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Deliberations Under Way in Williamson Trial

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HILLSBOROUGH—After nearly two and a half hours of deliberation Monday afternoon, the jury of nine women and three men in the trial of double-murder suspect Wendell Williamson had not yet reached a verdict. Members of the jury will reconvene for deliberation today at 9:30 a.m.

Defense attorneys, in two hours of closing arguments, said the former UNC law student was clearly insane when he shot and killed two people on Henderson Street on Jan. 26. The prosecution

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countered with 45 minutes of closing arguments, saying Williamson planned the shootings and knew his actions were wrong. "I believe that we have proven for your satisfaction that Wendell Williamson was insane," public defender James Williams said in his closing argument.

In both defense arguments, attorneys stressed to jurors that a verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity would sentence Williamson directly to a mental institution. However, there is a possibility of release at intervals during the first year and then every following year. The defense also stressed that homicide was "evidence enough to keep him (committed)."

The jury must look beyond the violence of the shootings to decide their verdict, Williams said. "It is a tragedy for the vic-

The Day in Court

Excerpts from the ninth day of testimony in the Wendell Williamson double-murder trial

- Defense attorney James Williams told the jury in his closing arguments, "We've presented to you overwhelming evidence that on Jan. 26, 1995, that Wendell Williamson was suffering from paranoid schizophrenia."
- Defense attorney Kirk Osborn told the jury, "The truth leaves unmistakable footprints, it always does. In this case the unmistakable footprints of this whole tragic thing are there."
- Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox that psychologists used merely a theory to determine insanity. He asked members of the jury, "If they (psychologists) are guessing, why should you base your opinion on their guess?"
- The jurors retired to the jury room at 2:33 p.m. At 4:50 p.m. the jurors had not reached a verdict, and court was adjourned for the day.

tims, it is a tragedy for the students and family, it is indeed a tragedy for Wendell himself," Williams said. "Please don't let the bodies and the horror of what happened blind you to the obvious facts."

As to Williamson's state of mind following the shootings, Williams pointed to the taped statement. "Clearly, the whole tape recording, I think, is filled with (irrational actions and thoughts)," he said.

In the second closing argument, defense attorney Kirk Osborn called the case "a clear example of what paranoid schizophrenia can do to someone." Osborn said Williamson's ability to plan the attack does not indicate that Williamson was sane. "If somebody is mentally ill, they can plan, it's just a mentally ill plan," he said.

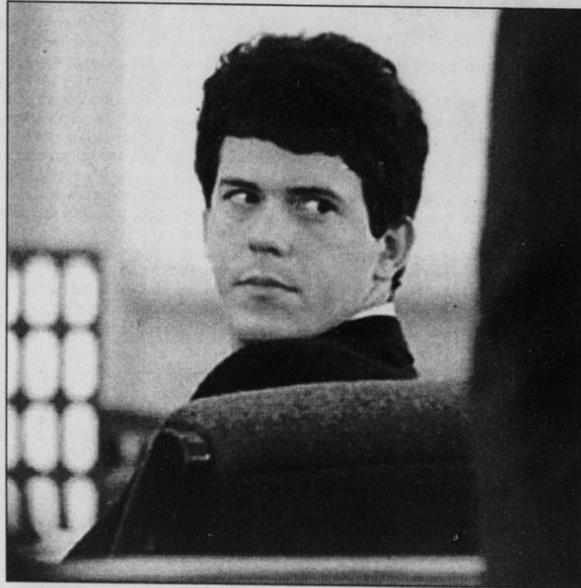
"He had 600 rounds of ammunition. Now how crazy is it to believe that you can get 600 rounds of ammunition, walk all the way up Henderson Street, dodge bullets and get to the Botanical Gardens and reload?"

In closing for the prosecution, Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox said the psychologists called by the defense continually referred to their conclusions as their best guess. "Members of the jury, if they are guessing, why should you base your opinion on their guess?"

Fox told jurors Williamson knew what he was doing and was ready to carry through his actions. He pointed to the fact that Williamson very "meticulously packed" for his shooting spree.

Fox also explained that in making their decision, the jury should consider statements Williamson made after the attack to decide if he knew right from wrong. According to testimony, he told police, "You will come up with some excuse not to (execute me), like mental illness."

Williamson said in his statement that he stole the rifle and that he parked where he wouldn't get a ticket. Fox asked jurors why the defendant would be so careful if there was nothing wrong with the manner in



Double-murder suspect Wendell Williamson glances at his parents before opening statements begin in Orange County Superior Court on Monday.

which he was acting.

Following closing arguments, the two alternate jurors, who sat through nine days of testimony with the rest of the jury, were dismissed from the proceedings. Diane Riggsbee-Raynor, one of the alternates, said she thought the testimony made the jury's job difficult.

"I honestly feel like Wendell has a mental problem," Riggsbee-Raynor said. "But it is frightening to me to realize that if he is found not guilty by reason of insanity there is a possibility of release."

