

# Symposium explores culture of justice

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must believe in it.

"We can't just rely on the constitutional system to work automatically," he said. "It won't work unless we make it work. In general, the people who support the Constitution make it work, the voters."

After the keynote address, a panel discussion on "Justice from a Legislator's Point of View" featured Preyer; State Sen. Roy Cooper, corporate lobbyist Allen Adams, McDowell, and students Nathan Steward and Lynwood Roberson.

The panel discussion seemed to focus mainly on the question

of the validity of lobbyists. Adams gave his insight into this socially sensitive subject by saying, "A good lobbyist tells the whole story... they give both sides of a situation."

During that same time period, Dr. Tod Burke gave a rather excited and insightful presentation in the chapel on serial murders, with assistance from students Rodney Grainger and Kari Zoeckler. In his presentation, Dr. Burke involved the audience in trying to identify serial murderers. He discussed the causes of this type of behavior and gave possible preventive methods.

In the afternoon, Dr. Jerry Joplin, Jennifer Short, Lisa Tyson, and Dana Morgan gave a presen-

tation on "Justice in Street Gangs." Morgan talked about the circular thinking of gangs, their reasons for existence, and the loyalty and unity expressed in a gang environment.

Tyson focused on the topic of gang identity and unity, tying that in with circular thinking. Short spoke about the structure of gangs, and Dr. Joplin ended the presentation with an interpretation of justice in gangs and a definition of justice as a process.

At the same time, "Justice: Hollywood Style" was taking place in the library reading room. Dr. Vivienne Anderson, along with students Shane Guyant, Judy Boyd, and Phil Lane, discussed justice in the movies. Guyant and Boyd analyzed the movies, "The Hillside Strangler" and "Thelma and Louise," and Lane discussed "The Candy Cane Murder," a local tragedy yet to be adapted to the screen.

"Justice: A Response to Violence" was studied in the SAC an hour later. The keynote speaker for this controversial topic was Malcolm Hunter, the Appellate Defender for North Carolina, who gave a lengthy presentation.

The session that followed, "Ethical Issues and Environmental Responsibility," was given by Dr. Bill Mangum, professor of political science at ECU, who was introduced by Dr. Walton. Dr. Mangum gave an informative talk on the importance of developing an "environmental ethic." He also discussed the effects of pollution on our lives. Mangum feels that "we need to adopt an ecological

awareness posture."

Following Dr. Mangum's discussion, a panel question-and-answer session took place. The panel consisted of Jim Holloway, associate attorney general for environmental protection; Dr. Arch Sharer; Walton; and students David O'Neill and Brian Dew. The panel ended the first day of the symposium.

On Wednesday morning, Mike Wendt gave the keynote address on "Justice by the People: Mediation for Conflict Resolution." Wendt, introduced by Dr. Joplin, is the director of the Durham Dispute Settlement Center as well as a Lutheran minister.

Wendt pointed out that "mediation is at the cutting edge of what's happening in our society today." He explained how mediation could be helpful in carrying some of the burden of the court system. He also spoke of the growing success of mediation in the school systems of North Carolina. Wendt's main hope is that his speech taught people the important principle of "Learn to listen."

Immediately after Wendt's remarks was a panel discussion of mediation and its meanings. On the panel were Wendt; Wuldredge B. White; Counselor Betty Anne Whisnant; Steven Brummett, director of RA and judicial programs; and students Cynthia Williams and Elbert Whitehead.

"Religion: The Foundation of Justice" was held in the afternoon and featured presentations by Judge John Lewis Jr. of the N.C. Court of Appeals and Rev. James

E. Creech, a program associate of the N.C. Council of Churches.

After these presentations discussed religion's correlation with justice and morality, two students, Eric Seibold and JoAnna Stegall, also gave presentations, followed by a panel in the chapel for questions led by the presenters joined by Rev. Kirk Oldham and Dr. Rexford Tucker.

