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Justice to Face Both Support, Criticism

BY SHANNON SNYPP
Staff Writer

Some UNC students plan to counter criticism of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia by appearing in large numbers today at the judge's lecture "On Interpreting the Constitution."

Members of Students for Life and Liberty, a conservative group on campus, will show their respect for Scalia by standing outside Memorial Hall during his 4 p.m. lecture, president of the group Stephen Myers said.

Scalia was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1986 by former President Ronald Reagan.

Law students from the National Lawyers Guild said last month that they opposed Scalia's conservative interpretation of the law.

National Lawyers Guild members released a statement and wrote letters to media outlets expressing their opinions.

Myers said Students for Life and Liberty did not plan to wage an actual counter-protest against the guild.

"We are not saying the other groups are wrong, but we do not want it to be the case that no one on campus supports Scalia," he said.

Due to a large turnout expected by the School of Law, members of Students for Life and Liberty will have to show their support from outside Memorial Hall.

"Almost all of the students in the school have picked up tickets, and we are also expecting all of the people who received invitations to attend the speech," said Audrey Ward, acting director of communication for the law

school.

Ed Hanes, president-elect of the Student Bar Association, said that because the lecture was an excellent opportunity for the law school, neither the guild nor any other group should protest the speaker.

"People need to set aside their concerns and lend an ear to a man who has climbed an incredible ladder to attain the position that he holds," Hanes said.

However, guild President Milan Pham said the organization was not opposed to Scalia's presence on campus but to his conservative views on affirmative action, abortion, immigrant rights and accessibility to federal courts.

"We have spoken to the media, written an editorial and spoken to the law school, but we do not intend to picket, if that is what people are wondering," Pham said.

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National Lawyers Guild President

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She said some members of the guild would attend the speech.

Stephen Gebeaux, current president of the Student Bar Association, said he urged guild members to exercise their rights of free speech to promote discussion rather than disrupting Scalia's lecture.

"I encourage them to speak their mind on Scalia's decisions on the Supreme Court, but I hope that they are not protesting his presence on campus," he said.

"The law school has a history of hearing both sides speak."

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Professors: Textualism Marks Judge

BY MATT DEES
Assistant State & National Editor

As the University community braces for a potentially hostile welcome for Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, law scholars sound off on the man and his judicial record.

His speech today in Memorial Hall is expected to draw protests from liberal groups on campus.

Arnold Loewy, Sarah Graham Kenan professor at the UNC School of Law, said Scalia's reputation as a conservative came more from his strict interpretations of the U.S. Constitution than from his politics.

"I'm not sure that conservative in the sense of political conservatism quite gets it," Loewy said.

"But I do think that he believes in taking the text of the Constitution seriously and somewhat literally."

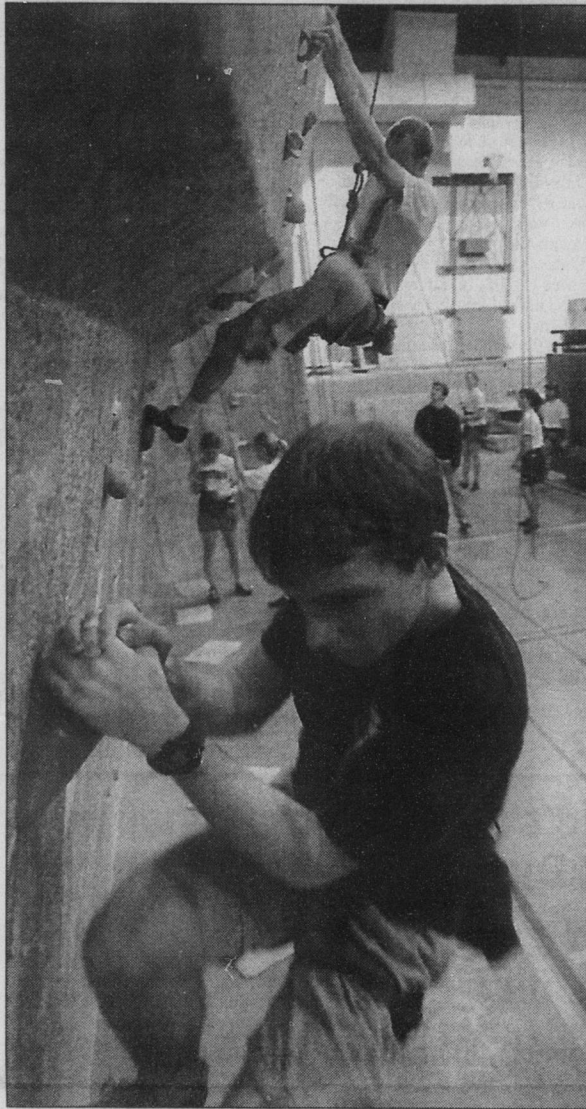
Loewy said Scalia was usually insistent on textual interpretations of the Constitution. This adherence to the express powers outlined by the framers of the Constitution is what spurs the justice's somewhat unpopular decisions on issues such as gay rights, abortion and affirmative action, he said.

