

# Civil suit charges illegal sale, cremation of body

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A \$14 million civil suit filed last week in Greensboro charges that the UNC School of Medicine illegally sold and cremated the corpse of Maggie Cox Hogan. Hogan's daughter, Sherry Hogan Motes of Tempe, Ariz., charges the medical school transferred her mother's body out of the United States without Motes' permission and against the wishes of her mother. Medical school Dean Stuart Bondurant, a defendant in the case, told Motes in August her mother's body was one of 11 bodies sent to a medical school in Martinique. Martinique has no medical school. Lester Sandlin was indicted in August on charges he embezzled those 11 cadavers from the medical school. He was then fired from his position as curator of anatomical materials. An additional 50 indictments were brought against Sandlin Dec. 10, including charges he embezzled 25 other cadavers. He is also accused of defrauding the Veterans Administration and the UNC School of Medicine. Sandlin is scheduled for arraignment on criminal charges Feb. 11. Other defendants in the civil suit are the University, the UNC School of Medicine, the UNC Board of

Governors, the Florida Mortuary Service and Fred Richardt, its director. The suit charges the defendants with breach of contract, negligence and fraud. Motes' attorney, Sharif Abdullah of Charlotte, said Hogan died in December 1983 of stomach cancer and wanted her body used for cancer research. Hogan feared burial, he said, and did not want her body moved from the medical school. Abdullah said Sandlin sent Motes a form to sign shortly after her mother's death. The form included the clause: "I have no objection to my mother's being moved to another medical school." Motes did object, Abdullah said, but Sandlin assured her only tissue samples from her mother's body would be transferred. Abdullah said the 11 bodies were sent to the Florida Mortuary Service in Miami. He said Richardt told him the bodies were sent to a Caribbean medical school for research. Abdullah said he had not been able to verify independently where the bodies were sent. He said Hogan's ashes were returned to the University after August 1984. Bondurant had been served the suit Friday but would not comment. Dr. William Huffines, associate

dean of pathology, said he would be responding to questions about the case for the University, the medical school and Bondurant. Huffines had not seen the suit Friday and was unable to comment. Sandlin's attorney, Ann Loflin, said Friday that she knew of the potential that a lawsuit would be filed. "I don't know whether others will file suits," she said. "This could snowball." The suit charges the UNC medical school acted negligently in hiring Sandlin and allowing him to transfer bodies illegally. Abdullah said that although the University contended Sandlin acted without authority, the University should not have allowed the bodies to be transferred. "There is no way an employee should have been able (figuratively) to walk out of the University with 11 bodies under his coat," Abdullah said. "Sandlin tried to cover his tracks early in the game," he said. "He knew what he was doing." Abdullah said the University did not have the proper authority to transfer the 11 bodies outside the United States. By law, such transfer requires permission from the next of kin, he said.

# Sexism mars comic intent of 'Micki & Maude'

Blake Edwards' *Micki & Maude* is, superficially, a moderately amusing collection of sight gags that gives Dudley Moore every opportunity to display his talent for physical comedy. Underneath this guise, however, *Micki & Maude* comes off as a rather nasty and unrealistic anti-feminist backlash from the point of view of a liberated man of the '80s.

## Virginia Smith

### Review

At first, Moore's character, Rob Salinger, is a likeable fellow. A famous reporter for a local TV station, he feels his life is slipping away as he covers such inane topics as "Lingerie for Animals." He is married to Micki (Ann Reinking), a high-powered attorney about to be appointed to the State Superior Court.

In his loneliness Rob turns to a lovely young cellist, Maude (Amy Irving), who immediately becomes pregnant. Before he can tell Micki that he is leaving her for Maude, Micki announces that she is pregnant. Rob's nurturing instincts are so strong that he marries Maude and leads a double life as husband to both women in order to have two babies instead of just one.

Initially it appears that Rob's shuttling between wives will be the source of plenty of good laughs, but as the movie continues the situation becomes pathetic. Edwards and writer Jonathan Reynolds turn Rob's bigamy into an acceptable comic convention and take every available chance to make excuses for him. At this point the movie's theme interferes with the movie itself.

Edwards directs the actors so that Moore's character emerges as the victim, with the two women, particularly Reinking's Micki, as the villains. With Reynolds' mediocre script, Edwards glorifies Rob to such a degree that the movie loses the farcical quality that was possible at the beginning.

Faree only resurfaces in a hilarious 'hough somewhat tedious scene in the hospital when Rob is racing back and forth between his two laboring wives.

Irving's performance as Maude is the one element of the movie on which Edwards seems to have a grip. Her elegant diction and informal beauty combine easily to make Maude appropriately artistic and earthy. Edwards allows Irving to act Maude with a refreshingly understated naturalness that makes her the most personable character.

