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Victim's family contests BOT decision

FAMILY: UNC HONOR COURT ASSAULT CASE WAS REMANDED

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The father of an assault victim will make a final push today to resolve his daughter's UNC Honor Court case, almost one month after the family learned that the Board of Trustees remanded the sanctions against her assaulter.

Reports state that on Sept. 18, 2002, Carrboro police arrested UNC senior Peter Johnston and charged him with one misdemeanor

count of assault inflicting serious injury after he broke a water glass on the neck of his ex-girlfriend, former UNC student Jessica Hogan.

The glass opened a wound about 2 inches long and a half-inch deep on the left side of her chin.

More than one year later, Jessica Hogan and her family say Johnston has not received any academic suspension.

Richard "Stick" Williams, chairman of the BOT, confirmed that

members will discuss the case today in closed session. He said the case previously was reviewed by a three-person panel of trustees.

Jessica Hogan said she received an e-mail Sept. 4 informing her that the panel remanded Johnston's case because of an undisclosed procedural error.

A remanded decision sends the case back to the Honor Court, where it first was tried.

But the victim's father, John

Hogan, said the family won't retry the case in the Honor Court. He said his meetings with BOT members today will be his last efforts to bring closure to the case. "If this stays shielded in secrecy any longer, they will never make a decision," he said.

After his arrest, Johnston — who Jessica Hogan claims is a former Honor Court judge — was released on a written promise to appear in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough on Dec. 2.

When a student's behavior poses a serious threat of continuing to endanger members of the University community, UNC's Emergency Action Committee has the jurisdiction to suspend the student indefinitely.

Because Johnston told the EAC that the assault was an accident, the committee allowed him to remain in school, said John Hogan. He said Johnston post-poned his case in the Honor Court until the completion of his criminal case, which is a normal procedure.

Johnston declined to comment

on the case.

Johnston later pled no contest to the count of misdemeanor assault inflicting serious injury and received a prayer for judgment Dec. 2, 2002, court records state.

It wasn't until April that Johnston pleaded guilty in the case that appeared before the Honor Court, Jessica Hogan said. She said she was present and made a statement at the nine-hour hearing.

Under federal law, UNC and Honor Court officials cannot com-

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Bowles says he'll seek seat in Senate

Democrat aims to snatch seat vacated by Edwards

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What long has been a virtual certainty — that Erskine Bowles will enter the race for the U.S. Senate seat left open by John Edwards — is now official.

Bowles consultant Mac McCorkle confirmed that Bowles, a Democrat, will announce his candidacy today.

"He has a burning desire for public service that is reflected in his record," McCorkle said.

Bowles is set to make clear his intention to run in a press statement, McCorkle added. He also said it will be very clear that Bowles will run on an "issue-oriented" campaign.

The upcoming campaign will be Bowles' second stab at the Senate. In the 2002 race for the seat

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DTH FILE PHOTO/BRIAN CASSELLA

Charlotte investment banker Erskine Bowles (left) plans to announce today his intention to run for Democratic Sen. John Edwards' (right) seat.

UNC selects official to run global affairs

BY JENNIFER IMMEL
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Peter Coclanis was announced as associate provost for international affairs at a UNC Board of Trustees committee meeting Wednesday.

He will assume the post officially Dec. 1.

Provost Robert Shelton said he chose Coclanis, who serves as chairman of UNC's Department of History, on Monday after a search process that lasted almost four months and included more than 40 nominees.

Coclanis, who has collaborated with scholars in Europe and southeast Asia, said the position "is something that tracks where my interests have been going."

He has worked at UNC since 1984, serving in a variety of positions, including associate dean of general education from 1993-98.

This is the sixth year Coclanis has served as chairman of the history department.

As Coclanis eases into his position as associate

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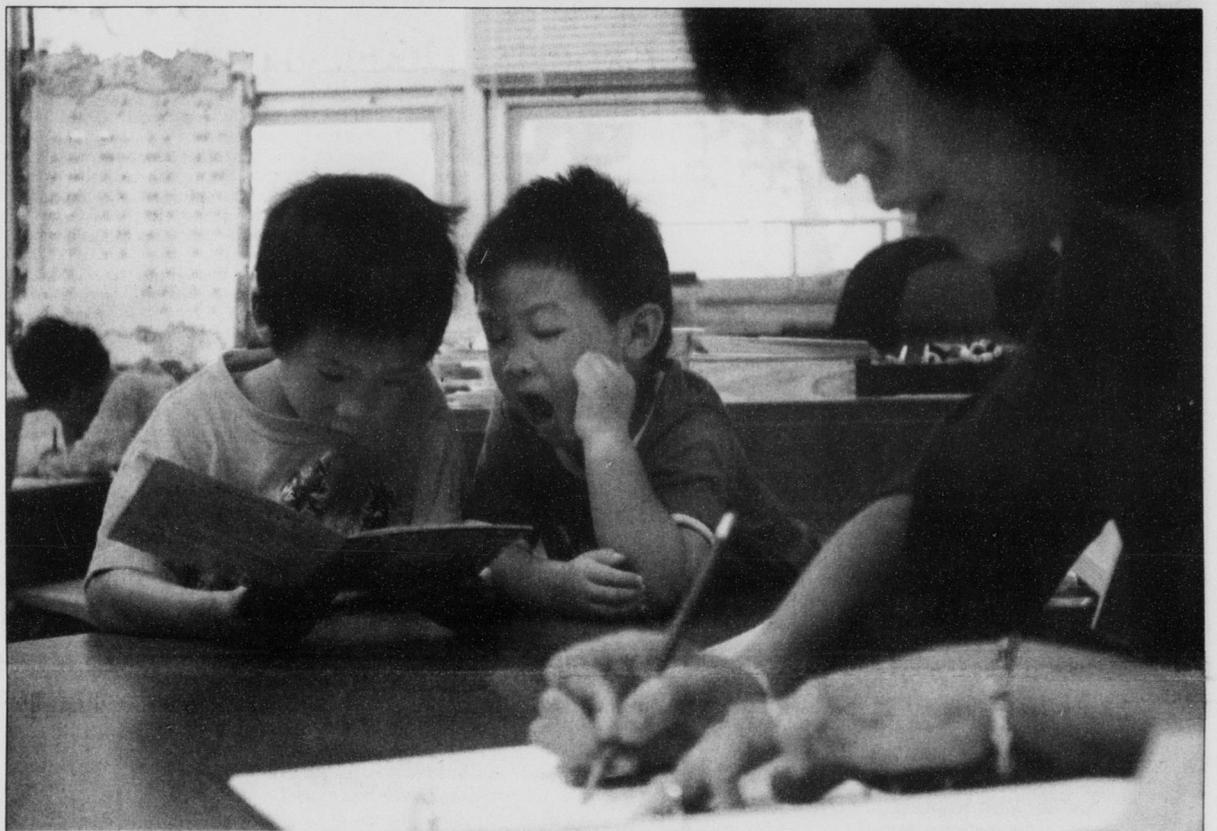
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DUAL LANGUAGE



