

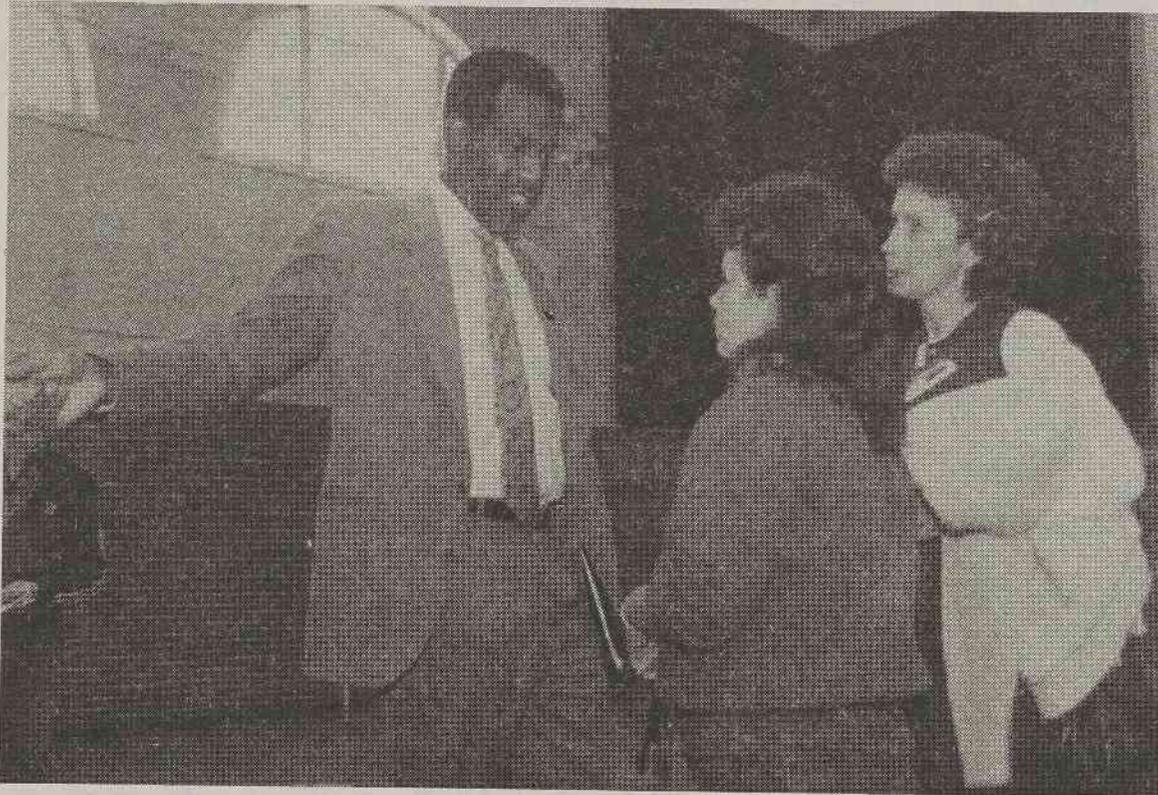


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**SYMPOSIUM KEYNOTER** — The Hon. Charles Becton of the N.C. Court of Appeals talks with students following his keynote address Wednesday last week opening the 1988 NCWC Spring Symposium. Becton confronted the question of the state of the Constitution. Thursday's speaker was Jon Wiant, deputy assistant secretary of state for intelligence coordination, who spoke on "The Intelligence Community and an Open Society."

## Religion in politics viewed

By SHARON EVANS

Ferrell Guillory was the speaker at last week's Spring Symposium discussion of "Religion and Politics / Church and State."

Guillory, an associate editor of *News and Observer*, was introduced by Mayor Fred Turnage. Guillory said in his discussion that the tension between the idea of church and state has been renewed with two ministers, Jackson and Robertson, in the Presidential nomination race.

Guillory also said that he believes that there is a clear separation be-

tween Church and State, but politics and religion *do* mix. Some politicians, such as New York Governor Mario Cuomo and Congressman David Price, have brought the idea of politics and religion into the content of their speeches.

