

Honor Court to be rougher on offenders

by William March
Staff Writer

"The Honor Court this year has several very experienced members and seems to take its responsibilities to the UNC honor system very seriously. Any violation of the Honor Code is regarded as significant, and the possibility of suspension looms for any offender. This is a change from last year's court, and on the whole, I think it's a good change."

Reid James, Student Body Attorney General, gave this opinion on the UNC honor system as he described his office and how it functions to implement the Honor Code.

The attorney general's staff is responsible for investigating cases reported by students, faculty and administration personnel under the Honor and Campus Codes, Men's Residence Hall Regulations and certain violations of the Women's Rules. It defends the students accused and presents the cases in the various courts involved.

Investigators are responsible for finding all facts that would weigh for or against a defendant. Defense counselors are responsible for insuring

that the defendant knows his rights and that these rights are protected.

James is currently engaged in interviewing candidates for some 20 positions on the staff.

He has 45 applications in hand, with five days left to accept applications. He expects 85 applications but wants as many as possible.

"We want more underclassmen to apply, though we certainly won't turn down a qualified senior," he said. "And we can't seem to get women to apply. We've interviewed only two women, and last year we only had six on a staff of more than 40."

The new staff members will be investigating cases and defending those accused. James emphasized the jobs are not to be taken lightly.

"To someone who is involved in an honor case, this is the most important part of Student Government," he said. "Right now I think I have the best staff of assistants ever to work in this office. The defense counselors have an obvious and important responsibility to those accused, and the investigators have the responsibility of determining the facts of a case and thereby defending the law."

James considers this a year of change in the UNC judicial system. Richard Epps, student body

president, has asked James' office to help bring the judicial reform bill before Student Legislature before the end of the semester. In order to do this, James said, the goal of his office is to have the bill ready for Epps to submit for administration approval before the end of the month.

"This reform bill got started two years ago when John McDowell was attorney general. Since then, it has been in the talking stages.

"There are several parts of the bill we should have in force right now," he said. "The bill would provide for trials by peers for graduate students, who presently cannot get a trial by their peers. Also, it contains some important measures for the protection of defendants' rights."

"The administration has given its approval of the substance of the bill as it now stands. We need to get it into effect."

There are other changes James would like to see in the function of the honor system. "As it stands, honor trials are closed to the public unless the defendant requests an open trial. I would like to see all trials open unless the defendant requests a closed trial."

"Why? Well, I think many students are unaware not only of how honor court functions, but also of

what constitutes an honor offense and what the possible consequences are. Writing on a wall or squirting a fire extinguisher can result in an honor trial," he said.

"The court this year seems less reluctant to suspend a convicted defendant than last year's court. It's rough to send a freshman home after only one semester here, or less, and it's possible he didn't know he was committing an honor offense."

According to the Honor Code, a professor, University employe or another student who finds a student committing an honor offense will give the offender 24 hours to turn himself in to the attorney general's office. "If he doesn't, the accuser notifies us or Dean Schroeder's office." (Frederick Schroeder is Dean of Student Affairs.)

"At least 72 hours before a trial takes place, the accused is called into our office and informed of his rights. He is told who accused him and of what. He is told the procedures of the court and who is on it. For justifiable reasons, he may challenge any member of the court and have that member removed. An investigator from our office is appointed, and the defendant usually requests defense counsel from our office."

The defense counsel will later go over the defendant's rights with him again and ask him for his plea. James said most, "maybe 85 to 90 per cent," of the defendants plead guilty.

Would the conviction rate be lower if the defendants plead not guilty? "A little lower, possibly. But there is frequently no question in these cases. If it's one man's word against another's, the court can usually find convincing evidence one way or another. We can get the testimony of handwriting experts if we need it. Recently we had a case in which one student signed another's blue book on an exam. A handwriting expert from the SBI (State Bureau of Investigation) testified for us, and then the defendant changed his plea."

James said the court frequently takes the plea into consideration when it passes sentence and is not as hard on those who turn themselves in and plead guilty.

