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### Legal expectations differ, study shows

What Americans expect of their legal system and how the courts actually work are very different, two University law professors concluded in a new study.

Americans look to the law to solve a wide variety of personal and social problems, but the law has become a limited-purpose institution based on rules, according to a study titled "Rules versus Relationships." The study's authors were professor John Conley and adjunct professor William O'Barr.

Conley and O'Barr based their study on 446 small claims cases in North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Colorado.

The study found that people who often expect the law to correct broader social problems than it is designed to address are disappointed by the technicality of the legal system, do not understand differences between criminal and civil proceedings, and consider their cases to be self-evident without requiring much debate, among other findings.

### Seminar to assess

#### Frank Porter Graham

Columnist Ed Yoder will be a featured speaker at a Dec. 8 day-long seminar here on former UNC President and U.S. Senator Frank Porter Graham. Yoder will discuss Graham and his role in Southern politics.

Other scheduled speakers at the seminar, which will be 9 a.m.-4 p.m., are: Gus Burns and Julian Pleasants of the University of Florida, co-authors of a new history of Graham's 1950 senatorial race; William Friday, president emeritus of the UNC system; William Leuchtenburg, William R. Kenan professor of history at UNC; and William Snider, former editor of the Greensboro Daily News.

The seminar, "Frank Porter Graham: A Reassessment," is the last in an "Adventures in Ideas" series sponsored by the Program in the Humanities and Human Values of the College of Arts and Sciences in conjunction with the UNC General Alumni Association.

### Classes about AIDS scheduled for spring

The University's Health Affairs Division will offer one-, two- and three-hour classes of an AIDS course to students of all fields of study next spring.

The course, "AIDS: Principles, Practices and Politics," will feature four UNC professors and guest speakers in its exploration of the fatal disease and its ramifications. A patient panel, composed of AIDS sufferers, will describe personal experiences with the immune system disease.

The class, which will meet on Monday at 3 p.m., is being offered for the third year. It is supported by Pew-Rockefeller of the Public Health Program. Interested people should contact Dr. Inge Corless, assistant nursing professor.

### Professor publishes book about bishop

UNC history Professor Robert Miller has published a biography of Garfield Bromley Oxnam, a prominent former bishop of the U.S. Methodist Church.

The book, "Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam: Paladim of Liberal Protestantism," describes Oxnam's involvement in political, diplomatic, economic and social issues. The book is published by Abingdon Press of Nashville, Tenn., and was commissioned by the United Methodist Church's Council of Bishops. Miller presented the book this month to the Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, where Oxnam's remains are buried.

### Ceramic-plaster mix speeds bone repair

The University's Dentistry School has developed a new method of replacing bone tissue lost to disease or illness that is helping dentists and plastic surgeons treat patients.

The method involves inserting a medical grade of plaster of paris as a temporary framework to hold strong ceramic particles in damaged areas. Over time, the plaster dissolves, leaving the ceramic particles encased in a network of collagen fibers and, eventually, new bone.

The procedure has been reported safe after six years of follow-up.

UNC oral surgeon Bill Terry; Dr. Cecil Lupton, a former UNC oral surgeon; Dr. Jacob Hanker, professor of dental research and biomedical engineering; and technician Wallace Ambrose share a patent on the procedure.

# Campus Y renovations put on hold due to budget cuts

By STACEY KAPLAN

Staff Writer

Renovations of the Campus Y originally scheduled to begin in October have been delayed until spring because of budget cuts, Ben Tuchi, vice chancellor for business and finance, said Monday.

Some of the money needed to fund the renovations was shifted to prevent layoffs in the College of Arts and Sciences, he said.

Gene Swecker, associate vice chancellor for facilities management, said original renovation plans were projected to cost \$652,000, but only \$493,000 would be available. The plans need to be changed to conform to the smaller budget, he said.

Tuchi said he asked several University officials to suggest within 30 days ways to reduce the renovation costs. Work should begin by spring, he said.

