

Honor Court looks toward fall

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Of the 210 cases the Honor Court decided to try last year, 84 still await hearings.

Reducing this backlog of cases is one of the three primary summer goals of student government's judicial branch, said Student Attorney General Jonathan Slain.

"We have three times as many hearings this summer as we did last summer," he said.

"There's been an increase in the number of people reporting cases."

One of the primary reasons for the increase is that members of the faculty are bringing cases to the Honor Court instead of dealing with them outside the system, he explained.

Slain said the court typically hears two cases per weekday during the academic year. In the summer, however, it only administers two per week.

A smaller court staff and the unavailability of students are other factors in the reduced number of summer hearings, Slain said. "It's not convenient for a lot of students to come back during the summer."

The judicial branch's second major objective is to "prepare for the new Instrument (of Student Judicial Governance)," which took effect Tuesday. The new policy has changed the Honor Code and how students proceed through the honor system.

The third summer task is to prepare for a "big push of outreach next year," Slain said. The judicial branch is planning 30 or 40 activities.

Through increased outreach, Slain said, "We create more work for ourselves."

Marc Hennes, outreach coordinator for the Honor Court, spoke of plans for Honor and Integrity Week, scheduled to take place in

late September.

Students will participate in the week's Monday kickoff by signing the new Honor Code in the Pit. Chancellor James Moeser and former men's basketball coach Dean Smith are scheduled to attend.

The idea behind the week's events is to ensure that students, faculty and staff all are represented, Hennes said.

He also mentioned that the University's Honor Court system is one of the "few student-run systems in the country."

Slain said his work with the Honor Court hasn't gone exactly as expected.

"I thought that I was Matlock, but I quickly learned that it's a lot more about being a social worker than playing lawyer."

He said increasingly positive interaction with UNC faculty and staff has been one of the major improvements he has noticed

throughout his term.

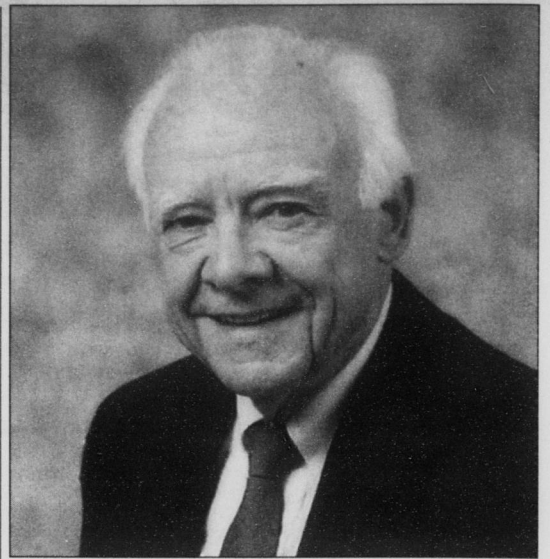
"The relationship with the dean of students and administration is the best that it's been since I've been here," he said.

Hennes detailed an initiative — called Carolina Advocates for Honor — to get faculty, staff and freshmen more heavily involved in the upcoming year's Honor Court activities. He said University officials will meet with and speak to organizations, classes and departments across campus.

"Imagine a group of about 50 people with Honor Code T-shirts going to classes," Slain said.

After discussing the fact that students would like to "push the historical aspect" of the 125 years of the honor tradition, Slain noted an additional goal for next year: "To have some fun with it."

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Warren Jake Wicker, a UNC alumnus as well as a faculty member and administrator at the School of Government for 47 years, died July 25.

Fayetteville State's new chancellor takes office

Bryan is 3rd female leader in system

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Fayetteville State University's new chancellor took office Tuesday.

T.J. Bryan succeeds former Chancellor Willis McLeod.

According to a UNC-system Board of Governors press release, UNC-system President Molly Broad said, "(Bryan) brings to Fayetteville State University great energy, enthusiasm, and a proven record of administrative success at the campus level and in two highly respected public university systems."

