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Move for Dismissal Denied in RHA President Suit

By SHANNON SNYPP
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Elections Board Chairwoman Heather Faulk and Residence Hall Association President-elect Murray Coleman will spend Saturday in Student Supreme Court after two motions for dismissal were refused by the court at a

pretrial hearing Wednesday.

The trial is based on former RHA presidential candidate Jermaine Reeves' lawsuit that was filed Sunday against Faulk and Coleman, citing improper conduct concerning the RHA election.

The first motion for dismissal, which requested complete dismissal of the trial, was refused by the Student Supreme

Court. The decision on the second dismissal, which would drop accusations of election violations against Coleman, will be announced immediately before the trial at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Frank Porter Graham Lounge.

Reeves' suit states that Faulk incorrectly counted RHA votes after she removed the votes of graduate students.

Graduate students must live on campus and pay RHA a \$9.25 fee per semester to vote in the RHA election. Reeves' complaint states there are approximately 100 graduate students who live in Craige Residence Hall and pay this fee, but Faulk said she had difficulty in determining the residency of these students. "By eliminating graduate

votes, Defendant Faulk denied graduate students the right to choose their representative," Reeves' complaint states.

The suit also states that Coleman violated election rules by hanging campaign posters in undesignated areas. He also allegedly allowed the Black Student Movement to send a mass voice mail to all BSM members endorsing him.

Coleman's motion for dismissal addressed Reeves' allegations concerning the poster and voice mail violations. Counsel Shawn Fraley said Coleman had no prior knowledge of the voice mail that was sent out by the BSM.

Regarding the poster violations, See HEARING, Page 6

Blue Devils Aiming for Perfection

With a win Saturday, Duke will become the first team to go unbeaten in ACC play since the 1987 Tar Heels.

By DAVE ALEXANDER
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Dave Popson could be torn between his basketball past and his basketball present this weekend.

He plans to watch his alma mater, North Carolina, square off against top-ranked Duke on Saturday.

But he'd also like to be on the sidelines, drawing up plays for the Bishop O'Reilly High School boy's basketball team he coaches in Ashley, Pa.

Popson's team participated in the first round of the state tournament Thursday night, facing G.A.R. High School, the region's top seed.

"If we win, I think the next game will be Saturday evening," Popson said prior to Thursday's game.

A win would also mean Popson, who played for the Tar Heels from 1983-87, won't have the opportunity to watch the Blue Devils face UNC at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Smith Center.

And that he might miss a chance to see Duke (28-1, 15-0 in the ACC) close out the first perfect ACC season since the Tar Heels - with Popson as the starting center - finished 14-0 in the 1986-87 campaign.

Popson has fond memories of that team, which, much like the Blue Devils this season, tore through the conference