The recommendations will be made by Swecker; Donald Boulton, vice chancellor for student affairs; Gordon Rutherford, director of facilities plan-

ning and design; and Rutledge Tufts, director of auxiliary services.

Boulton said that the building had been condemned since 1949, but that occupants of the building were not in danger.

Improvements required by the state insurance commission will be incorporated into the renovation plans to add safety features to the building, he said. Tuchi said the windows and roof badly needed to be replaced, and spring and summer were ideal seasons for such renovations.

"Because it is an historical building, it leaves us with a greater renovation bill than if it was a modern building," he said.

Zenobia Hatcher-Wilson, director of the Campus Y, said the offices would move to the game room adjacent to the Upendo Lounge in Chase Hall while the renovations were being made. The organization had made plans to move to the South Campus location last summer before renovation plans were canceled. "We had concrete plans to maximize

visibility on South Campus," she said.

"We saw it as an opportunity," Student Affairs never gave the Campus Y permission to make the move over the summer because renovation plans were behind schedule, she said.

Moving during the middle of the semester will not be a problem as long as the programs and services of the Campus Y are not disrupted, she said.

"We are not in any imminent danger right now," she said.

Tuchi said construction companies would bid on the project after plans were finalized, and the Office of Business and Finance would award the contract.

Shilpi Somaya, co-president of the Campus Y, said she had expected to hear a decision about the renovations during the last few weeks.

"The board that decides has trouble justifying spending money on a building when the University has other urgent needs," she said.

# PlayMakers officer arrested for assault after company ball

From staff reports

A development officer for PlayMakers Repertory Company has not worked for the theater company since Chapel Hill Police charged him with assault on a female and breaking and entering Oct. 21.

Justin G. Grimes, 39, of 605 Jones Ferry Rd., was arrested after his wife reported that he struck her the night of the PlayMaker's Ball.

According to police reports, Grimes' wife said he became hysterical after learning that she had danced with a man whom Grimes did not get along with.

Grimes could not be reached for comment Monday.

William Massengale, Grimes' attorney, is waiting to talk with Milly Barranger, chairwoman of UNC's Dramatic Art Department and the executive producer of PlayMakers, before commenting further about the case.

Barranger was out of town Monday.

Gary Gambrell, a volunteer who works in the company's development office, said he had been filling in for Grimes for the past six days.

Grimes was responsible for fundraising and other duties related to the development of PlayMakers Repertory Company.

Susan Ehringhaus, the University's legal counsel, and Sharon Broom, public relations director for the Department of Dramatic Art, have referred questions concerning Grimes' employment to Gillian Cell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Cell was out of town Monday. PlayMakers was founded by the University's drama department.

# U.S. Circuit judge attacks federal racketeering system

By BRIAN GOLSON

Staff Writer

U.S. Circuit Court Judge David Sentelle humorously attacked RICO, the federal fraud and racketeering act that was created to prosecute Mafia figures, at the UNC School of Law Monday.

A group of about 100 students and faculty attended Sentelle's speech "RICO: Its Use and Abuse in Civil Litigation."

"RICO is like the monster in a low-budget horror film who was created by a well-meaning, but bungling, scientist," he said.

By attempting to get the Mafia out of legitimate business, the U.S. Congress became the bungling scientist that cre-

ated the RICO monster. RICO destroys American law ideals, such as federalism and individual liberties, he said.

The act rarely is used to prosecute Mafia figures, but is used in civil suits against groups such as labor unions and pro-life activists, he said. RICO is a dangerous law because it infringes upon group civil liberties. For example, RICO could have been used in the 1960s to stop Martin Luther King Jr.'s demonstrations, Sentelle said.

Sentelle is considered by many to be on President George Bush's list of possible Supreme Court nominees. He is most famous for writing the majority opinion in the Oliver North appeal, which reduced North's sentence from felony to misdemeanor.

