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Expert Physician Testifies at Trial

The Wake Forest Medical School psychiatrist says Wendell Williamson's doctor misdiagnosed Williamson.

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HILLSBOROUGH — The lawyer for Wendell Williamson, the former UNC law student who killed two people near campus in 1995, used an expert witness in an attempt to lay the blame for the deaths in the lap of Williamson's psychiatrist in testimony Thursday.

During the first day of testimony in the medical malpractice suit against Dr. Myron Liptzin, former Student Health Service psychiatrist, Williamson's attorney put a psychiatrist on the stand to show Liptzin's alleged negligence.

Dr. Stephen Kramer of Wake Forest University's School of Medicine testified Liptzin failed his responsibility to ensure that Williamson sought treatment after Liptzin's retirement from SHS in May 1994.

Kramer also said Liptzin did not properly diagnose Williamson as a paranoid schizophrenic, and instead relied on an earlier diagnosis of delusion disorder grandiose.

Finally Kramer said Liptzin should have foreseen that Williamson would

not complete his treatment and that he might become violent.

The lawsuit contends this negligence led to Williamson's January 1995 shooting spree on Henderson Street that killed UNC lacrosse player Kevin Reichardt and Chapel Hill resident Ralph Walker, and wounded police officer Demetris Stephenson.

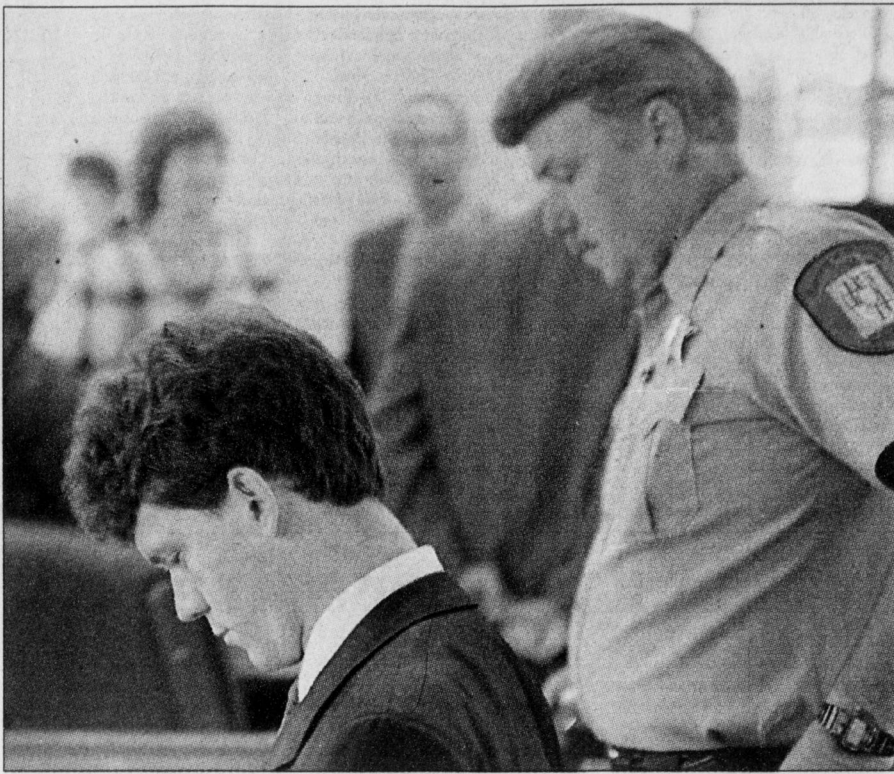
Nick Gordon, Williamson's lawyer, said he believed proper treatment could have helped prevent the tragedy.

"What this case is about is how a young man who was an Eagle Scout, who was president of his high school class, who swam on the swim team, who was an all-around normal, happy individual, who came to the University of North Carolina and graduated with honors in English could come to a place like this," Gordon said.

