

Journalism Days Symposium covers politics and media

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The election year provided the backdrop for Journalism Days, a symposium held Tuesday in Memorial Hall.

This year's theme, sponsored by the UNC School of Journalism and the Journalism Alumni and Friends Association, was "The Mass Media and Politics."

The program, in its third year, featured panel discussions.

School of Journalism Dean Richard R. Cole said the program provided alumni and students a chance to meet and discuss journalism.

The program consisted of six sessions on the relationship between politics and mass media coverage.

The first session, "Being a Press Spokesman for a Politician," discussed responsibilities facing press spokesmen. The discussion was moderated by Ferrel Guillory, associate editor of *The News and Observer* of Raleigh. Panelists in-

cluded Stephanie Bass, communications director of the Jim Hunt senatorial campaign; Jay Eaker, press secretary for Attorney General Rufus Edmisten; and Mike Harrell, press secretary for Sen. John East.

"Polls and Politics" was moderated by journalism Professor Philip Meyer. The panelists were Jane Delano Brown, director of the Center for Research in Journalism and Mass Communication; Rob Daves, senior research analyst for *The Charlotte Observer*; and Warren Mitofsky, director of CBS News Elections.

The third discussion, "Covering North Carolina Politics," was moderated by Jim Shumaker, lecturer in journalism. Ken Allen, chief capital correspondent for *The Charlotte Observer*, Mary Anne Rhyne, Associated Press statehouse reporter, and Gene Wang, United Press International reporter, were the panelists.

Professor Don Shaw moderated the fourth session, "Philosophy and Perspec-

tive: The Mass Media and Politics." Panelists were David Hawpe, managing editor for the *Louisville Courier-Journal*; and David Weaver, professor of journalism at Indiana University.

The fifth session dealt with "Candidates' Images and Advertising." The moderator was Mary Alice Sentman, journalism instructor at UNC, and the panelists were John Harden of John Harden-Bob Page Communications; William D. Carmichael III of Laurel Hill Consultants, Inc.; and Regina Sherard, journalism instructor at UNC.

The sixth session, "The Mass Media and Politically Related Trials," was co-sponsored by the N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers and moderated by Rick Hunter, a Raleigh attorney. The panelists included Ned Cline, managing editor for the *Greensboro Daily News and Record*; Bryan Haislip of the *Winston-Salem Sentinel*; and Howard Twigg, a Raleigh attorney.



William Lassiter, Burke Davis, Eugene Roberts and Sam Ragan discuss the rights of the press

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Five journalists honored

By **THOMAS PINKERTON**
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The N.C. Journalism Hall of Fame inducted five members in an awards ceremony at the Carolina Inn Sunday night. The new members are:

- Burke Davis, an author of more than 40 books, mostly about the Civil War. A Durham native and a graduate of the UNC School of Journalism, Burke served as editor of the *Charlotte News* and was a reporter for the *Greensboro Daily News*.

- Lassiter, who spent nearly 50 years working in North Carolina newspaper law. The Smithfield native writes a monthly column for the *North Carolina Press* and is a Duke University Law School graduate. "I am exceedingly proud of this award. I have never been more honored," he said.

- The late Gerald W. Johnson, who established the *Thomasville Davidsonian* in 1910 and began writing for the *Greensboro Daily News* in 1913. Johnson

wrote on American politics and culture and was a contributing editor for the *New Republic* until his death in 1980. Accepting the award for Johnson was Vermont Royster, Kenan professor emeritus of the School of Journalism.

- Sam Ragan, a Berea native, who was executive editor of both the *The News and Observer* in Raleigh and *The Raleigh Times* in 1957. He and his wife bought the Southern Pines weekly newspaper *The Pilot* in 1968. "I still look upon journalism as a calling," Ragan said. "I'm very proud to be here tonight among friends. Thank you."

- Eugene Roberts, executive editor of the *Philadelphia Inquirer* since 1972. Under Roberts, the paper has received Prizes in consecutive years. A UNC graduate, Roberts worked for the *News and Observer* in Raleigh and *The New York Times*, before moving to Philadelphia.

Journalism Dean Richard R. Cole presided over the awards ceremony, established in 1981 by the school to recognize exceptional contributions by those in mass communications associated with North Carolina.

Forum on gifted students

By **LORETTA GRANTHAM**
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Approximately 26 percent of the children in the Chapel Hill school system are classified as "academically gifted" (A.G.), Ginny D'Ercole, Co-Executive Director of the Orange County Mental Health Association, said. In most school systems, she said, normally only 3 percent or so of the students are considered A.G.

Perhaps the high percentage in Chapel Hill is a result of the many parents with college degrees, D'Ercole said.

The association, along with Parents for the Advancement of Gifted Education (P.A.G.E.), will co-sponsor a panel discussion, "The Special Needs of the Gifted Child," on Wednesday, April 18 in the Guy B. Phillips Junior High School Auditorium on Estes Drive, from 7:30-9 p.m.

How is a child classified as "gifted"? According to D'Ercole, the methods vary from town to town; in Chapel Hill, the selection process

begins in the third grade.

A student's test scores, IQ and teacher recommendations are put into a point system formula. Currently, there have been developments in recognizing children as not only academically but also artistically or musically gifted. This would open special programs to a wider range of students, D'Ercole said.

Panelists for Wednesday's discussion include Patricia Horton, Chapel Hill School System resource teacher for the academically gifted, Vincent Maginn, clinical psychologist in private practice, and Stephanie S. Tolan, co-author of *Guiding the Gifted Child*.

Horton will concentrate her presentation on the issues of self-concept and motivation as they relate to gifted children. Dr. Maginn will discuss the personality functioning of the gifted child and how it influences self-concept. Tolan will focus on the issues involved in parenting gifted children, including discipline, stress management, sibling relationships, and depression.

CGC election today

Elections for CGC District 14 (Granville Towers) will be held today from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. The voting site will be in the lobby of the Granville cafeteria. Students with a valid I.D. may vote for Alan Young, Scott Jones, Jimmy Greene, Mark Mattox or Thad C. Johnson.



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Campus Calendar

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Today

- 3:30 p.m. Association of Business Students Policy Committee meeting; Union. 933-2585.
- 6:30 p.m. Delta Sigma Pi Executive Officer meeting, old and new. T-7 New Carroll.
- 7 p.m. APO's Campus Chest Charity Auction in 100 Hamilton. Delta Sigma Pi professional meeting in T-7 New Carroll. Alpha Epsilon Delta will sponsor guest speaker Dr. Curtis from family medicine in Berryhill Hall.
- 8 p.m. Claude Allen, spokesman for Sen. Jesse Helms, will speak to UNC College Republicans in the Union. Place to be announced.

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