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The Legal Rights Of Married Women

"The Legal Rights of Married Women" was the subject of a talk given Thursday, November 21 by Attorney Thomas R. Cannon. The program was the first presentation in the 1974/75 Rights of Women Series sponsored by the UNCC chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

Cannon, of the firm of Hamel, Cannon and Hamel, spoke in the Northeast Lounge of the University Center before an audience of about 75 women and 10 men. The attorney divided his talk into two major areas: the rights of women during marriage, and the rights of women during break-up or divorce.

Some of the issues discussed by Cannon and his audience:

*Moral standards and legal standards "are not necessarily intertwined" within a marriage. In other words, wives do not have all the legal obligations to their husbands that they thought they did. Many obligations are moral in nature.

*N.C. law states that "any rents derived from joint property belong to the husband". The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) will change this, said Cannon.

*Legally, a mother cannot

pass her own name to her child. It must bear the surname of the father.

*Common-law marriage "does not exist in this state as far as the law is concerned", according to Cannon.

*Getting married involves giving up of "the unfettered right to will your property the way you want it to be willed", that is, one cannot "cut out" one's husband or wife. They are usually entitled to one-half of the estate (if there's one child) or to one-third (if there's two or more children).

*Pre-marital contracts are questionable as legal documents, said Cannon.

*Joint bank accounts for married couples are strictly "first come first serve" and therefore create a host of problems.

*There is general confusion over the right of a woman to retain her maiden name after marriage. Cannon said that "it's okay with the state", but a member of the audience disagreed.

*No one is automatically entitled to alimony. In N.C., a woman must prove that 1) she was dependent on the other spouse and 2) she is without legal fault. This last requirement is the most difficult for women

to prove, said Cannon.

The second program of the series will be at the same location at 3:30 p.m. on December 5, with Robert C.

Stephens of the law firm of Sanders, Walker and London speaking on employment conditions of the Equal Rights Amendment. The remaining two

—by Laurie Bassett
programs will be scheduled for early in the new year.

The meetings are open to all students and to the general public.



Save Study Time

—by Susan Cole

How would you like to save 10 hours of study time per week? The Counseling Center Educational Services, located in Atkins 06, teaches a variety of study skills designed to help the student make better use of his or her time.

Formal, noncredit courses in speed reading, study skills, vocabulary improvement, and reading improvement have attracted approximately 365 members of the University community.

Each class is taught by Mrs. Ann Hendrix, an educational skills technician, and runs on a 3 semester hours basis the duration of one week. During this time the student practices these skills to acquire the needed proficiency.

In addition to these formal classes the student can work anytime from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Counseling Center on other skills such as listening, briefhand, and notetaking on an audio-tutorial basis.

The student does not compete but moves individually at his or her own speed. Starting at the undergraduate level he must acquire 90% comprehension to move to the

next stage until he reaches the postgraduate level.

David Sturgis, a student at UNCC who took the speed reading course said:

"The program lacks a staff structure — and this is great because it allows a person to work on their reading improvement when they have the time."

Mrs. Hendrix said she has been pleased with results of the effort to help students make better use of their time in faster studying and reading through improved study habits.

"I am impressed by the enthusiasm of UNCC students who come down and work in Educational Services," she said.

Mrs. Hendrix is assisted by Jean Littaker, a fulltime worker, and 4 part-time students working out a grant: Haywood Anderson, Chris Janson, Dave Pettigrew and Wanda Fisk.

Students and faculty are encouraged to take part in upcoming courses. Speed reading courses are slated for December 2, 4, and 6 from 11 a.m. to 12 a.m. and December 3 & 5 from 12 a.m. to 1:20 p.m. Those interested can sign up in the Counseling Center office across the hall from Atkins 06.

N. C. School Of The Arts To Perform

—by David W. Ledbetter

December 20, 21 and 22 the North Carolina School of the Arts will perform Peter Tchaikowsky's Christmas classic "The Nutcracker", with musical assistance from the Charlotte Symphony. The musical classic based on E.T.A. Hoffman's fairy tale, "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King" tells of a little girl who, for Christmas, receives a nutcracker which looks like a toy soldier. After an exhausting party the girl, Mary, falls asleep and dreams she saves the Nutcracker and his army of toy soldiers from defeat by the Mouse King and his army of mice. The Nutcracker then turns into a handsome prince and escorts Mary on a journey through the Snow Country and the Magic Kingdom of the Sweets. In the Magic Kingdom they are honored with a dance

by the Sugar Plum Fairy.

During the Christmas season there will also be several other events scheduled in connection with "the Nutcracker". These include performances by the Youth Symphony of the Carolinas at the fountain in Southpark on December 17 from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. through the courtesy of Belk and the Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Library having the story of "The Nutcracker" scheduled for their pre-school story hours, with the added treat of the celeste, a musical instrument used in playing "The Nutcracker" music, being performed for the children.

All proceeds from the musical performances will be used to help fund the Youth Symphony Association of the Carolinas and the Symphony's in-school concerts in the

Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools. These performances are sponsored by the Women's Association of the Charlotte Symphony and will be presented in Ovens Auditorium at 8:15 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, December 20 and 21 with matinees at 2:30 p.m. scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, December 21 and 22.

Tickets for "The Nutcracker" can be obtained until December 12 by mailing requests to the Coliseum Box Office, 2700 East Independence Boulevard, Charlotte 28205 or at the Coliseum Box Office window from December the first until showtime. The Women's Association will be selling tickets at a booth in Belk-SouthPark, December 15-19. Prices for the performances are \$3, \$4, and \$5.