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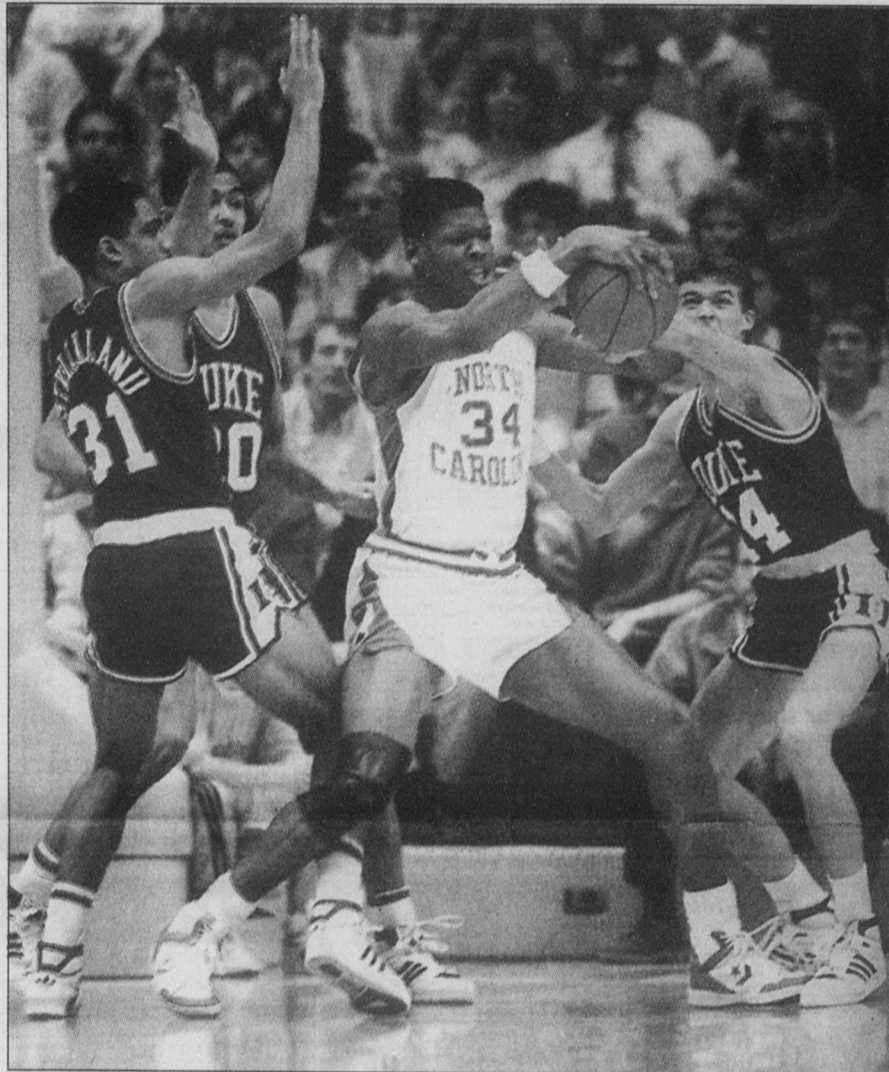


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North Carolina forward J.R. Reid, shown here in a 1987 game against Duke, helped UNC attain a 14-0 record in ACC play that season. The '87 Tar Heels are the last team to finish the regular season unbeaten.

Jasper Jury Gives Death Sentence To Supremacist

Associated Press

JASPER, Texas - Jurors decided Thursday that John William King should be executed for dragging a black man to his death behind a pickup truck, rejecting tearful pleas from the white racist's sickly father to spare his life.

He will become the only white on Texas' death row condemned for killing a black person.

The 11 white jurors and their elected black foreman took just under three hours to render the decision, about the same time as they took to find King guilty. They offered a few clues to their deliberations, sending out notes asking to see an 8-inch homemade knife found in King's cell as well as racist letters he sent from prison.

"As a group, we all agree that we are just common citizens who felt that serving on this jury was an obligation and not a privilege," foreman Joe Collins read from a statement. "Each of us believes that justice has been served."

Jurors convicted the 24-year-old King of capital murder Tuesday in the death of James Byrd Jr. last June. After the sentencing decision was read today, Byrd's



Convicted murderer John William King faces death row and lethal injection for the June murder of James Byrd Jr.

family members wiped their eyes but declined state District Judge Joe Bob Golden's offer to address King.

Renee Mullins, Byrd's daughter, said later that she was "very satisfied" with the decision. Nephew Darrell Verrett held up his fingers in the peace sign and said, "Everything's OK."

As King was led from the courthouse, spectators outside taunted him, yelling, "Bye!" When asked if he had anything to say to the Byrd family, he responded with an obscenity.

King's father, who had pleaded for his son's life, was not in the courtroom when the punishment was announced.

"He just couldn't," said the Rev. Ron Forsage, a family supporter. "He had to go home. He knew he couldn't take this."

Prosecutors asked for the maximum punishment, saying King would be a menace even behind bars. "By giving Mr. King a life sentence, you're giving him at least 40 years to catch a black guard, a black nurse, a black doctor, a Jewish guard, a Jewish nurse, a Jewish doctor, or anybody else," said prosecutor Pat Hardy. "You're giving him a chance to catch anybody... who doesn't believe in his satanic, racist views."