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After graduating from the UNC School of Law with honors in 1968, Sentelle practiced law in Asheville for two years. He also has served as Assistant U.S. Attorney, State District judge and Western District judge of North Carolina. In October of 1987,

Sentelle received his appointment to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Sentelle spoke as part of the "John M. Olin Speaker Series," which is sponsored by the UNC Federalist Society.

Thomas Goolsby, Federalist Society president, said, "We were really happy to get Judge Sentelle. We simply called, and he was very happy to return to his alma mater."

Goolsby said the Federalist Society attempted to promote an awareness of the principles of freedom through speeches and symposiums. "The basic credo of the Federalist Society is that the state exists to preserve freedom," he said.

The Federalist Society will present a debate Thursday at the School of the Law on the issue of gun control. Members of Handgun Control Inc., and the National Rifle Association will debate the issue at 10 a.m. in classroom 2 of the law school.

# \$1.50 fee increase sent to student body vote

By JENNIFER MUELLER

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Student Congress members voted Monday night to put a referendum on the spring ballot to raise undergraduate student fees by \$1.50 to benefit intramural sports teams.

The money raised would go to the Sports Club Council, which funds club sports at the University. Rick Satterlee, assistant director for the Sports Club, said he anticipated the club soon would be supporting 32 activities. The Sports Club needs more money to support the teams, he said.

"(The clubs) are competitive sport teams that represent the University, much as the varsity clubs do," Satterlee said. "They do not, however, have the support that these clubs do."

Satterlee said that the estimated \$71,000 the Sports Club Council would have to work with, including money from the fee increase, would go toward catastrophe injury insurance and athletic training, as well as equipment.

Some congress members expressed concern that the increase in IM-REC funds would replace independent fund raising by the individual clubs. But membership fees would still be required from all members of club sports, Satterlee said.

Also, Congress failed by one vote to pass a bill that would make residency requirements for election candidates less stringent. Under the proposed bill, students would have been able to run for Student Congress seats in districts in which they were not presently living but planned to move into the following semester.

# Deer smashes through Davie Hall window, dies after being hit by bus

By APRIL DRAUGHN

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A young buck jumped through a glass window in the north section of Davie Hall and then ran onto Cameron Avenue where a chartered bus hit it, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Mark Hollins, a professor in the psychology department, said he was in the Davie Hall lobby Nov. 16 about 5 p.m. when the buck jumped through the plate glass window.

"I heard the noise, and then I turned around and then saw it sort of scrambling to its feet," Hollins said.

Hollins then went out the Davie Hall entrance and let the deer pass through, he said. "It took the deer several seconds to get across the floor," he said. "I heard the noise and turned around and here came the deer."

After Hollins let the deer out of the building, the animal ran onto Cameron Avenue and was hit by a chartered bus. After the accident, the deer lay in the street for a few minutes and then hobbled to Caldwell Hall and died, Hollins said. "It was limping and clearly badly hurt."

No damage to the bus was reported.

Mark Shelburne, Dist. 8, who voted in favor of the bill, said, "This opens up congress to anyone. Denying access to congress because they can't move is an unfair and unnecessary stipulation."

Mark Chilton, Dist. 18, said he was concerned someone might exploit the system by winning a congress seat so he or she could vote for a new Student Congress speaker, but did not have plans to fulfill his or her residency requirement.

Andrew Cohen, Dist. 7, said he objected to the bill for different reasons. "We are supposed to be a representative body," he said. "This is a mockery of the representative system."

Corey Cornwell, Dist. 17, said, "If you don't live in the district you're running for, you can't know its issues and concerns."

Congress also failed to approve a bill to appropriate \$200 for members of the N.C. Student Legislator to attend the upcoming state session in Raleigh. At the session, delegates plan to introduce an act to revise the budget process for UNC-system schools.

Ginny Hewitt, NCSL delegation chairwoman, said \$200 was appropriated to the same number of nursing students in a similar situation last year.

Cohen, who opposed the bill, said, "I have a great deal of reservation about spending students' money on something that benefits only 16 people."

