

Student judicial leaders, goals set

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Increasing the visibility and faculty support of the Honor Court are the goals of UNC's new student attorney general and undergraduate honor court chairman.

Douglas Thomas, a junior from Baltimore, Md., was appointed attorney general March 4 by Student Body President Brian Bailey. He served his sophomore year as a member of the attorney general's staff, and one year as an assistant attorney general.

"I'd like to see people have a better understanding of what it (the Honor Court) is," Thomas said Tuesday. "I'd also like to see more of the faculty involved."

Personal contact is one way Thomas said he plans to achieve his goals. "I'd like to get out more with students, and get together with members of different curricula and

speaking to them in small groups," he said.

"Honor Court isn't a bunch of people who are going to assume that if you're charged you'll be found guilty," he said.

Thomas also said he wants to make expert witnesses available for cases which involve complex subject areas, such as computer programs.

"I'd like to have people in different departments be objective, unbiased witnesses and explain what is going on to the court," he said. "They could explain the plaintiff's and the defendant's assessments through the whole trial, and they would be trained about the system."

The attorney general's role is to receive all complaints and decide if there is enough evidence to make a formal charge, Thomas said.

"I have to make sure people aren't falsely charged," he said. Then, if

there is enough evidence to warrant a trial, he appoints investigative and defense counsels.

The system is non-adversarial, Thomas said. "There are no 'Perry Mason' dramatics," he said. "The trial is a truth-finding effort. We try to be as fair as possible to the defendants."

Sophie Sartain, a junior from Dallas, Tex., was elected undergraduate honor court chairwoman Feb. 23, after being a court staff member during her sophomore and junior years. She begins to serve in the position tomorrow, she said.

Sartain said her major goal is increasing student awareness, especially among minorities.

"I'd like to promote a deeper understanding, and with that I think

people will be more positive about the system," she said. "I feel people don't know why there is an honor system."

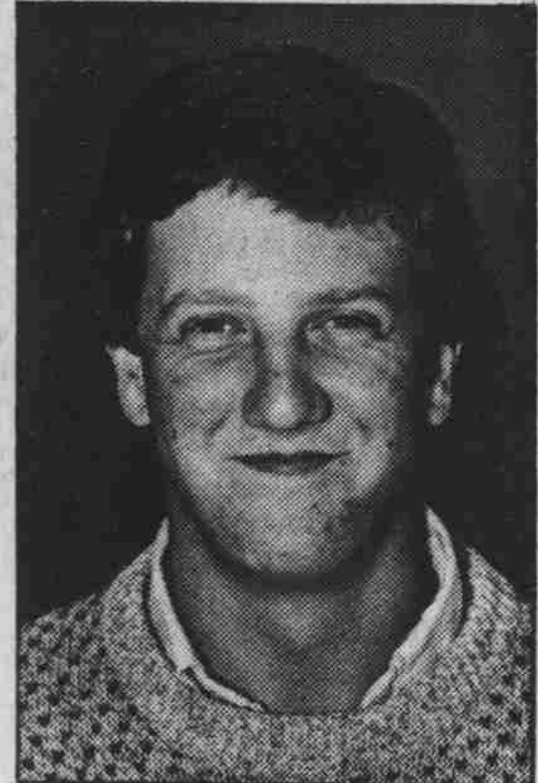
The honor system exists to ensure that students exercise freedom responsibly, Sartain said. "It's something that students run, that's based on trust," she said.

Faculty involvement is also an important part of the success of the honor system, Sartain said. "I'm convinced that the faculty sets the tone for the honor system," she said. "Where there's not faculty support, the honor system is weak or nonexistent."

The chairman's role is to run honor court cases, Sartain said. She will also serve on the committee for student conduct with the attorney



Sophie Sartain
general, train members of the court and be responsible for the relation-



Douglas Thomas
ship between the University and administrators.

Drive starts to put progressive on ballot

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The New Alliance Party, a multi-racial, black-led political party, announced a petition drive to put an independent black candidate on the 1988 N.C. presidential primary ballot at a Raleigh press conference Tuesday.

The New Alliance Party is engaged in a national petition drive to run an independent black candidate in 1988, said John Fitzgerald, one of the party's North Carolina coordinators.

Fitzgerald said the New Alliance Party is a progressive organization representing blacks, American Indians, Latin and Asian Americans, gays and lesbians, rank and file union members and other groups which they feel have been neglected by the two major parties.

Fitzgerald said the decision to run an independent candidate was brought on by a general disenchantment with the Democratic Party.

"One of the reasons we're running a candidate is the failure of the Democratic Party to represent its traditional constituencies," he said. "The Democratic Party has been steadily moving to the right."

The New Alliance Party will also launch a petition drive urging Rev. Jesse Jackson, a black civil rights

leader who unsuccessfully sought the Democratic presidential nomination in 1984, to support the running of an independent black candidate in 1988.

The party, formed in 1979, is not related to Jackson's National Rainbow Coalition, but supported his presidential candidacy in 1984.

The New Alliance Party will support a Jesse Jackson bid for the presidency in 1988 if it takes place, Fitzgerald said, and if he were to win the primary, the party would support his presidential campaign. But Fitzgerald said Jackson's chances for victory are not good.