"There is nothing in my mind stopping me from believing he has a mental illness. But you know he killed two people."

Future of Israeli Peace Pondered

■ In the wake of Rabin's assassination, locals wonder whether accords will last.

BY ANDREW PARK
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On a day of tremendous grief, Jews around the world confronted a frightening new obstacle on the way to peace in Israel: violent right-wing extremism.

Until the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Israelis did not know how far a few fanatics in their country would go to deter peace negotiations in the Middle East. In a part of the world that has seen terrorism

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between Arabs and Jews and Palestinians and Israelis, many were shocked to see a young Jew from a privileged family take the life of his own country's leader.

Yigal Amir, a 25-year-old law student from Tel Aviv, confessed to killing the prime minister Saturday. He said he wanted to keep his country from ceding disputed territories to the Palestinians, a vital element of peace accords championed by Rabin.

As Rabin was buried in a funeral attended by President Clinton and other world leaders, Jews vowed to build on Rabin's historic achievements. Rather than be deterred, they will now adopt his death as a symbol for peace, observers said Monday.

"If the process stops now, the extremists will have won," said Darin Diner, interim director of N.C. Hillel. "What kind of tribute would it be to Rabin to let things stop now?"

Observers were quick to point out that few Israelis would condone the assassination despite a heated debate recently over the correct path to peace. In emotional opposition rallies, Rabin had been called a murderer and a traitor and seen his picture burned by demonstrators.

"What has happened in the past few months is that the vocabulary and the emotions are much more raw," said Jack Sasson, UNC professor of religion. "It is easy for people to be infected by these ideas."

Others agreed that the strong rhetoric of the past months may have influenced the assassin, who reportedly acted alone.

"I was not surprised by the assassination," said Henry Landsberger, a UNC professor of sociology. "I am cautiously optimistic that it may mean that this relatively small group of resisters will be more isolated than they have been in the past."

A devoutly religious man, Amir probably felt he was elected by God to take Rabin's life, Sasson said. He is among a minority of Jews who believe handing over land to the Palestinians is against God's will, and that killing Rabin was thus justified. The majority of Israelis who opposed Rabin only opposed his plan for Palestinian self-rule, Sasson said.

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Local Voters Face Choice of 'Insider,' 'Outsider' Today

BY JENNIFER ZAHREN
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Flooding the polls today, voters will determine the direction Chapel Hill will take in the next four years. Throughout the day, constituents will be forced to weigh the differences between mayoral candidates Rosemary Waldorf and Kevin Foy, determining who best represents their needs and goals for the future.

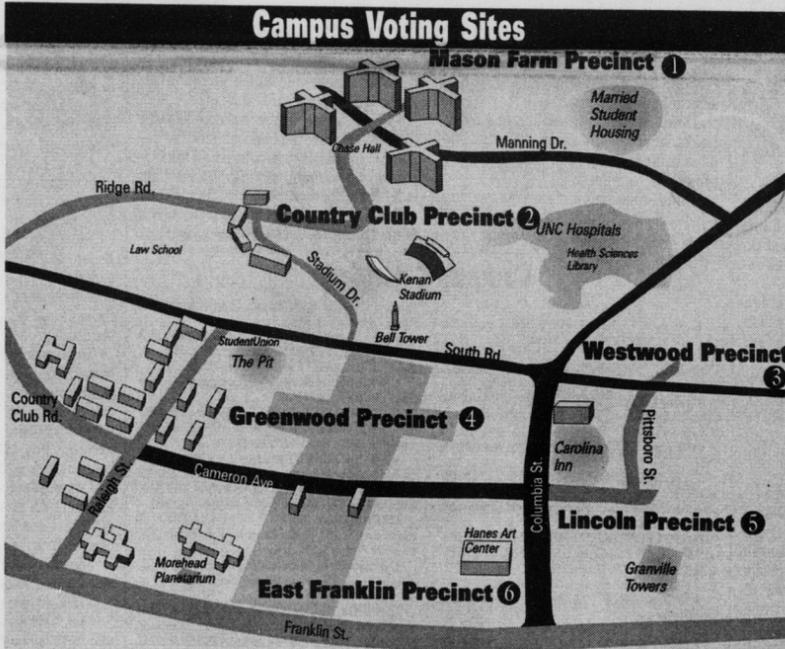
In the race for mayor, the issues of growth and experience have dominated the campaign trail. Waldorf's platform touts her experience and long-time commitment to the community, while Foy's first campaign attempt advocates change in the local government, protection of the environment and maintenance of the town's essence.

"Foy sees himself as a person more prone to controlled growth," Chapel Hill Town Council member Barbara Booth-Powell said. "Waldorf has run more strongly on issues of crime reduction and the police situation in the past. Working with her, I know she looks at issues carefully and weighs them extensively."

