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'Kemp' attorney to represent Laurila

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Editor

The Banner has learned that Dr. Marketta Laurila has hired Pat Nelson to assist in her suit filed last year against Dr. Marcel Andrade and Dr. Henry Stern of the foreign language department. Nelson is the lawyer who defended Dr. Jan Kemp in her first amendment suit against The University of Georgia.

Last April Laurila filed a suit against Andrade, professor of Spanish and Stern, associate professor of German and chairman of the foreign language department. The suit charges that they violated her first amendment rights to freedom of speech, as well as a civil rights statute (42 U.S.C. 1983) which prohibits sexual discrimination.

Because Stern is the chairman of the foreign language department, the University is also under suit, according to Special Deputy Attorney General Ed Speas, the lawyer defending Andrade and Stern.

"The defendants (Stern and Andrade) claim that they did not violate her free-speech claims or discriminate against her because of her sex," said Speas.

In 1983, Kemp filed a suit against The University of Georgia claiming that her first amendment rights had been violated when she was removed as head of the remedial studies department at Georgia and later fired. She claimed that she was fired because of her outspokenness about unfair treatment of "athletes and rich kids," according to Nelson.

"The university was admitting students who could not even pass the remedial courses which were set up to help students from rural high schools catch up with those from urban high schools," according to Nelson.

Newsweek reported that Kemp complained that nine football players, all with sub-

standard grades, were allowed to pass, allegedly so that they could play in the 1982 Sugar Bowl. After speaking out against this and other examples of classroom cossetting of "star jocks with fourth-string grades," she was demoted and then fired by the university in 1983.

"Her opposition to these practices eventually got her thrown out," Nelson continued.

Jan Kemp won her case four years later when it went to trial. She is now back at the University of Georgia as the head of the Remedial studies program, according to Nelson.

"Technically, the decision was a victory for free speech," according to a report in Time magazine.

There are a lot of similarities between the Kemp case and Laurila's case, according to Nelson. "She (Kemp) was in a non-tenured situation like Marketta. She went through the grievance system like Marketta," he said.

"This is the first case of this sort we've chosen to take since Kemp," said Nelson. "The positive statements her (Laurila) students made about her is the thing that prompted us to take this case."

"The students I talked to said she was doing a fine job of teaching," he said.

"I think she (Laurila) has a real important case," said Nelson.

It is important because as with the Kemp case, the suit focuses on the prominent role of the administration in the decision making process, said Nelson.

"This is unfortunate because the only way the university will grow, which seems to be its aim, is if the faculty takes the lead," Nelson continued.

The case is also important because of the issue of ac-

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Protesters at the Mall Theatres.

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Crowds protest 'Temptation' opening

by Scarlet Bell

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A group of UNCA students assembled in front of the Mall Theatres on Sept. 23 waiting to see the 7 p.m. showing of Martin Scorsese's "The Last Temptation of Christ."

"We're here to protest the protest," said one student who wore a badge that said "Buddhist," but wished to remain anonymous. And, other UNCA students wore badges that read "commie satanist," "atheist," "agnostic," and "where's the rapture?"

Among the movie protesters, who were confined behind picket lines in the Mall Theatres parking lot, were David Strode and his two sons, the Marion street preachers who were suspended from school for preaching on school

property.

Strode and his sons stood at three different locations amongst the movie protesters shouting verses from the Bible at people who were going to see the movie.

"Strode said moviegoers were 'uncircumcized in the heart,' and encouraged them to 'repent and be converted.'"

Other movie protesters held signs that read "He died for our sins, not an Oscar."

Joe Gamble, a junior computer science major who said he does not believe in God, said, "I think everybody has a right to make up their own mind, and I don't need this guy (David Strode) down here making up my mind for me."

Political Science Sophomore John Schoultz agreed with Gamble. "We want to see what

the movie's like because we're open to new ideas. And, I don't see any intelligent thinking on the other side of that line," said Schoultz.

"I've heard it was a sucky movie, but I wanted to antagonize these people as much as possible," said Jason Hoffmann, a sophomore philosophy major.

Among the movie protesters was Travis Carson of Leicester, an employee of Jerry Payne Construction. Carson said he was disturbed by the portrayal of Jesus in "The Last Temptation of Christ."

"They're showing Jesus in there, and the Jesus in there that you're showing is not the Jesus that saved me or in the Bible, and that's why I'm protesting," Carson said.

"They show him committing adultery and sinning...and the

movie says that he's learning, and the Bible says he knows all," he added.

Other UNCA students that attended the movie, but were not protesting the movie protesters, were Paul Gurewitz, Elizabeth McBride and Vic Rose.

McBride said the movie protest was "a waste of time. If people want to come and see the movie, they'll come see the movie."

Rose said that he went to the movie to "see if it was going to be such a big deal as everyone said it would be."

Gurewitz, a senior political science major, said he did not object to the people protesting the movie, but did object to censorship.

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Not even the Honors reception could drag Lydia Bell away from her studies. Shannon Anthony has her mind on Domino's Pizza.

Rock and register on Quad

by Maria Horton

News Editor

It's not everyday that a voter registration/rock concert comes to campus, but that is the plan for Sunday, Oct. 2, on the Quad. Peace Links, who identify themselves as "Women Against Nuclear War," are sponsoring "Rock 'N' Register" as their Peace Day '88 celebration. The concert is scheduled for 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Kim Hayes, spokeswoman for the organization, said the group's goal is to offer a program that will appeal to older high school kids and college

students to encourage them to become politically active.

"We wanted to do something that was fun and would enable us to reach the kids to get our message, 'your vote can change the world,' across to them," Hayes said.

Hayes said the three bands, "Altered States," "Legend" and "Urban Spelunkers" have volunteered their time and talents for the event.

"We are very grateful for all the support we've received to make the concert possible," Hayes said. "The League of Women Voters will register

eligible voters and Pepsi-Cola has donated refreshments."

Shirley Berdie, president of the League, said they will be available to register voters throughout the concert.

"This is a chance for young people who are voting for the first time to register as well as those who have moved and need to register," Berdie said.

She added that the League has been conducting registrations throughout the county at Bele Chere, Riverfest and various shopping centers.

Hayes said UNCA Campus

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Greenpeace representative will speak at UNCA

by Kris Beddingfield

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Underdog Productions will sponsor a presentation on October 3 by Greenpeace, a worldwide known organization which works to protect the environment.

The speaker will be Christopher Childs, a member of Greenpeace. His slide illustrated presentation is entitled Greenpeace: Past, Present and Future and will be held in Lipinsky Auditorium at 9 p.m.

"Underdog isn't just for entertainment. We're for educa-

tion too. I hope students will take an interest and be there," said Paul Simmons, president of Underdog.

Greenpeace began over 15 years ago by opposing nuclear weapons testing on Amchitka Island in Alaska. They are active in campaigns to protect whales and seals. Due to new threats to the environment, Greenpeace has expanded their campaigns.

Bernard Carman, an officer at Underdog, said they choose Greenpeace to come to UNCA because of the ecological awareness people are having

right now.

"It's a good topic for what's going on, especially here in North Carolina with the medical waste washing up on the coast. There's a big awareness in North Carolina. People are becoming more ecologically aware of what's happening."

Members of Greenpeace are opposing illegal pesticide export to the Third World; the protection of the last unspoiled continent, Antarctica; and the elimination of nuclear weapons at sea.

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