"Republicans have adapted the principles in their platforms, the Democrats have flinched towards them," said Guillory, "but neither should have a hold by the Judeo-Christian Religion."

"The pulpit is not the place for political endorsing or fund raising," Guillory said, "The purpose of the

Church is the voice of conscious of the all powerful and politics and the Church should not abuse one another."

When questioned about the large movement of support for "Pat" Robertson, Guillory said it is a sign from the public that they are missing something and are drawn towards an image as fulfillment. Guillory was also asked when law-making and religion should mix. Guillory responded with an earlier part of Governor Mario Cuomo's speech that when Democracy and religious beliefs seek a common ground then we can put it into law.

## Constitution still thriving, Becton says

By JEFF JACKSON

The honorable Charles Becton of the N.C. Court of Appeals pronounced with deep conviction, "The sun still rises on a living Constitution." This was the title of Judge Becton's keynote address to the audience at the North Carolina Wesleyan College Spring Symposium last week concerning the status of the Constitution today.

Patrick Henry was quoted as saying, "Centralized government leads to tyranny." This quote summed up one reason Becton gave for the Constitution's success. The Framers restricted government from infringing on the rights of the people. Another similar point based on governmental power is the *legal* system of checks and balances. This system gives each branch of government the right to check each other branch and to maintain a state of equilibrium. Becton recognized the Framers' safeguards against misused and accumulated power in government.

Two related points brought forth from the speech come directly from the first and 14th amendments to the Constitution. The first amendment was created to provide freedom of religion, speech, assembly, and politics to all U.S. citizens in order to ensure "a system in which liberty will thrive."

Secondly, the 14th amendment gives citizens the right to due process of the law. In other words, government officials are prohibited by law to violate the rights of people. These amendments not only give citizens certain rights, but they also protect these rights, which is the very essence of Constitutional philosophy.

The third and seventh arguments submitted by Becton deal with the qualities of the Constitution contains no human greed and error. For instance, the Constitution contains no clause that permits it to be suspended. In addition, this document is extremely difficult to amend, which protects it against proposals passed

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## Community meeting set

President Les Garner has proposed a community meeting on Monday at 11 a.m. in Room 105 to give faculty and staff an update on the Board of Trustees meeting held last Friday.

## Summer jobs open at 'Lost Colony'

*The Lost Colony*, America's oldest outdoor drama, is looking for one hundred courageous performing artists and technicians. Must be of hearty stock and able to: endure 68 performances through heat of night (Jun. 10-Aug. 27), deliver lines through sudden showers (performances nightly at 8:30 pm, except Sundays), brave swarms of island insects (mostly mosquitoes), lead unsuspecting spectators through scenes of

grandeur, savage conflict, uplifting revelry, comic romance and touching pathos. Prepare to set your summer aside for the greatest entertainment in history!

By day, participate in the Professional Theatre Workshop, which offers children's theatre production, studio drama, madrigal singing, dance classes and lectures and demonstrations by resident and guest artists. College credit is available

through the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to those eligible.

Salary range is \$100-200/week (side jobs are available by the score), affordable waterside housing is offered (\$15/week), soundfront sailing and sunbathing is permitted (on Sundays of rest). Feast on fresh seafood at annual cast events like company fish fry (first rehearsal, May 23) and backstage crab feast (final perform-

ance, Aug. 27).

Auditions for summer '88 season will be held on Saturday, at the Lost Colony Building, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site in Manteo (on Roanoke Island). Actors and singers report at 10 a.m. and prepare a one minute monologue and/or one minute vocal piece (bring own accompaniment or sheet music for Dancers audition at 3 p.m. and participate in a dance movement class. Technicians

apply at 3 p.m. for a brief interview. All must bring a resume and a black and white photo (head and shoulders, please).

Positions are available for: eleven technicians, six costume assistants, 28 actor/technicians (four women), 20 dancers (half and half), 20 singers and 15 principals (four women).

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