Reinking makes a grand effort as the brisk, energetic Micki, but her performance looks just that — a valiant attempt. She appears to be struggling with some confusing direction, as if she

would like to go beyond the stereotypical working-woman characterization but lacks the freedom to try.

As for Moore, he is admittedly a very good comic actor. His physical comedy is entertaining without being cruel or boring, as that sort of *schtick* tends to be. He plays Rob as a man who knows he does not have all the answers but tries to work out all the complexities of his life. At one point Rob tells Maude, "I can't deal with complicated situations," and indeed Moore's Rob is in way over his head. He might be more likeable if, as in Reinking's case, Edwards had given him more leeway in the part.

Edwards' heavy influence causes *Micki & Maude* to appear as a bitter retaliation against women's assuming some male roles. He draws an unrealistic picture of men as sappy worshippers of the familial state, a picture that far overshadows the few funny moments of this would-be farce.

## SLS

a few years. For example, a \$1-a-semester fee would result in about \$44,000 — enough to give the three SLS attorneys job security, Parker said. The power of a CGC that can approve an SLS budget and then charge students for it raised concerns. "There's nothing in the world that could stop the CGC from giving them a \$200,000 budget," Lloyd said. David Maslia, chairman of the SLS Advisory Board, disagreed. "The CGC realizes that because it's a separate component they have to consider SLS

in a vacuum. They're going to ask more questions," he said. "It's more of a watchdog for Student Legal Services." "I'm convinced the council will act more responsibly on this money matter than any other," Parker said. If not, the Board of Trustees can intervene, Maslia said. Less severe monitoring of the plan includes open meetings of the SLS Advisory Board, which will submit budget proposals to the CGC; open CGC meetings; and *The Daily Tar Heel*, he said. The plan itself prevents the council

from over-budgeting the SLS to fund other organizations with the surpluses because any surpluses must return to SLS.

When underfunded — as it will be if the fee is begun in phases, SLS can still go before the CGC for more money during the springtime budget hearings. But at least it will have a guaranteed base, Maslia said. "We reached our all-time low last spring when one of our part-time

attorneys was in jeopardy of losing her job," he said. He added that the instability of SLS funding during the hearings had been a problem for the past few years.

Although the lack of a financial ceiling on SLS budgets increases CGC power, Parker said it could be beneficial. "I hope this will increase the importance of the Campus Governing Council," he said. "I really want people to scrutinize the candidates."

Campus Calendar	
<b>Monday</b>	
12:30 p.m.	International Health Forum lunch-time lecture on "The World Health Organization" in 231 Rosenau.
2 p.m.	School of Public Health talk "Health Care Availability and Cost in NC" in Rosenau Auditorium.
3-5 p.m.	Representative from Heidelberg will be in International Center in Union to talk about study in Germany.
4 p.m.	Walk for Humanity organizational meeting in Y Lounge.
5 p.m.	Y Tutoring Committee informational meeting in the Y Lounge.
5:30 p.m.	Carolina Indian Circle in Union 220.
6 p.m.	Chimera Cantina Dress Rehearsal in Great Hall.
7 p.m.	Murdoch Center Recruitment meeting in the Union. NC Central America Network statewide planning meeting in Union 205. Womens Crew organizational meeting in the Union.
7:30 p.m.	Riding Club meeting in Union 218.
<b>Tuesday</b>	
6:30 p.m.	Y-VAC Special Olympics Planning Organizational meeting in 104 Fetzler Gym. Senior Class Gift Pledge campaign meeting in the Union.

7 p.m.	Alpha Epsilon Delta presents Dr. Paterson on Oral Surgery in 105 Berris Hill. ABS Guest Speaker Series Marketing Panel in T-1 New Carroll.
7:30 p.m.	Joe Stewart for Student Body President All-Campus meeting in Union 208.
8 p.m.	Campus Care Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Tuesday in the Union. Introductory Lecture on Transcendental Meditation Technique in South Gallery Meeting Room.
8:30 p.m.	The Navigators Christian Fellowship.
<b>Wednesday</b>	
3 p.m.	Y Tutoring Committee informational meeting in the Y Lounge.
3:30 p.m.	Selecting a Major Workshop in 204 Steele. Sign-up in 209 Steele.
4 p.m.	Industrial Relations Association Guest Speaker in Union 218.
5 p.m.	STV General Body meeting in the Union. Association of International Students meeting and slides of Tunisia in the International Center, Union.
7 p.m.	Outing Club meeting in the Union.
7:30 p.m.	Sailing Club meeting in Murphy 108.
10 p.m.	Anglican Student Fellowship Holy Communion at Chapel of the Cross.

## Snow

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Police are attempting to keep all roads accessible. Officer Pat Burns of the Chapel Hill Police Department said yesterday afternoon that there had been about eight minor car accidents as a result of the icy roads. He also said police were sanding and salting all the main

thoroughfares in town. University Police dispatcher Jamie Prapst said police tried to clear the snow off the southside of campus.

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