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## Patient Confidentiality Binding, Psychiatrist Says

By LAURA STOEHR  
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**HILLSBOROUGH** - Closing arguments begin today in the lawsuit filed by former UNC law student Wendell Williamson against his former psychiatrist after the doctor testified Wednesday about the confidentiality of his sessions with Williamson.

Williamson's lawyers asked Dr. Myron Liptzin, former psychiatrist at Student Health Service, to explain why he had not told others at UNC, including Winston Crisp, a former assistant dean in the School of Law, about Williamson's condition and subsequent

treatment.

Williamson's lawyers claim that Liptzin's negligence led to Williamson's 1995 near-campus shooting rampage, during which he killed UNC lacrosse player Kevin Reichardt and Chapel Hill resident Ralph Walker.

Williamson said he first sought treatment at SHS after Crisp said he would not recommend him for the bar exam without treatment.

Liptzin said that after he began treating Williamson he did not contact Crisp because it did not make sense to him to break patient confidentiality.

A person must prove that he is a danger to himself or others in order for a psychiatrist to break patient confidentiality, Liptzin testified, adding that Williamson did not pose such a threat.

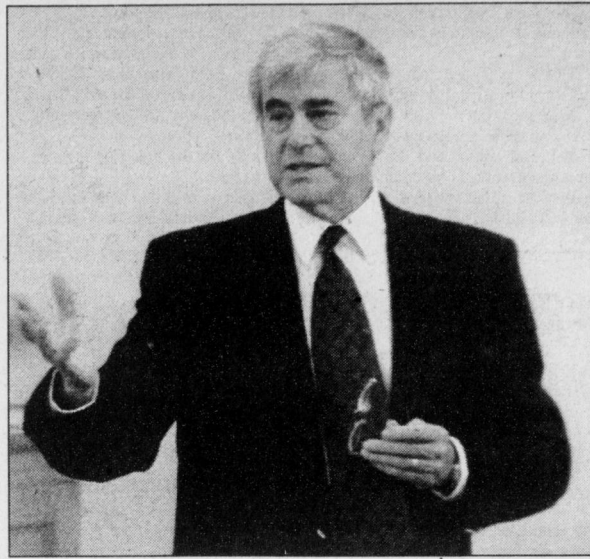
"Mr. Williamson is paranoid," he said. "It is crucial that (paranoid patients) think you're not going behind their back."

Liptzin said if Crisp or others at UNC had questions about Williamson's condition and treatment, he would have told Crisp to ask Williamson.

In previous testimonies, witnesses for the plaintiff said Liptzin shirked his responsibility by not introducing Williamson to a replacement psychiatrist before retiring in May 1994.

Liptzin said because Williamson was not sure where he would be spending the summer, he recommended Williamson see a physician who could refill his prescription of Navane, an anti-

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Dr. Myron Liptzin informed jury members Wednesday that he prescribed a one-month supply of an anti-psychotic drug to Wendell Williamson.

## Classmates Of Suspect Surprised

According to a warrant, a former UNC medical student is suspected of possessing child pornography.

By MATT LECLERCQ  
Staff Writer

Student leaders at the UNC School of Medicine said they were surprised that a search warrant filed Monday named a former classmate as being under investigation for possessing child pornography.

In a search Sept. 2, U.S. Customs Service investigators collected evidence from the residence of William J. Rosa, 31, of Timberlyne Apartments, Building 1, Apt. 103, according to the warrant filed at U.S. District Court in Greensboro.

School of Medicine student body copresidents John Young and Johann Torres, both fourth-year medical students, said they had met Rosa during their first year in medical school.

"As a classmate, we want to support him as much as possible," Young said. "We hope before people rush to judgement, people will wait until they finish the investigation."

Rosa had served in the U.S. Army and was working towards a career in internal medicine, Torres said.

According to the search warrant, federal officers seized computer equipment, nearly 200 computer disks, CD-ROMs, a Zip drive, Zip disks, 11 videos, photographs, negatives and a guide to nude beaches from Rosa's residence during the raid.

Customs officials are investigating Rosa, who withdrew from the medical school on Aug. 19, for possession and trafficking of child pornography, said U.S. Customs Investigator Jeff Jordan.

The search was part of a worldwide raid of suspected members of the Wonderland Club, an Internet child pornography ring. Investigators collaborated to make simultaneous search and seizures in 22 states and 14 countries.

