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## Williamson Malpractice Suit Begins

The former law student argues he would not have killed two men if a doctor had treated him properly.

By Ashley Stephenson  
University Editor

HILLSBOROUGH — A civil suit filed by a former UNC student, who blames faulty medical treatment for the near-campus shooting spree in which he killed two men, started in Orange County Superior Court on Wednesday. Grand jury selections started Wednesday in the medical malpractice suit filed by former law student Wendell Williamson against retired physician Dr. Myron Liptzin, who worked for Student Health Services.

Eight months after Williamson quit his treatment, he shot and killed two people and wounded a police officer on Henderson Street in January 1995. Williamson, who was found not guilty by reason of insanity in November 1995, argues that if Liptzin had continued to prescribe medicine for his schizophrenic condition, the killings would have been avoided.

Although Williamson did not take the stand during his capital murder trial,

he does plan to take the stand during the civil case. Attorney Nick Gordon of Winston-Salem will represent him.

Liptzin's attorney, Bruce Berger of Raleigh, said Wednesday that his client maintained that he did nothing wrong.

Williamson was committed to a state hospital in 1995 where he will remain until he proves he is no longer a threat to himself or others.

UNC lacrosse player Kevin Reichardt and Chapel Hill resident Ralph Walker were killed by Williamson's M-1 rifle. Officer Demetris Stephenson was wounded in the hand.

Eyewitnesses said Williamson, a third-year law student who peers described as a loner, fired an estimated 30 shots. The trial that followed was the most publicized in Orange County history.

University officials have remained tight-lipped about any involvement in the case, saying only that UNC lawyers were not representing anyone at the trial.

Jona Poe, attorney for the Reichardt family, said he would attend the trial, but he would not participate in the proceedings. The Reichardts reached an out-of-court settlement in their wrong-

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Wendell Williamson, shown here at his criminal trial in October 1995, has filed a medical malpractice suit against his former doctor. The trial started Wednesday and is expected to last for several weeks.

## Graduate Students To Mentor

Student government plans to offer interested students graduate mentors in their chosen career paths.

By James Nicks and Michael Abel  
Staff Writers

In its ongoing effort to improve advising, student government is starting a program to pair interested undergraduates with graduate or professional student mentors.

The program, called the Graduate and Professional Mentoring Program, will give students "a friend who does what you want to do a couple of years down the road," said Bryan Kennedy, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation.

The mentoring program's coordinator, Lerrisa Rentas, said the program would be very informal, involving going out to eat or just getting a cup of coffee with the mentor. Plans are being discussed between student government and Carolina Dining Services for offering an incentive for the program.

Rentas said at an interest meeting Wednesday night that the program "is not a replacement of the advising system but an addition to it."

Rentas said there had been a tremendous response from graduate and professional students and about 50 graduate students had volunteered.

"There is a lot of support out there for this," Kennedy said.

Steve Oljeski, a student in the School of Medicine, said graduate students could add a new perspective to advising.

"It's nice to have someone who has just done it, not a professor or staff member who may have forgotten what it was like," he said. "It's nice to keep in touch with other parts of campus."

Rentas also assured students that every major and field would be covered with the program. The graduate students in the program cover a wide variety of fields. If a student's field is not covered by one of the graduate advisers, Rentas said they would make every effort to find someone pursuing that career goal.

"They're very eager to help us out," Rentas said. "They're completely a resource for you to use."

Students at the meeting sounded

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## Police Nab 20 Rocks Of Crack

Although police made five crack cocaine related arrests this week, they say use of the drug is not rising.

By Matt Leclercq  
Staff Writer

Although 20 more rocks of crack cocaine were seized in two unrelated arrests Tuesday and Wednesday, police officials say drug abuse is not as bad as it was a decade ago.

Officers arrested Santonio Deshawn Tinnen, 19, of 121 S. Graham St., Wednesday after seeing him with an open container of malt beverage, reports state. A subsequent search yielded 18 rocks of crack cocaine and \$122.

Tinnen was confined with one felony count of possession with intent to sell and deliver crack cocaine and misdemeanor charges of underage possession of alcohol and possession of an open container of alcohol.

Tinnen was confined in Orange County Jail under \$10,000 secured bond, and he will appear in district court today in Hillsborough.

In a separate incident, police served Palmer Quinton Clark, 21, of 228-A Johnson St., with an arrest warrant Tuesday for unauthorized use of a vehicle and found two crack rocks in Clark's possession, reports state.

Clark was charged with felony possession of schedule II narcotics and confined in Orange County Jail under \$1,000 secured bond, reports state.

He will appear in district court in Hillsborough Oct. 2.

Despite other recent arrests and seizures of crack cocaine, including a police drug raid at Lakeview Mobile Home Park Friday that yielded 24 dosage units of the drug, spokeswoman Jane Cousins said the number of incidents was not out of the ordinary.

"It doesn't strike me as an increase (in crack-related arrests)," she said.

Although crack cocaine remains the most commonly used narcotic in Chapel Hill besides marijuana, police have cleaned up a drug scene that made people scared to walk down certain streets as recent as 10 years ago, Chief Ralph Pendergraph said.