In deciding the sentence, jurors had to decide whether the murder was intentional, whether King was a continuing threat to society and if any mitigating factor in King's background merited the lesser punishment of life in prison. They answered yes to the first two questions; no to the third.

Chancellor's Policy Ends Student's Crusade for Mother in Pit

By MELISSA WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

UNC administrators stifled senior Chris Crotty's efforts to raise money for his cancer-stricken mother when he unknowingly violated a University policy.

Crotty was in the Pit during the week soliciting credit card applications in an attempt to raise \$10,000 for his mother

when problems arose and he was removed from the Pit.

The Chancellor's Facilities Use Policy stipulates that Crotty is not allowed to be in the Pit, said Scott Hudson, assistant director of operations at the Student Union. This is the second time this semester that the Chancellor's Facilities Use Policy has been enforced. In January, representatives from online bookseller Varsitybooks.com were

asked to leave the Pit after attempts to advertise their prices and scholarship prizes to students.

The Department of Auxiliary Services has a contract that states solicitation of credit cards can only be done through them, Hudson said.

Since Crotty was not affiliated with a student group, raising money for a personal cause on state property is against policy regulations, Hudson said.

Hudson said the policy allowed for only student groups to raise money for charitable causes, not just one person.

"His mother isn't technically a charitable organization," he said. "There are rules set up; we just made Chris aware (of them). I think that the key is that we brought the policy to Chris' attention and we really want to find a way he can continue his fund raising."

Hudson said he suggested to Crotty

that he ask a local organization to sponsor his cause.

Don Luse, director of operations for the Carolina Union, said administrators were trying to protect the student body from solicitation by enforcing the policy.

"We've got compassion and want to help," Luse said. "I wish I could go down, write him a check and help him

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LABOR OF LOVE



DTH/KATY PORTIER

Student Body President Reyna Walters struts her stuff at the first Masala Charity Date Auction. A date with Walters went for \$20, with all the proceeds going to the UNC Children's Hospital. See Story, Page 2.

Law Guild Opposes Speaker

By PATRICIA D. WRIGHT
Staff Writer

Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia will speak at UNC's School of Law in March, but members of the National Lawyers Guild said they will protest the lecture to show their disapproval of the guest speaker's conservative views.

Scalia, who was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1986 by former President Ronald Reagan, is scheduled to speak at the law school's William T. Joyner Lecture on Constitutional Law on March 16, said Dean Judith Wegner.

Wegner said this year's lecture topic, "On Interpreting the Constitution,"

would allow Scalia to display his particular point of view and challenging ideas.

But some members of the National Lawyers Guild said Scalia's literal interpretation of the Constitution is outdated because it is similar to the interpretations of the framers, National Lawyers Guild President Milan Pham said.

"When the Constitution was written African Americans were not considered human, and women were considered property," she said. "Through his decisions, he is calling for us to revert to the



Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia will discuss his views of the Constitution at the School of Law.

way things used to be. We vehemently oppose him being the first justice to speak at the School of Law."

To make the guild's disapproval of the lecture known, Pham said the members constructed a letter of protest to the administration. This letter will be circulated to get people of color, such as the Black Student Movement and the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center, to sign on to help protest, she said.

However, Pham said the guild had not yet decided whether they would do sit-ins or other forms of protest as well.

Pham said most of Scalia's decisions seem to be against people of color and women, which went against the Guild's mission of human rights for all people. "The guild disapproves of his opposition to affirmative action and abortion and his reluctance toward desegregation

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INSIDE Friday

'On the Road' Again



Family and friends of UNC alumnus Charles Kuralt gathered in Wilson Library on Thursday night to view the new exhibit created to preserve his memory. The Charles Kuralt Collection features 353 boxes worth of his letters and fan mail. See Page 5.

Today's Weather

Mostly sunny;
Lower 50s.

Weekend: increasing clouds,
Chance of rain; Mid 60s.

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George Bernard Shaw