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**Today's Weather**  
Sunny; high near 60.  
Saturday: Sunny; high near 60.  
Sunday: Chance of rain; high 60s.

## Biology Professor Found Not Guilty in Defamation Suit

■ Associate Vice Chancellor Lawrence Gilbert did not libel a former employee.

BY JAMIE GRISWOLD  
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**HILLSBOROUGH**—After more than three hours of deliberation Thursday, an Orange County jury found Assistant Vice Chancellor Lawrence Gilbert not guilty in a defamation suit brought against him by former University employee Wilma

Hanton. Gilbert, who fired Hanton in May 1991 while he was serving as chairman of the Department of Biology, said he was glad the trial was finally over.

"Obviously I'm relieved and delighted that the jury was able to see that there was absolutely no evidence for what Ms. Hanton alleged," Gilbert said. "It's a great load off my mind."

Hanton, a former research analyst in the biology department's electron microscope (EM) laboratory, claimed Gilbert ruined her professional reputation in a May 1991 memo discussing her dismissal from

the University. Gilbert sent the memo to about 70 faculty members and graduate students in the biology department.

At issue in the jury's decision were four allegedly defamatory statements Gilbert made in the memo. Gilbert wrote that Hanton refused to keep track of her time and to bill for her time in the EM lab. He also wrote that Hanton falsely accused doctoral student Ji-Da Dai of stealing her scientific data, that she falsely accused Gilbert of stealing her scientific data and that she falsely accused Gilbert of stealing a letter from the University Archives.

In closing arguments, Gilbert's attor-

ney, Assistant Attorney General Barbara Shaw, told the jury the memo was not defamatory because all statements included in it were true. "They (the defense) can't look at you straight in the face and tell you that the letter is false because the statements (in the letter) are true," she said.

Shaw said Hanton never disputed Gilbert's claim that she had not fulfilled her job responsibilities. Shaw also said that an ethics committee had found no substantiation for Hanton's claims against Dai and Gilbert. "What would be the motive for Dr. Gilbert, a distinguished professor with national and international recogni-

tion, to steal a picture from a research analyst working under him?" Shaw asked. Shaw also said that there was no evidence that the letter Hanton claimed Gilbert stole had existed.

Al McSurely, Hanton's attorney, said Gilbert's memo was like a late hit in football. He compared Hanton's firing to the initial hit that knocks a player out of bounds, but he said Gilbert's memo was like a hit that comes after the play has been whistled dead. "What does the referee call that?" McSurely asked. "An intentional foul."

McSurely also tried to prove that Gilbert wrote the memo with malicious in-

ten. He said Gilbert could have talked about Hanton's dismissal to the four or five people who worked in the EM lab instead of sending the memo to the entire biology department.

"A woman's name is important to her ... and (Wilma Hanton's) name has been destroyed among her peers (and) her professional colleagues," McSurely said.

Gilbert, who is currently a William Rand Kenan Jr. Professor of Biology, is leaving for Washington, D.C., today to accept a lifetime achievement award from the American Association for the Advancement of Science.



Elouise Vaughn (left) and Patsy Clarke formed MAJIC (Moms Against Jesse in Congress) in response to Sen. Jesse Helms' criticism of AIDS victims. Both women had sons who died from the virus.

## Mothers Form Group to Fight Helms

BY STEPHANIE WILLET  
STAFF WRITER

Jesse Helms may have finally met his match.

If a group led by two strong-willed women in their sixties crusading for rights of AIDS victims have their way, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., could spend his next term in retirement.

Moms Against Jesse In Congress (MAJIC) is a Raleigh-based political action committee begun by two women whose sons died of AIDS. Helms is the target of their mission due to his continued criticism of AIDS patients for what the senator has called their "deliberate, disgusting, revolting conduct."

Patsy Clarke, a former Helms supporter, and Elouise Vaughn, both of Raleigh, recently formed the group to stand up for their children's memories. The group's mission is to recognize that "AIDS is not a disgrace — it is a tragedy."

"We want to stand up for those who can't defend themselves," Vaughn said. "They are so vulnerable."

Clarke said her letters to Helms asking him not to pass judgment on other human beings have changed nothing. She said that she saw no recourse but to protest.

"It's like a witch hunt, but there are no witches," said Clarke with outstretched hands and furrowed brow in Vaughn's Raleigh home on Thursday.

