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House Presents Opening Arguments

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WASHINGTON - The House prosecutors sought Thursday to build a conspiracy case against President Clinton, but along the way they misstated a few of the facts and stretched some others in an effort to portray the evidence in the most dramatic light.

For instance, Rep. James Sensenbrenner incorrectly said that

Paula Jones was "forced to quit" her job with the state of Arkansas after Clinton allegedly propositioned her and she turned him down.

Actually, Jones - whose sexual harassment lawsuit against Clinton led to the impeachment controversy - said she quit voluntarily in order to move to California with her husband. In between, she received merit raises in her state job. Jones' failure to prove she had

been harmed in her job led to the dismissal of her lawsuit last April 1.

Sensenbrenner also took aim at White House Counsel Charles F.C. Ruff, saying the president's defender "did not" give a direct answer when asked before the House Judiciary Committee whether Clinton had lied.

In fact, Ruff twice declared that the president testified truthfully to the grand jury last Aug. 17. Clinton "surely did" tell

the truth, Ruff testified last month when questioned by Sensenbrenner whether his boss had told the truth under oath.

After the trial adjourned, the White House sought to score political points, charging that Sensenbrenner had "falsely characterized" Ruff's earlier testimony. "Mr. Sensenbrenner surely knew that, and I would urge him to correct the record," Craig said.

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The Senate Trial

- The Senate convened at 1 p.m. to try the president.
- House prosecutors charged President Clinton "piled perjury upon perjury" and demanded removal from office.
- Chief Justice William Rhenquist pounded his gavel, stating, "converse as a court of impeachment."
- Rep. Asa Hutchinson led the senators through a timeline of phone calls of the president and others involved in the case, evidence, he said, of the president's frantic coverup of his affair with Monica Lewinsky.
- Rep. Hutchinson then pressed the case for witnesses.
- Henry Hyde, R-Ill. put the Oath of Office at heart of the case and showed videotapes of the oath-taking.

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UNC to Laud King's Legacy During Week

Organizers say events will focus on continuing Martin Luther King Jr.'s struggle for civil rights awareness.

BY LAUREN BEAL
AND COLLEEN JENKINS
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UNC alumni and student organizations are working with the community and the University to celebrate the life and teachings of Martin Luther King Jr. in a series of events next week.

Playwright April Turner, a 1994 UNC graduate, said she was excited to be coming home to the University to present her play "C.O.T.O.: Chocolate on the Outside."

"(The play) does indicate that there are some strides that have been made in this country in the struggle for civil rights," she said. "But there are still things we need to work on internally and externally."

Turner said King dedicated his life to improving the situation of the people in this country, especially African Americans. "(This play) is an examination of that struggle," she said.

Turner said two other UNC alumni would perform in the production, scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday in the Carolina Union Auditorium.

Members of the Hunger and Homelessness Outreach Program, a pro-

ject of the Hope Committee of the Campus Y, will take part in the annual town march and rally for justice. "We're kind of a campus liaison to the program," Hope Committee Co-chair Kea Parker said.

She said committee members worked since late October with the Martin Luther King Coalition, a Chapel Hill and Carrboro organization, to organize and the event. The march will start at 11 a.m. Monday at the Franklin Street Post Office. "We're hoping from this march and rally will come an increased awareness of what the issue is, and from there we can work towards changing it," she said. "It's important to have a community in Chapel Hill that's not just white and wealthy."

Parker said the average selling price of Chapel Hill homes in 1997 was \$198,600. "The whole community is directly influenced when housing prices are that high," she said.

Parker said the theme of affordable housing tied into the life and practices of King, who began his work working with garbage collectors and fighting oppression of the poor.

"By focusing on the housing situation, we're looking at the concerns of the poor as well as the whole community."

In addition to the town march, the Campus Ministers Association's Student Council is sponsoring a candlelight march and vigil Wednesday.

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DTH FILE PHOTO

UNC alumni and student organizations will unite with the community and the University to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday next week. There will be a march as well as a candlelight vigil on Wednesday.

BCC Looks To Maintain King's Ideals

The Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center was created 10 years ago to promote equality and diversity.

BY EMILY CRAMER
Staff Writer

More than three decades after the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, people throughout campus and across town are striving to ensure his dream is not forgotten.

While off-campus activists march for black workers' equality, on campus, students look to promote cultural diversity and break down racial barriers.

Ten years ago, a small group of these University activists moved into a 900-square-foot space in the Student Union.

Since that time, the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center has worked to educate the campus community on a number of important issues. But even in its beginnings, it became clear that 900 square feet was not enough space to accomplish such a task.