"You could not walk down Graham Street without getting solicited by three drug dealers," he said. "It's better than it was, particularly on the Carboro-

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## Starr Delivers Report to Congress

The content of the report will determine whether Congress proceeds with an impeachment review.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr sent Congress 36 sealed boxes filled with "substantial and credible" evidence of wrongdoing by President Bill Clinton on Wednesday, triggering the nation's first formal impeachment review since Watergate.

The delivery of Kenneth Starr's report to Congress transforms the Monica Lewinsky saga from an embarrassing soap opera to a grave threat to the Clinton presidency. With little public clamor, Clinton's second term in office is suddenly in doubt.

Few thought the president's relationship with Lewinsky could result in

impeachment but now the only certainty is uncertainty — as an impeachment process looms in Congress, no one can know the outcome. A Republican-led Congress whose leaders have denounced Clinton as immoral and unfit for office will be called upon to lay aside politics and lead deliberations that will decide the president's fate. It is a solemn duty with almost no precedents.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Democratic leader Dick Gephardt pledged that they would make a bipartisan effort to review the politically explosive report. The two men then met into the evening to thrash out plans to make several hundred pages public within a few days and to govern Congress' subsequent review.

Clinton partisans say the best outcome for Clinton would probably be a rebuke or reprimand from Congress. Some have hinted he may have to resign. With the ground quaking beneath him, Clinton asked the nation

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for forgiveness in a speech Wednesday in Florida. "I let you down. I let my family down. I let this country down. But I'm trying to make it right," the president said. He did not utter Lewinsky's name, the former White House intern with whom he had — and hid — a sexual relationship.

It was Clinton's second apology of the day, the first coming in a private meeting with House Democrats before he left Washington.

Now the House of Representatives must determine whether the Starr investigation has produced evidence warranting Clinton's impeachment. If Clinton survives the immediate reaction

to Starr's report, it likely will be a long, drawn out process with televised hearings by the House Judiciary Committee. In this forum, Clinton supporters would have a voice, a sharp contrast to the grand jury which operated only with prosecutors and no defense attorneys.

For most Americans, the eight-month Lewinsky investigation has seemed more like a library of tabloid tales rather than an epic constitutional struggle.

In America's 222-year history, presidents have faced impeachment and removal from office only twice before.

Andrew Johnson was impeached by the House for conspiring against Congress and the Constitution but was acquitted by the Senate by a single vote in 1868.

The House Judiciary Committee voted to impeach Richard Nixon in the Watergate scandal but he resigned before a vote by the full House or trial

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Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich met with bipartisan leaders to plan Congress' review of the report.



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Construction for the Horace Williams Airport is shown in the background of this aerial view of the University campus around 1940.

## UNC Official Says Airport Stays Put

By Nora Daube  
Staff Writer

A University official said Wednesday the University has no plans to relocate Horace Williams Airport, despite concerns voiced by community members after the recent plane crash at Guy B. Phillips Middle School.

Although the controversy has continued over the years, Gordon Rutherford, director of facilities planning for the University said, "The University is not going to move the airport."

Rutherford said he remembered going to a public hearing 10 to 15 years ago with a letter from the chancellor saying if there was an acceptable alternative for the location of the Area Health Education Center program, there was a possibility of the University closing the airport.

At the time there was not an alternative, and Rutherford said he didn't think there had been a change since then.

The health education program is one of the main functions of the Horace Williams Airport. It is a state-run program that strives to improve communi-

ty health and has been present at the airport for 30 years. "We are the transportation aspect of the AHEC program," Director of Medical Air Operations Jim Hotelling said.

The program has seven airplanes, 10 pilots and two mechanics for the specific use of transporting doctors and other members of the medical profession.

"We get the medical care providers out to the community," Hotelling said.

Aside from this important program, the airport is a small, general aviation airport. Airport Manager Paul Burke said there was somewhere between 30-35 take-offs a day and barely any activity at night.

If, in the future, the Raleigh-Durham International Airport stops welcoming general aviation flights, Horace Williams will not be able to handle all the extra traffic because of its location, Rutherford said.

He also said when the time comes, the University was not going to create a new airport, which would be necessary to handle all the extra flights.

Horace Williams Airport, located off Airport Road, was built in 1940 by the University for the purpose of pre-flight training in World War II. "The airport

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## INSIDE Thursday

### The Envelope, Please

This week's Diversions previews the ever-popular and unpredictable MTV Video Music Awards. The big show airs tonight live on MTV starting at 8 p.m. and will feature some of the biggest musical stars in the industry. Ben Stiller hosts. See Page 5.



### Home Run Heaven

Most students said the media did not overreact to Mark McGwire's historic home run. They said he deserved a hero's welcome after breaking Roger Maris' 37-year-old record Tuesday night. See Page 13.

### Today's Weather

Mostly sunny;  
Upper 70s  
Friday: Mostly sunny;  
lower 80s.

You are remembered for the rules you break.

Douglas MacArthur