In a letter to Helms, Clarke asked him to "share his memory with me in compassion." Helms' reply said, "I wish he had not played Russian roulette in his sexual activity."

Neither Helms nor his press secretary was available for comment on Thursday evening.

MAJIC's members maintain that they did not form the group solely to support gay rights, but to advocate compassion for AIDS victims without being affiliated with any political party. "We have to stand allied as mothers," Vaughn said.

The group won't endorse a candidate until after the May 7 Democratic primary. Twelve members meet monthly to give support, talk about how to force Helms into retirement and quilt squares for the national AIDS quilt. "It's the motherly kind of thing to do," Vaughn said.

Political endeavors are not foreign to either woman. Clarke's daughter represented Susan Smith in her S.C. murder trial, and Vaughn's husband was a judge.

Helms has caused controversy by trying to block federal financing of AIDS preven-

tion and treatment. "We've got to have some common sense about a disease transmitted by people deliberately engaging in unnatural acts," Helms told the Palm Beach Post last summer.

Clarke said Helms did not view AIDS the same MAJIC members do. "His views are hurtful to the whole of society," said Clarke, who voted for Helms in the last election and knows him personally.

Members of MAJIC want to "expose bigotry, mean-spiritedness and hatred" for what they are. Their mission statement says that "we can ask North Carolinians to turn down Jesse Helms' brand of virulent judgmentalism against his fellow beings."

"We think it's harder for people to spit on mothers than on gays," Clarke said. Vaughn stated that homosexuality is not a choice and not a lifestyle. "People are afraid of what they don't understand," she said.

Anyone can join the group, Vaughn said. Correspondence to the group should be sent to MAJIC, Box 277, 7474 Creedmoor Rd., Raleigh, N.C. 27613-1665.

"This group (AIDS victims) has been stigmatized too long," Vaughn said. "We want to change that."

But, Clarke said, "It's going to take magic."

## Death, Murder Charge Destroy Quiet Marriage

■ Accused of killing his wife, student William Boychuk awaits bail from his jail cell.

BY ANDREW PARK  
STAFF WRITER

When William J. Boychuk and his girlfriend, Karen, began dating in the fall of 1994, they were two intelligent and successful people on track to face challenging careers.

Their paths crossed in the Triangle, where so many promising young people prepare themselves for heady futures. Karen graduated in 1992 from the Duke University School of Law and began working in Raleigh. William was a first-year student in the Kenan-Flagler Business School who had come to Chapel Hill after a career in

the Canadian Department of National Defense.

The pressures were enormous: there were late nights studying and working, new relationships, ambitions for the future, marriage and soon, a family.

None of these struggles come close to the fight Boychuk faces now. He has been charged with murder in the New Year's Eve death of his pregnant wife.

Today William Boychuk is being held at the Wake County Jail while District Attorney Thomas Ford awaits the results of Karen Boychuk's autopsy. Dr. Gordon



WILLIAM BOYCHUK told investigators he and his wife were struck in a hit-and-run.

Legrand, Wake County medical examiner, said through a spokeswoman Thursday the autopsy would not be finished until next week. Ford said bail would not be set for Boychuk until the autopsy was complete.

Karen's body was found underneath the Cary Parkway bridge after a late-night incident that William Boychuk described as a hit-and-run. According to Boychuk's initial statement to police, he and his wife were struck from behind by a passing car around 7 p.m. on Dec. 31. As he lay unconscious on the bridge, his wife was dying 40 feet below on a grassy embankment.

When he came to, Boychuk saw his wife, then ran frantically to his nearby apartment complex to ask for help, according to police reports. A terrible accident had happened, Boychuk said.

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## The Daily Tar Heel Student Elections Poll

### About This Series

The Daily Tar Heel conducted an intercept poll of 406 students on campus during the week of Jan. 29 - Feb. 2 to determine how important they thought the following 10 issues should be to the next student body president. The survey has a sampling error of plus or minus 4.9 percent.

### Top 10 Student Issues

- 1 Conveying students' concerns to administrators
- 2 Conducting an ethical administration
- 3 Stopping increases in tuition and student fees
- 4 Changing things that affect students daily, such as dining and housing
- 5 Working with Student Congress to allocate student activity fees
- 6 Improving safety on campus
- 7 Addressing the concerns of women and minorities
- 8 Making cable and Internet more easily accessible to students
- 9 Serving as a liaison to state officials
- 10 Creating an executive branch diverse in race and gender

## Keeping to the Narrow Path

Editor's Note: The Daily Tar Heel is running a series on the top five issues and the student body president candidates' proposals for addressing them. Today, we examine the No. 2 issue: conducting an ethical administration.