As chancellor, Bryan will sign a three-year contract, earning \$187,000 each year. She also will have use of the chancellor's house

and a car.

She is the third woman to be selected as chancellor of any of the 16 institutions in the UNC system.

Marye Anne Fox was named chancellor of N.C. State University in 1998, and Rosemary De Paolo also began a three-year term at UNC-Wilmington on Tuesday.

Bryan previously was vice chancellor for academic and student affairs in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

Before that, she worked as associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University System of Maryland.

"I have the best of all possible experience: 20 years on campus of the university," Bryan said.

"I've also had the chance to

develop my policy-making and interpretation skills."

She thinks these assets made her the best of all possible candidates, she said. She also said that in coming up through the academic ranks and taking charge of numerous faculty positions, she has the necessary experience.

"I've done a lot of stuff in academic program policies, some (policies) that hadn't been revised since they'd been written," she said of her work in the Pennsylvania education system.

"We were able to streamline our processes, having a new academic program for transfer students from community colleges."

Joni Worthington, associate vice president for communication and special assistant to the chancellor of Fayetteville State, said the university is one of seven UNC-system

campuses deemed a "focus growth institution," meaning it needs to grow in the next years to accommodate an increasing student population.

"Dr. Bryan has shown deep commitment to helping students from very diverse cultural backgrounds," she said.

Fayetteville State needs a chancellor who understands the unique mission of a historically black university, Worthington said, as well as one who can help the campus to prosper through a period of significant growth.

"I'm really passionate about working with students but not indulging them," Bryan said. "It's very important that everyone on campus contribute."

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Long-time UNC professor dies

Wicker began work at UNC in 1955

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UNC-Chapel Hill Professor Warren Jake Wicker, the Gladys Hall Coates Professor Emeritus of Public Law and Government and the Assistant Director Emeritus of the School of Government, died June 25 from complications related to prostate cancer.

Wicker was a faculty member and administrator at the Institute of Government for 47 years.

During that time, he wrote more than 300 articles, bulletins, monographs and special studies. He also edited and wrote significant parts of two textbooks used at the School of Government. Even when he retired in 1991, he continued to work at the institute.

"He's a model of what faculty should be at the Institute of Government and School of Government, and his colleagues viewed him that way," said Thomas Thornburg, associate director of programs for the school.

Wicker relentlessly was committed to teaching public officials, Thornburg said.

One such pupil is S. Ellis Hankins, executive director of the N.C. League of Municipalities, who took Wicker's municipal education class 23 years ago.

Wicker had a great understanding of the mission of the University, particularly the Institute of Government, Hankins said.

"He was one of the best people that I've ever known, and he was my ideal of a public servant," Hankins said. "He wanted to reach out across the state and do everything that he and other faculty members could do to improve government."

Born in a log cabin in Lee County in 1923, Wicker attended

Deep River High School. He attended N.C. State University, Baylor University and UNC-CH, where he received both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in political science.

After graduating, he worked for the Farmer's Cooperative Exchange of Raleigh for five years. In 1955, he joined the Institute of Government, where he specialized in the legal, financial and administrative aspects of local and state government.

Wicker's dedication to public service did not stop in the classroom. He spent three years in the U.S. Air Corps, was a member of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Kiwanis Club and served two terms as president of the UNC-CH Retired Faculty Association. In the 1960s, he was a member of numerous boards that dealt with poverty and the integration of Chapel Hill public schools.

Through the years, Wicker was recognized with honorary memberships in such organizations as the N.C. League of Municipalities and the N.C. Association of County Commissioners.

In October, he was presented with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's most prestigious award.

Contributions from Wicker's friends and colleagues led to a new building in the School of Government being named after him. "He has taught many, many others how to be better and more effective public servants," Hankins said.

Frayda Bluestein, a professor at the School of Government, said Wicker was a tireless researcher, teacher and consultant. "He was committed to public service in the sense of dedicating his life (to it)."

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