But Bruce Berger, Liptzin's attorney, said his client wasn't to blame for Williamson's rampage.

At the time of Liptzin's retirement Williamson demonstrated a marked improvement in mental health, Berger said. So it was appropriate for the law student to take responsibility for his continuing treatment.

"We believe Dr. Liptzin not only provided adequate care, he provided excellent care," Berger said. "In June 1994, Mr. Williamson stopped taking his medicine. His choice. His responsibility. Keep in mind here, we're not dealing with a child. This is an adult who has to



Wendell Williamson is escorted to Orange County Jail on Thursday during a recess in his malpractice suit against Dr. Myron Liptzin. Lawyers for both parties gave their opening arguments.

make choices."

In his testimony, Kramer said Williamson first sought treatment at SHS in 1990. Shortly after, Williamson began to hear voices telling him he was the world's first telepath.

Kramer said violent tendencies did not emerge, however, until September 1992 when Williamson was seen hitting himself in the head and screaming at others while in the Pit.

Williamson voluntarily signed him-

self into UNC Hospitals after that incident, but later reneged, saying he would have missed too many classes and had high hospital bills, Kramer said.

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Report Says Clinton Lied Under Oath

Senate Democrats warned the president that he lacked support in Congress and an impeachment was possible.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's referral to Congress accuses President Clinton of perjury and obstruction of justice and provides a damaging portrayal of his contacts with Monica Lewinsky and Betty Currie, Oval Office secretary, legal sources say.

Starr's report accuses Clinton of lying in portions of his

Aug. 17 grand jury testimony as well as his Jan. 17 sworn testimony in the Paula Jones lawsuit, the sources said, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

The referral Starr sent Wednesday lays out detailed evidence that prosecutors contend shows Clinton committed perjury, obstruction of justice, witness tampering and abuse of power, the sources said.

"The report is a straight narrative" and it alleges that "the president continued to lie and lie and lie," one source said.

One congressional source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Clinton was warned bluntly in a White House meeting with Democratic senators that impeachment was a possibility, depending on how the public reacted over the next several days. One senator was quoted as telling the president his support in Congress was "very thin."

House Republicans made plans to give widest possible distribution to 445 pages of Starr's report by posting it on the Internet on Friday, as soon as the full House votes its formal approval. "Every American will have access," said Speaker Newt Gingrich.

The president assured Senate Democrats at the White House there would be no damaging new revelations when the material about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky and related matters was made public. But it was a hard sell to make after his belated admission last month that he had covered up the truth since last winter.

One Democrat, Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, told a reporter afterward that

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Study: Racial Preferences Work

A new book argues that affirmative action measures in the admissions process at UNC help black students.

By BHARATH PARTHASARATHY
Staff Writer

Racial preferences in the admissions processes of the nation's most selective universities help black students succeed after their graduation, said two former Ivy League presidents in a book that hit shelves Thursday.

Former Harvard University President Derek Bok and ex-Princeton University President William Bowen tracked 45,000 students of all races who entered 25 of the most selective colleges — UNC included — in either 1976 or 1989 for their book "The Shape of the River."

Although Bok and Bowen found that

black students were graduating at higher rates, those students were still not graduating as often as white students. The black students also tended to get lower grades, but did better in post-graduate work, Bok and Bowen concluded.

The book arrives in the wake of several recent court orders and state propositions ending race-based admissions. Courts forced the universities of California, Texas and Michigan to end their affirmative action programs.

Last year, UNC-system President Molly Broad investigated the use of race in the UNC system's policies regarding admissions and scholarship disbursement.

Broad sought to protect the university system from lawsuits that would end affirmative action and would place the system with the likes of the Universities of California and Texas.

The study found that black students who graduated from the colleges do

extremely well in the marketplace and often command higher salaries than black students from less selective schools.

University officials heralded Bok and Bowen's findings, saying that they gave credit to the UNC system's practices.

Jerry Lucido, director of undergraduate admissions, said the book showed affirmative action programs were successful.