"In his view they are just made up judicial rights," Loewy said.

Scalia composed a dissenting opinion for *Romer v. Evans* that refuted the

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HANGING OUT



Freshman Adam March climbs one of the new routes set during Spring Break on the rock-climbing wall at Fetzer Gym. March, a member of the UNC rock-climbing club, has been a climber since September.

N.C. Judge: Reinstate Employee

Former UNC employee Diane Riggsbee-Raynor was fired in 1995 because she didn't log overtime hours.

BY PAUL HOBSON
Staff Writer

A Wake County Superior Court judge ruled Monday that the University must reinstate a former employee and pay her back wages and lawyers' fees.

The decision comes after the University appealed last April the State Personnel Commission's order to rehire and reimburse Diane Riggsbee-Raynor, who was fired from the UNC School of Medicine in 1995.

Chapel Hill attorney Alan McSurely, counsel for Riggsbee-Raynor, said he received confirmation from a court clerk that the court would uphold the State Personnel Commission's ordering UNC to reinstate Riggsbee-Raynor.

The ruling was not filed with the clerk on Monday, but Ashley Osment, counsel for Riggsbee-Raynor, said she expected it as early as today.

That ruling denies UNC's arguments, which state that the commission's ruling was "unsupported by substantial evidence" and "affected by error of law," according to documents Osment and McSurely submitted to the court last July.

"Diane's ready to come back to work," Osment said. "Three years is a long time to be deprived of the opportunity to advance your career."

Osment said the court considered two issues in its ruling — whether the commission followed the law in its decision and whether there was substantial evidence to support that decision.

University counsel Tom Ziko would not say whether UNC would appeal the

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Local Thieves Hit Student Homes During Spring Break

BY SHELLEY LEVINE
Staff Writer

Some UNC students came back to Chapel Hill after Spring Break to find smashed windows, missing cars and even a pet locked in the basement.

Five students living in a townhouse at 113-G Stephens St. returned from vacation at different times during the weekend to find their home broken into and their possessions missing, reports state.

A silver 1996 Mitsubishi Eclipse was

reported stolen to Chapel Hill police by one resident of the townhouse at approximately 4:25 p.m. Sunday.

On Friday, three other residents of the same address reported breaking and entering, larceny of an automobile and larceny, reports state.

A black 1995 Chevrolet Tahoe belonging to one of the students was stolen but recovered Saturday morning by Carrboro police in the parking lot of Old Well Apartments, Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said.

Stereo equipment was missing when senior Brandon Ward, who has lived in the townhouse since May, came home and found a window partially open.

He said spare keys to the two cars had probably been left in drawers or on countertops, which robbers had found.

"I guess they knew it was Spring Break and we were students," Ward said. "There's not much we can do."

Carrboro police were called to 308 W. Poplar St. on Saturday after one of the home's five occupants returned from

a vacation to Ohio and found a large knife stuck in the wooden kitchen floor, reports state. One of the occupants, a UNC senior, also told police that one of the cats had been put in the basement and the door locked, reports state.

A rear bedroom window of the residence had been unlocked and opened, and police found three more windows unlocked in the living room.

Two apartments on Church Street were probably the victims of related crimes, Chapel Hill police Lt. Marvin

Clark said.

