

# Service to Honor Life of Professor

Staff Report

A memorial service remembering the life of journalism Professor John Bittner will be held today at 5 p.m. in the Carroll Hall auditorium.

Bittner, who joined the UNC faculty in 1980, died at home in the evening hours of April 9 after battling a long illness.

He was 58.

Bittner was the James H. Shumaker Term professor of Journalism and Mass Communication and taught broadcasting while serving as head of the electronic communication sequence.

Bittner's colleagues and former students praised him for his open-door policy and his diverse scholarly interests.

Prominent authors Ernest Hemingway and Thomas Wolfe became the focus of Bittner's extracurricular

research and gained him respect among literary circles.

His papers on Hemingway and Wolfe received high praise and gave him the opportunity to present his work at conferences and professional meetings.

Before joining the School of Journalism and Mass Communication in 1991, Bittner served 10 years in the College of Arts and Sciences and held the position of chairman of the Department of Radio, Television and Motion Pictures from 1982-87.

Bittner's professional experience includes 12 years in broadcast media and a stint as the executive director of the Radio-Television News Directors Association of the Carolinas.

He also has written 16 books, including eight college textbooks about mass communication, and has had numerous scholarly articles published in professional media journals.

## Campus Calendar

Today

11 a.m. - The Orange County Chapter of the Red Cross and Sigma Chi fraternity will be hosting a visit by the bloodmobile today at the Student Union until 4 p.m. Please call George Leamon for an appointment at 968-9136. Each pint helps up to three lives.

3:30 p.m. - The Association of Graduate English Students would like to invite you to the next installment of its Creative Speakers Series. Fiction writer Elizabeth Spencer will be speaking in Donovan Lounge of Greenlaw Hall. Spencer is the author of 14 books, including most recently "The Southern Woman: New and Selected Fiction." The reading is free and open to the public.

5 p.m. - The Rare Book Collection in Wilson Library will host "Walker Percy: From Pen to Print," a free exhibit on the UNC alumnus and major

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American novelist, from today until Aug. 15. A reception and collection viewing will open the display on the third floor of Wilson Library. At 6 p.m., UNC alumnus and Wake Forest University English Professor Dr. Farrell O'Gorman will speak on "Reading Walker Percy" in the Pleasants Family Assembly Room.

6 p.m. - The Wesley Foundation will host dinner and a discussion on war and peace. The foundation is located at 214 Pittsboro St., across from the Carolina Inn parking lot.

7 p.m. - Join the Association of English Majors for dinner and a movie. Eat Pepper's pizza and watch Marlon Brando in "Julius Caesar" in 222 Greenlaw Hall. Everyone welcome.

## Developments in the War on Terrorism

### Powell Lobbies for Israeli Withdrawal

Secretary of State Colin Powell, struggling for progress at the end of a frustrating trip to the Middle East, pushed Israel on Tuesday to expand its withdrawal from the West Bank and sought fresh assurances from the Palestinians to stop violence.

# America Attacks

### British Soldiers Join Terrorist Hunt in Afghan Mountains

British troops have launched their first major combat operation of the Afghan conflict, joining U.S. and Afghan soldiers searching the snowcapped peaks of southeastern Afghanistan for al-Qaida and Taliban fighters, coalition officials said Tuesday.

### Some Afghan Refugees Return Home

A quarter-million Afghan refugees have returned home in the past seven weeks, the United Nations announced Tuesday. Millions more remain in camps in Pakistan and Iran, too afraid to return home. Yusuf Hassan, a U.N. spokesman, said the program appears to be in full swing.

# Officials Relieved Over Busing Case

By JAMIE MCGEE

Staff Writer

Charlotte officials say they are relieved about a U.S. Supreme Court move that ended a long-running legal battle on school district busing.

The Supreme Court announced Monday that it would not hear an appeal of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school district case to desegregate schools.

The case marks the end of a long court battle concerning busing students within school districts based on race in attempts to integrate schools.

The Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education case began in 1965 in an effort to desegregate schools and resulted in a 1971 Supreme Court decision permitting mandatory busing systems to integrate schools. The case was renewed in 1997 by members of seven white families opposed to busing and to Charlotte-Mecklenburg's desegregation plan.

The plaintiff successfully sued the district for using race as a deciding factor in busing, claiming that the policy now has resulted in reverse discrimination. The

school board appealed the 2000 ruling.

The Supreme Court's denial of petition of certiorari review brought the case to a final close.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District Superintendent Eric Smith stated in a press release that the case will have significant implications for the community's role in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg district. "This is an historic moment for Charlotte-Mecklenburg, not only due to the Supreme Court's decision not to hear the case, but it is historic because of what it means to Charlotte and our community," Smith said.

Mayor Pat McCrory said he is relieved the case has finally concluded.

"It is time to move forward," McCrory said. "It is time to concentrate on education rather than school assignment and to put efforts into educating children instead of court cases."

McCrory said he believes the decision will not halt desegregation but instead help to integrate the schools economically. "While all this was being fought we were becoming more segregated," he said. "Those who could afford to left the

school system because of the uncertainty. There was an economic split. Now people will know exactly where they will be going. People will be able to shift back from private to public schools."

McCrory said there have been no protests to the decision.

"The reaction has been muted because it was expected. There is relief that it is over," he said.

Michael Munger, a political science professor at Duke University, said the decision was not surprising. But Munger said he is not convinced the decision is in the favor of blacks.

"It is part of an increasing trend to interpret the 14th and 15th Amendment literally," Munger said. "The amendments say that you can't use race as a criteria for making public policy. For a long time using discrimination against African-Americans was unconstitutional, but more recently in a line of cases, discrimination in favor of African-Americans is unconstitutional."

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