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## Joint Ticket Issue Sparks Hot Debate

By LAUREN BEAL  
Staff Writer

A former student leader told student government members at a public forum Wednesday night that combining student body president and vice president on the same ticket could result in vote manipulation.

Congress and student government members heatedly discussed the pros and cons of the proposal and addressed the issue of a student referendum vote if the proposal is passed.

Former Graduate and Professional Student Federation president Katherine Kraft said the joint ticket issue was too important for a simple yes-or-no referendum vote.

"Whatever congress has put before the student body in the past has been stamped (with approval)," she said.

"Students make the assumption that what congress puts before them is right. This is not the way to ask this question."

But Speaker Brad Morrison, who

proposed the legislation, said students needed to be included in the decision-making process regardless of past results.

"Student input is student input," Morrison said. "I have faith in their vote."

If congress approves the joint ticket proposal, Morrison's resolution calls for a special election in mid-October to decide the issue.

Special elections must be called by the Student Body President Reyna Walters.

Mark Kleinschmidt, chairman of Student Congress' student affairs committee, said he was concerned with the probability of low voter turnout in October.

"If we hold special elections this year, we'll be lucky to get 1,000 voters," he said.

But the issue may not get so far as an October referendum.

Kraft spoke against the joint ticket

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## Congress Could Release Videotape

Democrats worry the video of Bill Clinton's grand jury testimony could be used for political purposes.

WASHINGTON - The visual impact could be powerful.

Americans already know the gist of President Clinton's grand jury testimony. But it would be something else entirely for the nation to watch the president on television parrying prosecutors' questions, perhaps losing his temper, retreating into legalisms under close questioning about the Monica Lewinsky affair.

"If you read it, it seems abstract; if you see and hear it, it seems real," said Robert Lichter, president of the nonpartisan Center for Media and Public Affairs.

"TV has a unique political impact," he said. "That's why presidents go on television; they don't issue press releases

when they want to mobilize public opinion."

Republicans in Congress were moving toward releasing the four-hour tape of Clinton's Aug. 17 testimony, arguing that it would help people determine whether the president lied under oath. Democrats worried the tape would be used for political purposes.

People were in no rush for a look. A CBS News poll released Wednesday found that 70 percent of Americans thought it was not necessary for Congress to publicly release the tape.

Even assuming release was inevitable, the effect on public opinion could not be known in advance.

"America has become more and more a TV nation, and people will find this even more accessible than a print rendition of the president's testimony," said Robert Snyder, editor of the Freedom Forum's Media Studies Journal.

The videotape, he said, would "reveal the emotional tenor of the encounter and the body language, both of which contribute all sorts of levels of meaning to the event." Beyond the visual impact, "there's also the element of sound that captures the rise and fall of a person's

voice and conveys a level of nuance not available in a flat transcript," he said.

Lawyers familiar with the video said the camera angle shows only Clinton, not the prosecutors who are questioning him, in the White House Map Room.

A few times, Clinton appears caught off guard and struggles uncomfortably to answer questions or becomes defiant. When pressed to give more details, Clinton is said to fall back on a legalistic statement his lawyers prepared about the sexual nature of his relationship.

White House advisers worried that the video could work against Clinton's efforts to present an image of contrition.






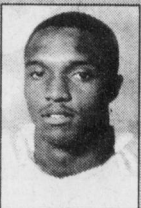


Clinton, at an afternoon news conference, said he had assumed all along that the tape would become public and he sought to shrug off the potential impact.

"It's not of so much concern to me," he said. "I mean, you know that I acknowledged an improper relationship and that I declined to discuss the details."

Charles Jones, a political scientist at the University of Wisconsin, said the video might not alter the opinions of Americans who already have strong feelings - positive or negative - about Clinton but could sway those who are still wrestling with his conduct.