DTH/KRISTIN GOODE

First-graders practice Chinese together Wednesday morning in Yajie Zhang's (right) class. Zhang, one of the dual-language teachers at Glenwood Elementary School in Chapel Hill, uses reading, listening, guided reading and computer centers to teach Chinese to

the students in the Dual Language Emergence Program. The experimental program, in its second year in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, also is in existence at Carrboro Elementary School, where students are taught both English and Spanish. The students learn English for half the day

and the foreign language for the other half. The program targets bilingual children with the goal of promoting fluency and diversity. Both teachers and officials have been pleased with the program and expect it to expand in the next few years. For the full story, see page 4.

Signage talks on the table

University aims to remedy ailing athletic boosters program

BY MICHELLE MCGRIER
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The University Affairs Committee of the UNC Board of Trustees will recommend today to the full board the formation of a task force that will review the recommended process to consider corporate signage.

The process was outlined by Director of Athletics Dick Baddour at Wednesday's committee meeting.

"Our committee will offer the motion that was mentioned by Dick Baddour," said Rusty Carter, the committee's chairman. "But if the board turns it down, the issue will be over."

The Department of Athletics is looking for ways to combat its budget shortfalls after its booster club couldn't cover the costs of its scholarship needs last year.

At the start of his presentation, Baddour made clear that he was not "advocating signage," but he presented a process to consider an advertising policy if the committee chooses to take that route.

Corporate signage in athletics venues is a potential new source of revenue.

In order to determine the value of an advertising policy, Baddour said, there would need to be an evaluation of peer institutions and a survey of opinions of their clients.

Challenges in the budget come from funding scholarships, operating

expenses, fulfilling Title IX, Olympic sport coaches' salaries and facilities.

This year, the athletic department's net revenue will be a surplus of about \$200,000. Based on current figures, by 2006-07 the projected deficit will be \$296,789 and could grow to \$445,060 by 2007-08.

Scholarships pose one of the largest challenges to balancing the budget.

Scholarship expenses now constitute 18.91 percent of the athletic budget, making them one of the top three expenses behind salary benefits and direct sport expenses.

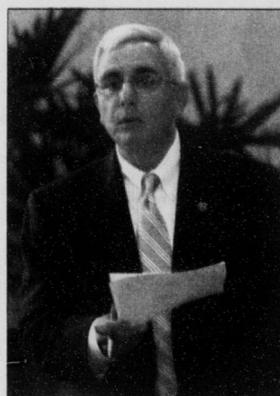
This year's scholarships total about \$6.6 million. By 2004, the amount projected to be spent on them is about \$7.3 million.

"Scholarships remain the heart and soul of our athletic program," Baddour said.

If corporate signage were to be added to venues, Baddour said, the athletic department's contract with Learfield Communications, the department's multimedia rights holder, would have to be examined.

By granting the right to sell UNC's advertisements to Learfield, the athletic department is guaranteed \$2.5 million per year.

If the BOT decides to take the route of advertising, the athletic department will decide what locations in Kenan Stadium and the Smith Center to sell and will negoti-



DTH/ANDREW SYNOWIEZ

Director of Athletics Dick Baddour speaks Wednesday afternoon to the University Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees in Carroll Hall.

ate Learfield's commission.

"(Learfield) would love to see us go this direction," Baddour said. "I wouldn't do this if we didn't get the lion's share of it."

After the presentation, Carter said, "All I can say is that (corporate signage) is worthy of study."

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University volunteers reach out

ECSU gets help from system after Isabel

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UNC-Chapel Hill groundskeepers and electricians left campus Monday to provide aid to Elizabeth City State University after damage caused by Hurricane Isabel forced the school to shut down.

University groundskeepers and electricians are teaming up with other workers from N.C. State University, East Carolina University and Appalachian State University to help ECSU reopen its classrooms.

ECSU stopped operating as Isabel ravaged eastern North Carolina last week. The university lost power, and students were forced to evacuate its residence halls.

"It looked like our campus after Hurricane Fran," said Stanley Young, an electrician for the UNC-CH Division of Facilities Services who volunteered to help ECSU.

A request was issued by the office of Molly Broad, president of the UNC system, looking for university workers willing to volunteer assistance for cleanup at

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