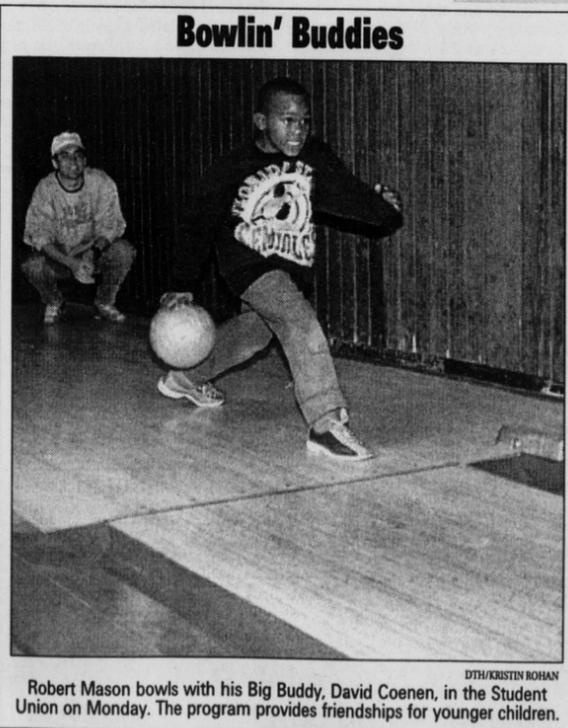
Council member Joyce Brown said the questions of Chapel Hill's future growth and development would be answered at the polls today. "It is evident in the fervor raised by Meadowmont that that growth is the central issue," Brown said. "Voters need to consider who will best manage growth. While the mayoral race is not a referendum per se, it will represent the direction the community wishes to pursue."

"The town needs to see a little restraint on development," local political activist Joe Herzenberg said. "Waldorf is part of the incumbent town government that has seen relaxation in development standards. We need leadership in the right direction."

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- Poll Site Key**
- 1 Mason Farm: Vote at Community Church Building, Purefoy Road
 - 2 Country Club: Fetzer Gym, South Road
 - 3 Westwood: Frank Porter Graham School
 - 4 Greenwood: UNC General Administration Building
 - 5 Lincoln: Lincoln Center Administration Building
 - 6 East Franklin: The Lutheran School
- Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.
■ For a full list of candidates, please see page 2



Robert Mason bowls with his Big Buddy, David Coenen, in the Student Union on Monday. The program provides friendships for younger children.

Horne Makes Trek From Africa to Meet UNC Officials

BY SHARIF DURHAMS
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Gerald Horne, the activist and scholar recommended to be the next director of the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center, arrived at the University on Monday to meet with faculty and students as part of the review process for gaining appointment to a third tenured professorship.

Horne met with history professors and members of the Department of History committee that is evaluating him in order to make a recommendation on whether or not to grant him tenure. Horne also met with graduate students to discuss issues in African-American and U.S. history, history Professor Genna Rae McNeil said.

"He's had an opportunity to interact with the committee," McNeil said. "The small groups (of faculty meeting with Horne) allow the faculty to get to know him."

Horne talked about his current research projects during a 90-minute session in Hamilton Hall. Faculty and students listened to Horne discuss politics in Zimbabwe, the role of organized crime in Hollywood during the 1940s, the political life of Shirley DuBois and his current project chronicling the life of Malcolm X for young adult readers.

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GENNA RAE MCNEIL
History Professor

wide range of academic experience," said Richard Soloway, chairman of the history department.

Tera Hunter, history professor and member of the tenure committee, said she thought the department would benefit from the addition of Horne. "His work is very interesting," she said. "The department would benefit from him because of his diverse interest."

Horne also impressed members of other departments with his range of knowledge.

Walter Spearman Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication Chuck Stone said he was impressed with Horne's ability to relate three seemingly separate research projects with the common theme of race relations.

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Probable BCC Director Discusses Current Research Projects, Plans

BY SHARIF DURHAMS
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University of California at Santa Barbara Professor Gerald Horne told a group of UNC history professors Monday that he thought the black community needed to focus on the problem of racism on an international, rather than just a national, level.

"It is difficult for me to be optimistic, because the black leadership is not looking internationally," Horne said. "Until the black community considers race as not a national issue, but an international one, I will be pessimistic."

Horne, who visited UNC to be reviewed for a tenured professorship in the Department of History, discussed his current research, which he is conducting in Zimbabwe. He is exploring that country's civil war between 1965 and 1980 and U.S. involvement in that conflict. Horne has been in Africa for the past year as a Fulbright Scholar.

He said he was exploring the role of

mercenaries in Zimbabwe. This research on class and gangs is important in understanding the economic and social conditions in Zimbabwe and throughout Africa, Horne said.

"It's high time we had a reconceptualization of the role of gangs in the economy of Africa," he said. "We need to consider how gangs played a role in racial cleansing. The whole prospect of mercenaries presents a threat to African politics because (the government in many African countries) is so weak. I don't think the phenomenon can be dismissed quickly or easily."

Horne said he was also examining the relationship between the Cold War and the

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Weather

TODAY: Cloudy, windy; high in the 60s.
WEDNESDAY: Breezy; high near 60.

The ballot is stronger than the bullet.
Abraham Lincoln