## Off-the-Field Fumbles

Eight North Carolina football players have faced legal troubles since December. Most recently, offensive guard Jon Hall was suspended indefinitely by coach Carl Torbush after he was charged with assault

 <b>JON HALL</b> Charges: Communicating threats and domestic assault of a female. Suspended indefinitely, at least until Oct. 2 court date.	 <b>RICCO MCCAIN</b> Charges: Simple assault, assault inflicting serious injury, second charge dropped. Sentenced to: 24 hours of community service, \$100 community service fee, book report and restitution. Failed to finish community service, served 10 days in jail. Dismissed from team.
 <b>VARIAN BALLARD</b> Charges: Simple assault Sentenced to: 24 hours of community service, \$100 community service fee, book report and restitution. Failed to finish community service, served 10 days in jail. Dismissed from team.	 <b>STEPHON MCQUEEN</b> Charges: Simple assault Cleared of charges.
 <b>GREG HARRIS</b> Charges: Simple assault Sentenced to: 24 hours of community service, \$100 community service fee, book report and restitution. Completed sentence. Suspended from football-related activities for first three games.	 <b>GREG WILLIAMS</b> Charges: Simple assault Cleared of charges.
 <b>KIVUSAMA MAYS</b> Charges: Simple assault Sentenced to: 24 hours of community service, book report and restitution for hospital costs. Completed sentence, playing in NFL for the Minnesota Vikings.	 <b>ROBERT WILLIAMS</b> Charges: Simple assault Cleared of charges, playing in NFL for Kansas City Chiefs.

## UNC Lineman Suspended Following Assault Arrest

Starting right guard Jon Hall was arrested Sept. 9 for misdemeanor domestic assault charges filed by UNC student Katherine Stanley.

By DAVE ALEXANDER  
SportsSaturday Editor

While searching for its first win of the 1998 season on the field, the North Carolina football team continues to deal with problems off the field.

Jon Hall, the Tar Heels' starting right guard, was suspended from the team Tuesday after he was served an arrest warrant Sept. 9 for misdemeanor counts of communicating threats and domestic assault on a female.

Hall is the fourth UNC player to serve a suspension or be dismissed from the team this season due to legal troubles. Reserve wide receiver Greg Harris was suspended for the Tar Heels' first three games of the 1998 season for his involvement in a December 1997 assault.

Junior Ricco McCain and sophomore Varian Ballard were dismissed from the team Aug. 21 for failing to complete court-mandated community service stemming from the same incident. In all, seven UNC players were charged in the incident.

"We don't have a dirty program. You see certain things happen - you don't like it. But you've just got to deal with it in a respectable manner and move on. It frustrates me to see it happen."

Katherine Stanley, a Chapel Hill resident and a

UNC senior, filed both complaints against Hall with a magistrate Sept. 8.

An Associated Press article stated the complaints stemmed from a Sept. 3 incident in which Hall allegedly grabbed Stanley and pushed her down with his hands around her neck. The AP article also stated the complaints allege Hall told Stanley if he had to go to jail over the incident, he would "come to her apartment and kill her."

Hall turned himself in to police on Sept. 9 and was released on a \$200 unsecured bond. He is scheduled to appear in Orange County District Court on Oct. 2. He was suspended from all football-related activities until at least that date.

Stanley did not return calls Wednesday. Hall declined to comment.

Carrboro police records show Stanley first filed an informal report on Aug. 19, in which she "relayed information to police about an incident of domestic violence," which involved Hall.

Carrboro police officers responded to an Aug. 31 complaint filed by Hall from his apartment. The report states that Hall and Stanley, who is identified as Hall's girlfriend, had been involved in a verbal disagreement at his apartment, and Hall wanted her to leave.

Hall, a junior from Hagerstown, Md., will miss at least three games due to his suspension. He started his first game Sept. 5.

"We're going to keep on going on the way I know how to do things," UNC coach Carl Torbush said. "Keep on going straight ahead, deal with situations when they show up and continue to roll."

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"We don't have a dirty program. We don't run that type of out-of-control (football) program."

DEON DYER  
UNC Junior Fullback

## INSIDE Thursday

**Painting the Campus**  
UNC's thriving art community beckons to be discovered. This week, Diversions uncovers the hidden treasures of those painting campus' canvases. See Page 5.



**Meal Plan Woes**  
Meal plans could change again next semester after students and University officials met Wednesday to debate the fairness of Flex Dollars. See Page 2.

**Peace Goes Down**  
Starting wide receiver Jason Peace was lost for the season Wednesday when he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee at practice. See Page 13.

**Today's Weather**  
Chance of rain; Upper 80s  
Friday: Mostly sunny; Mid 80s.

The foremost art of kings is the power to endure hatred.  
Seneca