## Judge denies request to open Honor Court

But officials at The Daily Tar Heel said they would appeal the decision.

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N.C. Superior Court Judge Gordon Battle ruled on Dec. 2 that the University's Honor Court proceedings will remain closed to the public.

Attorneys for The Daily Tar Heel, which brought the suit against UNC, argued that the Honor Court was subargued that the Honor Court was sub-ject to the N.C. Open Meetings Law and therefore had to open all proceed-ings to the public. Battle ruled that while the Honor Court was a public body, UNC had the right to close its hearings under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Battle also ruled that the DTH had no right to

view previous Honor Court records.

DTH Editor Jeanne Fugate said the paper would file an appeal. "We are definitely disappointed with the ruling,

but we hope to reverse the judgement."

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Honor Court process to cover up the true nature of crime on campus. He said the Honor Court heard many cases that involved offenses other than academic dishonesty. "Students have a right to know the type of criminal offenses

that occur on campus," he said.

Schwartz said the Honor Court was hearing some cases that should be handled by courts of the state. "The University uses the secrecy of the Honor Court to funnel serious crimes that should be heard through the crimi-

al justice system," Schwartz said.

The DTH's fight to open Honor Court proceedings began in April 1996 when two students appeared before the Honor Court for stealing 1,500 copies of the Carolina Review.

### COOPER

Cultural Center's Communiversity program. Those who worked with him praised his efforts in helping others.

"He was really dedicated in his work toward developing the minds and spirits of the children we work with," said Rena Olds, co-director of the teen outreach program. "He will be greatly missed by this University community."

Bryan Winbush, co-director of the teen outreach program, said Cooper joined the program last spring and was a very active and productive member. "He was always really sincere and was a great help with the program."

Cooper was also involved in minority student recruitment, Project Uplift and a Communiversity literacy program. "He just had a positive impact," Olds said.

Anyone who wishes to participate in

Anyone who wishes to participate in the memorial service should contact BSM Co-president Chandra Taylor at 914-4807 by 7 p.m. Friday.

### ROBBERY

bery with a dangerous weapon and possession of stolen property, accord-ing to police reports.

Two 15-year-old males also were arrested, but police would not release their names because they were juveniles. Cousins said both juveniles were from Durham. One of the 15-year-olds pointed the gun at the time of the rob-bery.

### TAX FORMS

last year from all sources, including loans and grants, is required to file a tax return. But students who asked their employer to withold a part of their paycheck for taxes must

fill out a form to get back money the government collected.

Those with an income less than \$6,550 for 1996 are not required to file an income tax return, but no return equals no refund check for those students who worked last year and

filled out a W-4 withholding form.

"If you are due a return, you have three years to file for a refund, but if you owe you must file by this April 15,"
Albright said.

Here are some of the pertinent tax facts for students:
To file your tax return, employees need to get W-2 forms from all of places they were employed in 1996. Employers usually send this form containing all the information needed to complete your tax return through the mail.

Employers are required to make these forms available to their employees by January 31, 1997. If you do not receive your W-2 by February, you should contact your employer or the IRS.

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Most students who plan to file a return can use the 1040-EZ form. This simple form can be filled out quickly and may be utilized by those earning less than \$50,000, having no dependents and earning less than \$400 interest.

Students who used this form last year might receive a copy

Students who used this form last year might receive a copy of the IRS's Telefile package this year.

"The Telefile package includes a worksheet instead of a form and a phone number for the taxpayer to submit with ease their tax return via telephone," Albright said. "Telefile takes less than 10 minutes to submit."

The IRS offers 600 of its forms and schedules free for download via the Internet from their World Wide Web site.

#### For the Record

In the Dec. 4 article "Students begin hunt for apartments," Manager Christy Rexroad should have been quoted as saying that Carolina Apartments currently had some vacancies.

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

#### **Campus Calendar**

5:30 p.m. — The first in a series of information sessions on the Phi Alpha Delta pre-law fraternity will be held in Union 205. Additional sessions will be held Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Union 205. Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Union 226, Friday at 4 p.m. in Union 226 and Monday at 4 p.m. in Union 225.

7:45 p.m. — The Village Orchestra will resume rehearsals for the spring semester in 107 Hill Hall. The group is a recreational orchestra and welcomes all instrumentalists, especially string players. For more information call 929-5487 or 489-1587.

8 p.m. — The UNC Young Democrats will hold a meeting in Union 208 to discuss plans for the upcoming inauguration trip.



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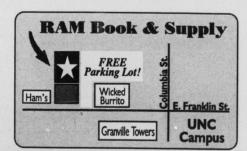
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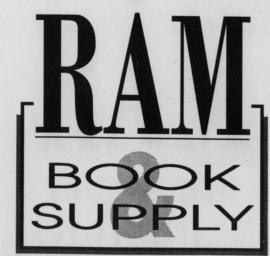
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