In James' opinion, the judicial system at UNC is unusually good. "Here, everything is done by students. We investigate, we defend, and the faculty or administrators do not sit in judgment. This isn't the way it works at most schools."

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Somber mood marks reopening of Olympics

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MUNICH — The 20th Olympic Games, disrupted by an Arab guerrilla attack in which 17 persons were killed, resumed in somber mood Wednesday with Israel telling a hushed throng on 84,000 in the sports stadium that the slaying of 11 of its team members was "a rape of the Olympic spirit."

As the world registered shock and outrage at the bloody events of Tuesday,

the International Olympic Committee decided the \$657 million games must go on. A few hours after those at the memorial funeral service moved out of the stadium, the athletes moved into their own arenas for team handball, weightlifting and volleyball.

The Olympic torch burned brightly at the track and field stadium, but the flags hung at half-staff. There were thousands at the service who joined as the surviving Israeli athletes wept and mourned the

deaths of their teammates.

Twenty-five hundred seats were set up in the stadium infield for the memorial, mostly occupied by team officials and athletes in multicolored track suits. The West German team wore black armbands.

The Munich Philharmonic Orchestra, wearing black, closed the service with the March of Mourning from Beethoven's Third Symphony (Eroica). In the stands sat the celebrities of many

nations—Prince Phillip of Britain, Prince Rainier and Princess Grace of Monaco among them.

"I would have been in favor of cancellation," said Shmuel Lalkin, chief of the Israeli team and one of those who managed to escape when Arab guerrillas shot their way into the Israeli quarters in the Olympic Village Tuesday, killing two men. The Arabs took nine hostages and killed all of them with a grenade and guns during an airport shootout with West German police 18 and one-half hours later.

Five guerrillas were shot dead in the airport gun battle and one policeman died—17 in all from the time the Arabs climbed the wall of the Olympic Village at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday—faces blackened—and invaded the Israeli quarters.

Three Arabs were captured alive, two of them wounded, in the airport battle. A two-day growth of beard on his chin, a Yarmulke-skull cap—on his head, Lalkin was one of five speakers who briefly addressed the throng in warm sunshine.

As he spoke, the 22 survivors of the Israeli team were seated behind a row of empty chairs—symbolizing the three weightlifters, two wrestlers, four coaches and two referees slain by the terrorists. Olympic gold medalist Emil Zatopek of Czechoslovakia brushed away tears.

"Israel came together with other countries in a spirit of Olympic peace," Lalkin said in Hebrew. "We deeply mourn the rape of the Olympic spirit in which 11 members of our team were murdered. We will leave this place deeply shocked but Israel will compete in the future again in the true spirit of brotherhood."

Warm applause greeted his statement. The Israeli team shook hands with many athletes from other countries and—to the cheers and applause of the crowd—left to return to Israel.

Election day class cuts permissible

Students will not be penalized for class absences on election day, Nov. 7, according to a memorandum issued by Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor.

In the memorandum, Taylor also urged the cooperation of faculty members in not scheduling examinations or requiring reports to be due on that date.

The recommendations of the memorandum were those voted by the Student-Faculty Calendar Committee in October, 1971, and approved by the Committee on Instructional Personnel.

Student Body President Richard Epps expressed pleasure at the adoption of the recommendations. He said students who have registered to vote in their home counties who will not obtain absentee ballots and students who wish to campaign will benefit from the temporary relaxation of regulations.



Bike pollution

Concern for the environment among students should be applauded, and bicycles are "smog free," but pedestrians on the UNC campus now seem to face another type of pollution—too many bicycles. (Staff Photo by Cliff Kolovson)

Israel mourns its dead

United Press International

JERUSALEM—With "wrath and repulsion," Israel Wednesday deplored the massacre in Munich of 11 members of its Olympic team as a demonstration of the "criminal character" of Arab guerrillas who it said endanger world peace. It made no direct threat of retaliation, however.

The first official reaction to the tragic

events in West Germany came as the nation mourned the slain Olympians with a chorus of calls for revenge against Arab terrorists and the nations that shield them. West Germany also became the target of a wave of public outrage on grounds that its Olympic security was lax.