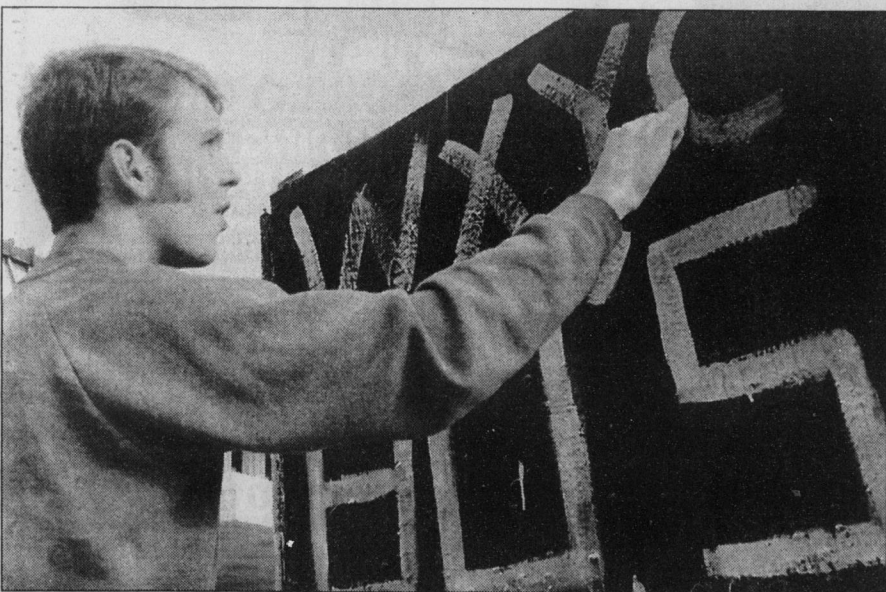
A law student's champagne-colored 1992 Mazda Protege and its contents were reported stolen around noon at 307-B Church St. on Friday, reports state.

The car and its contents, including a keychain, an umbrella, an ice scraper, cassettes and gloves, were valued at a total of \$15,203.

Nearby, at 211 Church St. Apt. A-9, a

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ARTIST RENDITION



DTH/LAURA LEIGH PAGE

Sophomore Reynolds Richter, a journalism and mass communication and international studies major, carefully paints an advertisement for WXYC on one of the cubes located by the Pit. The radio station is hosting an '80s party from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday at the Cat's Cradle in Carrboro.

Legislators Granted Time to Divvy Fund

BY UMUR TUNCER
Staff Writer

N.C. legislators garnered more time Monday to decide upon distributions of funds allotted to the state in the tobacco settlement, as the House of Representatives tentatively passed a bill giving lawmakers control over a foundation to help tobacco-dependent areas.

The issue at stake now is allocation of the \$4.6 billion North Carolina expects to collect from cigarette manufacturers over the next 25 years. The plan in deliberation would designate half for a non-profit foundation that would deliver aid to tobacco-dependent communities and split the other half between those working in tobacco-related businesses and health interests.

But House Republicans and tobacco farmers have challenged the plan, demanding instead that the full funds be given directly to the growers and health care interests. House Minority Leader Leo Daughtry, R-Johnston, recommended that the House forget the foun-

ation and instead focus on helping the farmers and health care.

Lawmakers had faced a Monday deadline to decide how to set up the charitable foundation, or the money would be directly distributed by legislators. But Attorney General Mike Easley requested the extension after N.C. House Speaker Jim Black, D-Mecklenburg, and Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight, D-Dare, asked for more time.

The House awaits the results of the third hearing to be held today before the bill is passed again to the Senate for a final vote. The bill allocated \$2.3 billion

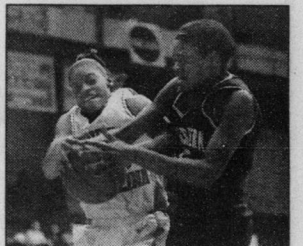
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Attorney General Mike Easley requested more time to discuss allocations for the \$4.6 billion tobacco settlement.

INSIDE Tuesday

Forward March



UNC forward LaQuanda Barksdale (left) and her teammates are headed to the Sweet 16, and they've taken a familiar path — straight through Carmichael Auditorium. See Page 9.

You Can Call Me Al



Vice President Al Gore gained endorsements from House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt and others as his bid for the White House in 2000 begins to pick up steam. Gephardt was once pegged as a potential candidate himself. See Page 5.

Today's Weather

Mostly sunny;
Mid 50s.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny;
Lower 70s.

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Justice is too good for some people, and not good enough for the rest.

Norman Douglas