by congressional leaders Monday before it even reached a vote.

The provision, which the Senate included in a budget bill in July, was removed from the final version. Current

hate crime legislation already includes race, color, religion and national origin.

The rejection angered human rights supporters who had lobbied for the proposal. Some advocates placed the blame squarely on the lack of compassion among Republican party leaders.

"Republican leadership showed a complete and utter disregard for hate crime victims and their families," said Wayne Besen, associate director of communications for the Human Rights

Campaign.

Besen said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott made anti-gay statements in the past.

"Trent Lott made it clear that he was opposed to this bill because it included sexual orientation," Besen said.

But some Republicans said they opposed the bill because it was unnecessary due to the effectiveness of current legislation.

"The criminal code is sufficient enough to punish people," said Ed McDonald, press representative for U.S. Rep. Howard Coble, R-N.C. "There's penalties already listed; you don't need to single crimes out."

But some local Democrats argued that the bill was crucial.

"Sexual orientation ought to be included," said N.C. Rep. Verla Insko, D-Orange. "It's a public statement that citizens make saying 'we will not tolerate this in our state.' We've had a rash of hate crimes lately, and it's inhumane."

Insko said a similar bill failed in the

General Assembly last year, but she planned to reintroduce it in the next legislative session.

Arnold Loewy, professor of law at UNC, further emphasized the need to protect people from hate crimes.

"If (perpetrators) are attacking people based on association, then anyone can be a victim," he said. "It's harder to avoid."

Despite lingering First Amendment concerns, he said hate crime legislation was not in disagreement with the Constitution.

He said a similar provision had already been enacted as law in 22 states, and less stringent laws were in effect in 20 other states.

"Hate crime legislation is necessary at least partly," Loewy said. "People think gay-bashing isn't really beating up a real person. We need to combat that mentality."

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