"With wrath and repulsion, the government of Israel pillories the murder of eleven Israelis... perpetrated by Arab terrorists," a cabinet communique said.

"This murderous attack, which demonstrates the criminal character of the Arab terrorist organizations, constitutes a peril not only to Israel and to her citizens, but to peace throughout the world."

The communique, issued after an emergency meeting of the cabinet under Prime Minister Golda Meir, vowed Israel would "persevere in its war against terrorist organizations and will not excuse those who aid them from responsibility."

A government spokesman said the bodies of the 11 slain Olympians would be flown home Thursday. Flags would be flown at half mast, he said, but it would not be an official day of mourning enabling Israelis to stay home from work.

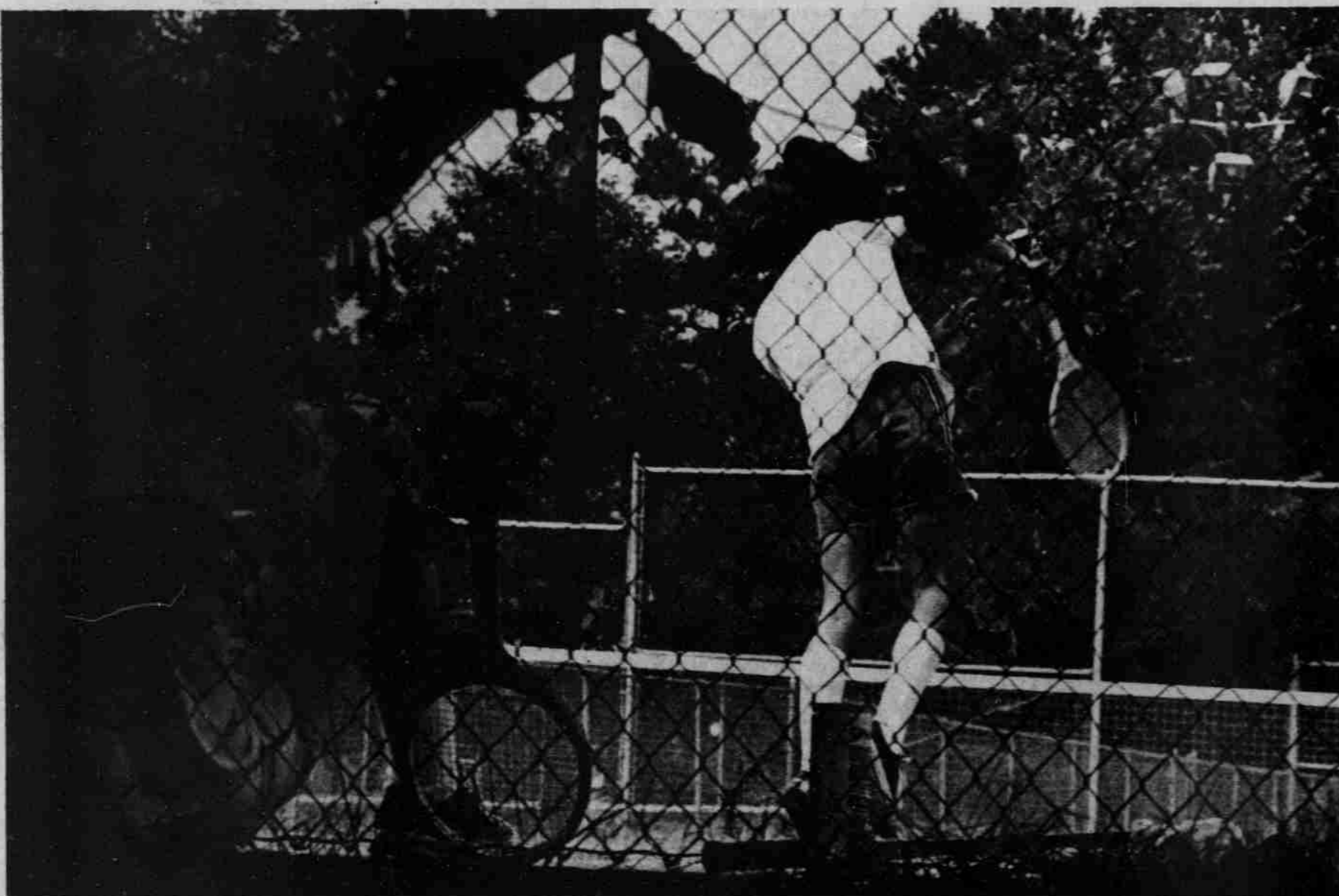
In Washington, Rep. Charles Vanik, D-Ohio, said the body of David Berger, 26, who emigrated to Israel from the United States two years ago, will be flown to Cleveland for burial. Berger was a weightlifter on the Israeli squad.