The party's short-term goal is to put pressure on the Democratic Party to make reforms and give more representation to its left wing, Fitzgerald said. A more long-term goal is to create a viable third party in the United States, he said.

Fitzgerald said New Alliance members had essentially given up on the Democratic Party.

"That's partially why we're urging Jesse Jackson to support a bid by a progressive candidate," he said.

Fitzgerald said he didn't know who the party might choose as its candidate, but a nomination convention will be held in late summer or early fall of this year.

State assembly still 'piggybacking' bills

By **SHARON KEBSCHULL**
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Members of the N.C. General Assembly persisted in attaching unrelated "special provisions" to the annual budget bill in the 1986 session, even after leaders promised to stop the practice, according to a study issued by the N.C. Center for Public Policy Research.

"It used to be, 10 years ago, the only appropriations were to state agencies," said Ran Coble, executive director of the center. "Now they amend state laws other than the budget. This has been criticized by the governor, and there is some discontent in the legislature. (Lt. Gov. Bob) Jordan is also interested."

There were 165 special provisions in the 1986 session. Nine new programs, five new boards and commissions and 10 new legislative study commissions were set up, Coble said.

"Some of them are good ideas, but they should be debated on their own merits," he said.

The provisions are often overlooked because many are added at the end of the session when legislators are hurrying to adjourn, Coble said.

Special provisions are different from special appropriations because special appropriations call for monetary changes or expenditures while provisions can change state law.

In the 1986 session, the Senate passed some rules to curb the use of special provisions, but the House did not.

The practice of "piggybacking" is not illegal in North Carolina, although 31 states' constitutions prohibit it, and nine others have partial restrictions.

While it may be legal here, "it's simply bad practice," Coble said.

Some of the legislators like the special provisions, but lobbyists generally don't, he said, because the provisions don't include the sponsors' names.

Coble said the practice should end in this session if the House goes along with a change in the rules. While Jordan has supported the elimination of piggybacking, House Speaker Liston Ramsey, D-Madison, has not said where he stands on the issue.

Jordan has been working on the issue for the last two years, and will try to adopt new rules in this session, his press secretary Brenda Summers said.

Y's Walk for Humanity to support area charities

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The Campus Y is sponsoring the 18th annual Walk for Humanity Saturday to raise money for two Durham charities.

Proceeds for the event will go to Agape Corner, a home for underprivileged children, and the Resource Center for Independent Living, an organization designed to help the handicapped find jobs, housing and transportation.

Registration for the Walk begins at 9:30 a.m., and all participants will get a free T-shirt. The Walk will start rain or shine in front of the Y building at 10 a.m., and proceed for 10 miles along Fern Drive, Laurel Hill, Mason Farm and Purefoy roads, Cameron Avenue, Ransom, Church and Short streets, ending back at the Y Building. Water and first aid will be supplied along the route at rest stops.

Some area merchants are offering additional prizes for participants. Also, free food will be supplied at the walk's conclusion.

Timothy Mehninger, co-chairman of the event, said participants in the walk ask sponsors to pledge a certain amount of money for each mile traveled.

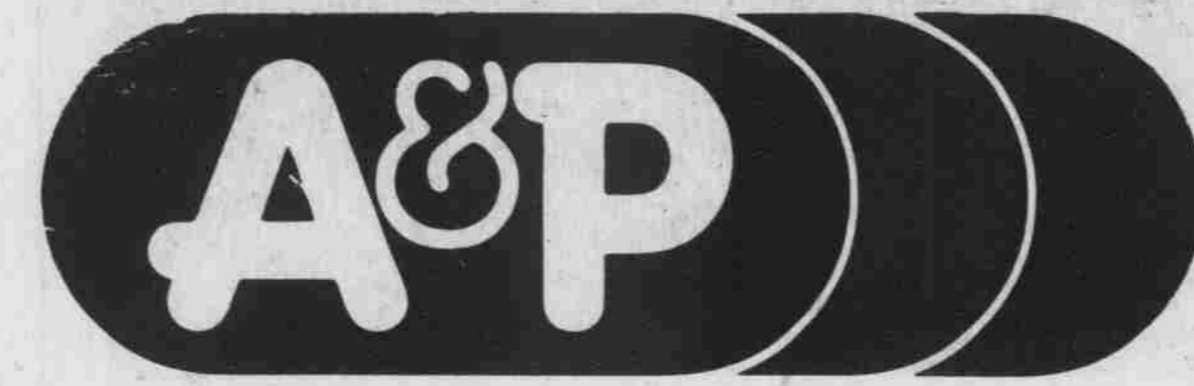
Between 50 and 75 people participated in last year's walk, Mehninger said, raising more than \$2,000. But this year, he said organizers are hoping to make the walk a major event with many more participants.

"It's going to be a real party atmosphere—a social event," Mehninger said.

Granville Towers Residence Hall, Roman Wings restaurant, Universal Printing and The Gym in Carrboro will cover expenses for the walk.

Mehninger said his participation in the walk in a wheelchair last year influenced the organizers' choice of the charity to help handicapped people.

To make contributions to the walk, Mehninger said people can write to the UNC Campus Y Walk for Humanity, 102 Y Building, UNC, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514. Call 962-2333 for more information.



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