BY ADAM GUSMAN  
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Scandals in student government may not receive the notoriety of an Iran-Contra affair or a Whitewater, but students are still concerned about the behavior of their elected campus officers. Eighty-five percent of respondents to The Daily Tar Heel elections poll said the issue of conducting an ethical administration should be "quite important" or "extremely important" to the next student body president race.

"The student body president should be looking out for student interests rather than catering to the interests of the administration or the Board of Trustees," said Student Congress Speaker Roy Granato. "He or she should not get involved in any petty politics or political games," he said.

Granato said the nomination process presented an opportunity for breach of ethics. "The student body president is in a position of trust with the nomination process," he said.

The student body president nominates the student body vice president, treasurer and secretary, the members of various campus committees, such as the Facilities Planning Committee, the Committee on

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## A MESSAGE OF EMPOWERMENT

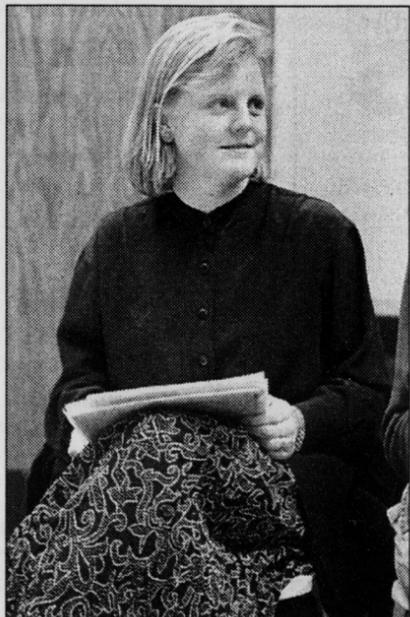


Katie Hultquist has taken significant strides for women by founding WIN and POWER

BY JAIME KOWEY  
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A student who has dedicated her life to celebrating women and their diversity has sent a message to the University community that the time has come for women to stand up and be heard.

Katie Hultquist, a senior international studies major from San Francisco, Calif., has made some major developments in bringing women's issues to the forefront at UNC.



Senior Katie Hultquist sets an example for UNC women through her leadership and positive attitude.

Hultquist is responsible for founding the Women's Issues Network, a group that meets weekly to educate the campus community about women's issues.

"When I got here, women's issues weren't being addressed at all," Hultquist said. "Women were afraid to call themselves feminists."

Hultquist tried to amend that problem by forming WIN and other groups that address women's issues.

Adrienne Lockie, a senior from Washington, D.C. and co-president of WIN, praised Hultquist's efforts. "This campus owes a debt to her," Lockie said. "Our campus wouldn't be the same, if it weren't for her work. She puts her whole heart into improving this university for women."

Another group that Hultquist established is the Chancellor's Task Force on Women. The task force, which is comprised of staff, faculty and students, looks at services available to women and how to improve them.

Hultquist made a smooth transition from her high school interest in women's issues to her college involvement. As a freshman, Hultquist joined the Women's Issues Forum, a Campus Y group. She was co-chairwoman of the group her sophomore year, when it changed its name to People's Organization for Women's Empowerment and Rights, or POWER.

"Women's empowerment is about celebrating women," Hultquist said. "(It's about) women taking the power to have choice in their lives and having the opportunity to do anything and everything they want to do."

As a sophomore, Hultquist and two other women wrote a proposal for a UNC Women's Center. WIN was formed in spring 1994 to see their proposal get passed.

"If we establish an on campus women's center, a lot of the credit for that will go to her," said Student Body Vice President Amy Swan, a senior from Waynesboro, Penn., and a member of WIN.

"It is almost impossible to find a university comparable (to UNC) in size and funding that doesn't have a women's center yet," Hultquist said.

A women's center could make resources, services and information more accessible to students, Hultquist said. "It would demonstrate a commitment on UNC's part on the lives of women faculty, staff and students," she said.

Women's groups on campus are scarce and fragmented, Hultquist said. Through WIN, Hultquist has ventured to increase communication between groups that address

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*I am a marvelous housekeeper. Every time I leave a man I keep his house.*

Zsa Zsa Gabor