Hewitt said the organization had sponsored campus events to raise awareness of political issues. Members pay about \$50 each month to attend state meetings at other schools, she said.

Maureen Bronson, a post doctoral fellow in the psychology department, said she was in her office when the deer was hit by the bus. "I heard this girl scream and then I heard this big thud," she said.

A man jumped off of the bus and asked her to call the police, Bronson said. She thought the deer had been injured before it jumped through the window because there was a trail of blood leading from the direction of Franklin Street, Bronson said.

Anuradha Mannar, a junior and a passenger on the bus that hit the deer, said the chartered bus was returning from an honors field trip in Durham.

Jane Cousins, Chapel Hill Police planner, said the deer died before the Animal Protection Society arrived. Chapel Hill police removed the deer.

Richard King, a psychology professor, said the deer did not seem to have any injuries after jumping through the window, but the it had broken one of its antlers. The deer may have come to the building through the arboretum, he said.

Bronson said, "The city police told me they had reports of deer all day."



Raccoons visit Barbara Roth's porch for dinner

# Chapel Hill resident feeds dog food, goodies to 30 masked visitors nightly from her porch

By LAURA YOUNG

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It is early evening and 30 pairs of masked eyes peer anxiously into the cozy living room of a Chapel Hill home.

Under usual circumstances, this scenario would frighten the residents of the house, but for Barbara Roth, a retired chemist from Burroughs-Wellcome, this is a daily experience. The eyes do not belong to a gang of ruthless thieves, but to a band of harmless raccoons she feeds every evening.

Roth said she began feeding the animals about 10 years ago when her dog found two orphaned baby raccoons. She nursed the babies and reintroduced them to the wild and began putting food out for the few raccoons she saw at night.

"Gradually, the number of raccoons that arrived on my doorstep each night increased," Roth said. "Now I feed over 30 raccoons each evening."

Roth said she fed the raccoons large quantities of dog food each evening. Occasionally, she gives them an extra treat such as a piece of chicken. She said some raccoons even chased and ate the moths attracted to the light in her window.

Although the raccoons are fairly tame, Roth said they were skittish in the event of a loud or sudden noise or movement.

"I have individual names for some of them," Roth said. "But they are difficult to tell apart sometimes."

A few of the raccoons allow Roth to touch them, and she said she had never been bitten or attacked by a raccoon. Roth said she discouraged others from touching raccoons because they could be rabid. All of the animals differ in

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temperament, she said. "Some are very aggressive, and some are quite timid," Roth said. "They are all so different."

Roth said feeding raccoons was generally a bad idea. The raccoons form a dependency on the handouts, causing them to forget how to survive in the wild.

In addition, the handouts may cause the raccoons to multiply too quickly in one area, Roth said, adding that raccoons need a hollow, dead tree to live in, and a larger population limits living space.

"I have even seen some raccoons coming out of storm drains," she said.

A few people have complained about Roth's feeding the raccoons because the animals sometimes get into the neighbors' attics or homes.

Robert Peters, a Roth's neighbor for about 15 years, sometimes feeds the raccoons when Roth is out of town. Peters said he enjoyed tending and watching the raccoons.

"Especially the little ones," Peters

said. "Sometimes they'll come very close to you. They don't know to be afraid yet."

Roth said that she enjoyed feeding the raccoons and that she watched them almost every night.

"I like to watch their personalities and behaviors," Roth said. "I like to watch baby raccoons. They catch on to things almost immediately."

Roth said she enjoyed observing the raccoons close up. Many of them wade in the pan of water Roth puts on the porch for the raccoons to wash their food.

"They always make sure that their food is clean," Roth said.

The raccoons take handfuls of the food and bring it to their mouths, similar to humans, Roth said.

"The raccoons have a thumb, unlike most other wild animals, and use it when they grab on to their food," Roth said. "I really enjoy feeding and watching the raccoons. They provide entertainment for me every night."