At the same time, Julius Nyang'oro, professor of African and Afro-American Studies at UNC-CH, gave a discussion in the SAC on how the concept of justice applies to African cultures. He explained the damages of European colonialism. He also said the lack of distributed wealth in Africa was the main reason for a lack of justice there. After the lecture he answered questions from the audience.

Afterwards, a panel on "Justice Down East" got under way, discussing the problems and reasons for justice and injustice in eastern North Carolina. The panel consisted of Robert Kendall, public relations officer for Nash-Rocky Mount Schools; Henrietta Salkind, Rocky Mount Legal Services attorney; Rev. Michael Spottsville; Rev. Bowman; Dr. Jones; and students Troy Yeager and Robert Treadaway.

Dr. Joplin ended the symposium with closing remarks.

Although the Symposium covered many important topics and helped give a better understanding of justice to those who attended, attendance was moderate by the faculty and relatively poor by the students.

## NCWC board gives tenure to Creegan

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clearly showed flaws in the current tenure process. Bennett, as well as Creegan, is hopeful that as a result, the process will be reformed.

"My recommendation was that he be denied tenure *at this time*, and that he be reviewed again next year when we have reviewed and hopefully changed our process," said Bennett, noting that there cer-

### Referendum supports SGA break proposal

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The results of the referendum will now be forwarded to Dean Bennett, who will make the final decision.

The decision to hold a referendum was made recently by the SGA Senate. The Executive Board had discussed a number of options with Dean Bennett, with the main concerns being the duration and dates when break would occur.

Bennett had previously said that some form of break would occur between the sixth and ninth week of classes, however his proposal to SGA revealed that Spring Break would not occur until Easter, which was well after the ninth week of classes.

Therefore the decision was made to present the different options to the students and allow them to voice their opinion. Bennett said he would be favorable to the students' decision.

tainly were problems with the process which may have been unfair to Creegan, and opening the door for him to be reconsidered at a later date if necessary.

Included in the review of the tenure application process will be the lack of student input. Bennett commented that "it is not inappropriate that students serve on the Tenure Committee. The college might be better served if the committee had a student representative or two, as well as a staff and administration member." He noted that all the suggestions about the tenure process will be taken into consideration.

Dr. Garner commented on the tenure process, saying that "all recommendations go to the (Board of Trustees) education committee, which makes a recommendation to the full board." It was the full board that ultimately decided to grant Creegan his tenure, with promotion to associate professor.

Creegan was pleased with the decision, as well as the fact that the process will be changed.

"The process as Bennett has set it up this year has meant more opportunity for everyone to comment and justify their decisions," he said. "It is very good in that it helps for decisions to be made fairly."

In addition to Creegan, also receiving tenure were Marshall Brooks, Jerry Joplin (with promotion), Vaughn Schütz (with promotion), Mike McAllister, and Dana Ford.

## Leaders in the Making Series 1993

Date	Time	Location	Title/Presenter
March 3	7:30 p.m.	SAC	"Parliamentary Procedure" with Tim McDowell
March 3	9 p.m.	SAC	"Getting an Attitude: Relieving Your Stress in Dynamic Ways" with Hugh Corbin
March 16	7:30 p.m.	SAC	"Motivating Student Volunteers" with Nicole Cox
March 16	9 p.m.	SAC	"Creative Problem Solving" with Pam Derrick and Tonya Rouse
March 29	10:30 a.m.	SAC	"Organizational Risk Management" with Fred Moore
March 29	7:30 p.m.	SAC	"The TEAM Concept: Does It Really Work?" with Nelson Cooper
March 29	9 p.m.	SAC	"Talk Dirty To Me: Communicating with Betty Anne Whisnant"
April 5	7:30 p.m.	SAC	"Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Issues That Affect Colleges, Universities, and Corporations" with Michael Sanseviro
April 14	7:30 p.m.	SAC	"Ethical Decision Making and Values Clarification" with Michael Sanseviro
April 14	9 p.m.	SAC	"Conflict Management: Creating a Win/Win Situation" with Michael Sanseviro
April 27	4 p.m.	Chapel	Certificate Presentation and Reception

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