Memorial Service

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation will sponsor a discussion, meeting and memorial service today in Polk Place to commemorate the victims of Tuesday's terrorist attack at the Olympic games.

The gathering to discuss the event will take place at 12 noon, and the memorial service will be at 8:00 p.m. "We do not wish to emphasize the political aspects of the event," Steve Robkin, a representative of Hillel, said.

All those interested are invited to attend both events. A similar service was held Wednesday night at Duke University.



Keeping in shape is a great idea and many people around UNC are giving their bodies as much of a workout as their brains. Tennis is the major textbook and like all others one often has to cue-up to get one. (Staff Photo by Cliff Kolovson)

Leaders named

Reform drive set

by Pam Phillips
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Action has again started to reorganize Student Legislature (SL), according to Fred Davenport, vice president of the student body, who announced a steering committee for the reform campaign Wednesday.

The purposes of the reforms proposed by Richard Epps, president of the student body, and Davenport include reducing the size of the body in hopes of speeding up the legislative process.

Heading up Epps' campaign for the bill is Walter Daniels, a junior American Studies major. His title, coordinator of human resources, carries the duties of circulating the petitions and scheduling the speakers at dorms, fraternities and other living units.

Publicity will be handled by Mark Werner, a freshman living in James. He will circulate posters and leaflets.

Heading the finance angle of the campaign will be Fred Stern, sophomore class president. No Student Government money may be used for reform efforts; the campaign will be privately financed.

Also scheduled is a meeting, date to be announced, for all those interested in working for the reform.

The plan, which failed in a student referendum last spring by less than one percentage point (54 votes), has been modified for this fall in two respects: number of board members and provisions for a trial period for the system.

The plan now calls for 20 board members of which two would be men, two women and two members of minority races on all future councils. Also, graduate students would be elected proportionately to the council and executive committees.

The 20 member board represents an increase of five from the original plan. These 20 members would be elected from 20 districts of approximately 1,000 constituents each.

The existing districts would be reapportioned by SL, should the plan pass, and divided on the basis of population.

"We raised the numbers because doubts were expressed that

representation would be difficult at a ratio greater than one to 1,000 students," said Davenport. "We felt we could afford to do this without endangering the idea of a council that's not bottled up by parliamentary procedure."

Another new feature is the two year trial basis for the plan, measuring its success during that time period.

The SL reform plan would effect a reduction in the number of legislators, from 55 to 20 members, and move spring elections up to Feb. 6, 1973, instead of the customary March date.

Board members would assume office on Feb. 19, 1973, slightly sooner than election victors have in the past.

Also, the council would draw up a new budget after their election instead of operating under the budget being drawn up this fall. In the past, the fall budget has been written for the entire year.

Finally, election districts would be redrawn by SL and the Graduate and Professional Student Federation (GPSF).

Davenport estimates 1,900 signatures are needed to call for a referendum; he and Epps are hoping for 2,500 signatures on the petitions. The time limit for gathering these signatures has not yet been set.

To pass, the bill will need a two-thirds majority of all those voting.

"Reorganization is not a panacea for all SL's ills," said Davenport. "The council does provide a structure where something can be accomplished without all the infighting that now occurs."

"I hope students will keep up with what's going on and vote when the time comes," said Davenport.

Weather

TODAY: Sunny and warmer; highs in the low 80's, lows in the low 60's; probability of precipitation near zero today, 10 percent tonight.