Universities without these programs lose these potentially successful black students, Bok and Bowen suggested.

Affirmative action supporters point to the decreased number of minority students at universities that have repealed race-based admissions.

When the University of Texas at Austin ended their race-based admissions, the entire university felt the impact. "(We) have been forced to

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Balcony Smoking Ban Ignites Controversy

By MARISSA DOWNS
Staff Writer

A one-man campaign to stomp out a ban against smoking on South Campus balconies will soon begin.

Rep. Preston Smith, Dist. 16, said he planned to start a petition against the policy. "I'm trying to prove this isn't the concern of a minority but a majority 'cross campus,'" Smith said.

University Housing Director Wayne Kuncl said the Housing Advisory Board, which included four students, approved the policy last spring. He said the restriction against smoking on balconies was a means to clarify the existing policy that banned smoking indoors.

Prior to this semester, officials disputed whether open-air balconies, such as the ones on all the South Campus res-

idence halls fell into that category.

After complaints from campus residents last year, the department found balcony smoking to be a problem.

Kuncl said smoke would enter rooms through windows and that there were problems with littered cigarette butts.

The restriction has outraged more than disgruntled smokers. It has caused some members of Student Congress, including non-smokers, to criticize the housing department.

Members of Student Congress and the Residence Hall Association say the department erred in adopting the policy in April with little input from students.

"It's not so much the decision but the manner in which the decision was reached that was upsetting," said Mark

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Lessons in Leadership



Cynthia Wolf Johnson, associate vice chancellor for student affairs, is responsible for many programs, including the Emerging Leaders and Womentoring programs.

Cynthia Wolf Johnson has created a popular network of leadership programs in her time at UNC.

By SHARON LIAO
Staff Writer

Cynthia Wolf Johnson embodies the definition of leadership.

Since taking the reins as director of the N.C. Fellows Program in 1985, Wolf Johnson has constructed a thriving network of leadership development programs at UNC.

Recognizing the need for a variety of leadership programs, Wolf Johnson created the umbrella organization

Carolina Leadership Development, which includes academic courses, the Emerging Leaders Program and the Womentoring program.

A variety of students can take advantage of these programs. The Emerging Leaders Program focuses on exercising skills toward developing a personal leadership style. Goal-setting freshman women can enroll in the Womentoring Program, which pairs students with professional women.

"The door has opened to a wide variety of students interested in leadership," Wolf Johnson said. "There are now far more opportunities."

A broad range of leadership development options is vital to Wolf Johnson, who said she believed each student had leadership potential.

"I believe leadership is a lot more than a position, but the developing of relationships with other people," she said. "The students at UNC have extraordinary potential, and tapping into this potential is essential."

While expanding leadership development opportunities, Wolf Johnson has also stirred interest in campus organizations.

Applications to the N.C. Fellows Program, a four-year program designed to pre-

pare effective, creative and service-minded leaders, have doubled from 150 to 300 applications a year since Wolf Johnson's arrival at UNC.

"Cindy did a wonderful job in transforming the leadership program into a well-respected organization," said Senior Class President Jeremy Cohen, an N.C. Fellow.

Wolf Johnson's own interest in lead-

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INSIDE Friday

Taking Back the Park

Drug dealers and litter once plagued Baldwin Park in Carrboro.

With the Board of Aldermen's help, Alvaer Burnette and the Lloyd Street Neighborhood Association are taking the park back. See Page 2.

Fees Under Fire

Some students at the University of Wisconsin at Madison are upset after a court ruling threatens to prevent the school from using student fees to fund some campus groups. See Page 4.

Fighting the Irish

In what has become one of the biggest rivalries in the world of collegiate women's soccer, North Carolina will face off against Notre Dame on Sunday at Fetzer Field. See Page 7.

Today's Weather

Mostly sunny;
Upper 80s
Weekend: Mostly sunny;
lower 80s.

No one gossips about people's secret virtues.

Bertrand Russell