

Moot court team wins regional competition

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The UNC Law School's International Moot Court Team won the Midwest regional of the Jessup Cup International Moot Court Competition February 26 in Carbondale, Ill.

Arthur Weisburd, faculty adviser for the team, said, "We're all very pleased. The team was going against some top-flight competition, and to do as well as they did reflects very highly on them."

Weisburd said UNC was named Regional Champion after defeating teams from such law schools as Vanderbilt, South Illinois, Wake Forest and the University of Indiana, which was named runner-up. He added that the team also won an award for best international legal

brief and that Malcolm Griggs, a member of the team, was selected by the judges as the third best oralist in the competition. In the Jessup competition, the world's largest moot court competition, each law school team prepares oral and written arguments on a point of international law.

The other members of the team are Stuart Dorsett, Daniel Fitz, Sherri Rosenthal and Lauren Stevens.

Fitz explained that this year's competition dealt with controversies arising out of a nationalization of foreign-owned property by a developing nation. Each four-person team splits up into pairs, one taking the side of the applicant and the other the side of the respondent, and prepares a brief and the oral arguments for their case he said. The judges assign quality points to each team after every qualifying round, and the two schools with the most quality points at the end of

the first four rounds meet in the final round, he explained.

"It gets quite tense, to say the least," Fitz said. "You get pretty caught up in it."

Fitz said the UNC team and other regional champions would compete in a final competition to be held in Washington, D.C., this April. There will be about 12 teams from the U.S. and another 12 from around the world, and a world champion would be decided when the top U.S. team meets the top team from the rest of the world, he said.

"Between now and then, we will go back and do some more research, maybe find some better examples for our case, but mostly just catch up on our classes," Fitz said.

He said that the team would be using the same brief for the national competition but that would still be tough.

"The judges in the Washington, D.C.,

competition will be very, very sophisticated," he said. "We'll have to have our international law down cold."

Fitz said the problem the team would be dealing with in the competition was a hybridization between public and private international law. Public international law essentially deals with states and their relations, while private international law deals with commercial law as pertaining to an international corporation, he said.

When asked why he chose to compete in international law rather than American law, Fitz said he was interested in international law and had some background training in it. He said he was in Model United Nations as an undergraduate at UNC and felt that was a similar situation but political rather than legal.

"The Moot Court Competition is definitely a valuable experience. Most importantly, it is a good chance to work on oral advocacy," he said.

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The 1984 edition of the Undergraduate Bulletin will include a revised version of the department description because of complaints by undergraduate majors in the department. Hall said students had met with members of the department Jan. 11 to request the change, and by Jan. 13 Williamson had received new copy from the department for next year's bulletin.

The drama undergraduates have also requested more upper-level courses stemming from existing lower-level courses, Delk said.

Michael Loudon, a sophomore dramatic art major, said he hoped the memo would "change the face of the department." He added, however, "I'm not very optimistic based on what has happened in the past." He explained that undergraduates had complained before, but he said the department had been negligent in handling the complaints.

"I want to be proven wrong," Loudon said. Jeffrey Stepakoff, a sophomore drama and journalism major, said "it's the memo going to have some effect, but I'm not sure if passive action is what we need right now."

Stepakoff added that he supported all efforts Hall and Delk made on behalf of the dramatic art majors. Delk said the department has responded positively to some previous student requests, such as providing workshops with visiting artists. She added that a lot of

the problems in the department involve a lack of money.

Delk said the memo would not surprise the department because the issues documented in it had all been discussed previously. "I don't think it (the memo) will instigate a great deal of action," she said, adding that the undergraduates basically wanted the department to have "something to refer to that cannot be forgotten."

Hall and Delk and some non-senior dramatic art majors will meet with Williamson on March 16 to discuss the memo and answer any questions Williamson may have.

Williamson said Wednesday that he had not yet seen the memo and therefore could not comment on it. Barranger could not be reached for comment.

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An Iraqi commander told The Associated Press the island was under Iranian control but said he believed Iran's military supply line had been cut off. Iraqi military communiques made no mention of fighting near Majnoon.

Iran also issued two separate statements warning the United States to stay away from the Persian Gulf and Strait of Hormuz, through which 20 percent of the non-communist world's oil passes. One statement called U.S. military presence in the gulf "an act of aggression and blackmail."

BEIRUT, Lebanon — President Amin Gemayel met in Damascus on Wednesday with President Hafez Assad of Syria for talks that could determine the future of Gemayel's government, which is facing a strong challenge from Syrian-supported rebels in Lebanon.

Gemayel immediately had a private meeting with Assad and the Syrian president then gave a banquet for Gemayel at the Presidential Palace.

No statements were issued on the progress of the talks.

Beirut newspapers said Gemayel's hurried trip to Syria underscored his resolve to scrap Lebanon's troop withdrawal pact with Israel in exchange for a settlement with Syrian-backed Druse and Shiite Moslem opponents of his regime.

U.S. Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger, meanwhile, visited Americans warships off Beirut.

WASHINGTON — The U.S. trade deficit hit a record \$9.5 billion in January as a flood of foreign imports and increased demand for oil darkened an already gloomy trading picture.

Both government and private economists said the latest bad news Wednesday bolstered their fears that this year's red ink will easily top \$100 billion, surpassing last year's trade deficit of \$69.4 billion.

CHARLOTTE — North Carolina's relatively new factories and the tendency to deal in inexpensive goods helps the state stay ahead of the nation in economic recovery, an economist says.

"We don't have the shakeout of weak industries during a recession to the extent that the rest of the United States does," said Dr. John E. Connaughton, an assistant professor of economics at UNC-Charlotte and project director for the UNCC-First Union North Carolina Economic Forecast. "So when recovery comes, manufacturing turns around quickly."

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