Today, the center continues to face one of its toughest challenges of the decade - raising \$7 million to construct the freestanding BCC.

Ange Marie Hancock, publicist and program coordinator for the BCC, said the foundation was coming closer to attaining the amount needed to reach its goal. "We are almost at \$4 million," she said. "We've got a broad group of members of the community involved in fund raising."

She said students also played an important role in the fund-raising process, especially the BCC Ambassadors, a multiracial group of students who had raised \$135,000 for the center. "They do a variety of events from hip-hop concerts to walk-a-thons," she said. "They also go to organizations

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Peterson Remembers 'Old Mike'

Buzz Peterson, Michael Jordan's UNC roommate, reminisces about living with the former NBA superstar.

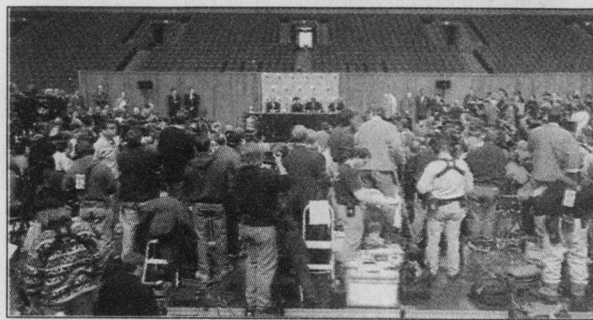
BY BRIAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

CHICAGO - Everyone there had seen Michael Jordan a thousand times. His retirement announcement was the final page in the story.

So when Jordan left his press conference Wednesday, much of the media left too.

Show's over. Nothing left to see here. Except Buzz Peterson, who was there to recount some lesser-known chapters.

And as Peterson, Jordan's roommate during their playing days at North Carolina and still a close personal friend, told his stories, the few reporters surrounding him got a better idea of



DTH/DAVID SANDLER

Hundreds of media members packed the United Center to hear Chicago Bulls superstar Michael Jordan announce his retirement.

who Michael Jordan is.

Peterson, now the men's basketball coach at Appalachian State, had flown in Wednesday morning to be there as Jordan announced his retirement. As the retiree walked to the table to announce his decision, he stopped and gave Peterson a long hug.

"He looked at me and said, 'I can't believe you're here,' and I said, 'You know I'd be here for you,'" Peterson said.

The two arrived together at UNC in 1981 - just eight months before Jordan would cap their freshman seasons by securing the Tar Heels' national title

with a game-winning jump shot against Georgetown. Peterson said that was when Mike Jordan became Michael.

Peterson has a number of Jordan stories accumulated from 17 years of friendship. He talks easily about going out to eat with his Airness and driving home because of Jordan's propensity to fall asleep after a big meal.

He recalls the 1983 game when after a steal and a dunk, Jordan grabbed a rebound over Virginia's 7-foot-4 center Ralph Sampson. Despite the flashes of brilliance, Peterson said there was no

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Board Stays Clear Of State Lawsuit

The N.C. School Boards Association filed the suit to clarify which state agency fines should go to schools.

BY MATT LECLERCQ
Assistant City Editor

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education chose Thursday not to join a lawsuit against several state agencies, including the UNC system, that might rake in thousands of dollars for public schools.

The lawsuit, filed by the N.C. School Boards Association, seeks to answer the question of whether public schools should have dibs on revenue generated by certain state agencies' fines, including parking and library fees levied by the UNC system.

The N.C. Constitution already funnels fines and forfeitures from each county's court system to local schools.

Ambiguity in the law arose after a 1996 N.C. Supreme Court ruling that required civil fines levied by state agencies go to public schools.

The N.C. School Boards Association, along with six counties, including Wake and Durham, filed the suit in Wake County Superior Court in December on behalf of all the state's school systems, according to school board documents.

If successful, the suit would mean all public schools would receive revenues regardless of which school boards signed on to the suit, said Harvey Goldstein, Chapel Hill-Carrboro school board chairman.

The UNC system's 16 schools collected \$4.6 million in parking and library fines during the 1995-96 school year, according to board documents. At UNC, parking violations totaled \$544,630 while library fines totaled \$270,356 during that year.

Goldstein said he suspected the suit

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INSIDE Friday

Packin' 'Em In

N.C. State Athletic Director Les Robinson gave 54 basketball seats behind the opposing team's bench to members of N.C. State's Student Government following student misconduct in that section last season. See Page 4.

Today's Weather

Chance of rain;
Mid 50s.
Weekend: Mostly sunny;
Mid to high 50s.

Run, Don't Walk

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Good taste and humour are a contradiction in terms, like a chaste whore.

Malcolm Muggeridge