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Lawyer seeks to postpone hearing

By MIKE SUTTON

After more than two years of postponements and legal wrangling, the grievance hearing of the University's only black female police officer, who accused the department of racist hiring and promotion practices, hit another snag last week when UNC's lawyer filed motions to dismiss the grievance and delay the hearing.

Alan McSurely, lawyer for Officer Keith Edwards, said Saturday that N.C. Assistant Attorney General Lars Nance, representing the University, filed the motion to dismiss the Step 4 grievance Sept. 29 and the motion to postpone the hearing Oct. 5, four days before it was scheduled to begin.

A Step 4 grievance hearing, held before an administrative trial judge, is the highest level of appeal for a state employee. Eight University police officers, including Edwards, filed complaints that discrimination played a role in a decision to promote 13 white officers in June 1987. Only Edwards continued to appeal the grievance beyond the Step 2 level.

McSurely said that after a conference call Friday with Nance and the judge who will preside over the hearing, the judge decided to postpone it and hold a pre-hearing conference Tuesday at 9 a.m.

At that point, the judge can dismiss the case, ask Edwards to further clarify her charges against the University, or

reschedule the hearing.

The motion to delay the hearing came after McSurely asked to subpoena 34 witnesses on Edwards' behalf.

"The essence of his motion was that he (Nance) didn't know who a lot of the witnesses were, and he was worried that (calling) a lot of police department witnesses would short-staff the department," McSurely said. He added that he had no intention of calling all the police witnesses simultaneously.

The motion to dismiss was based on the claim that after the June 1987 reorganization that sparked the grievance, the University police department reworked the promotions and Edwards did not reapply, McSurely said, "and therefore, she's lost any of her right to

complain about that."

McSurely said he would argue that Edwards felt she had been passed over for the promotions in favor of less qualified white males, and that reapplying wouldn't have changed the situation.

I don't think I'm going to be able to stand more delays on the University side, stalling tactics they're using," Edwards said. "Why wait until the week before the hearing?"

"I felt so close. (Despite) all the stress and hardships that I had endured since 1987, it seemed like I was beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. I'm hoping and praying that it's resolved this year before Christmas. Surely I don't want to go into another

year with this same grievance."

Department morale has plunged since the grievances were filed, Edwards said. "The camaraderie between the officers on the line, it was one of the atmosphere of a large family. (Now) you've got blacks against blacks, blacks against whites, whites against whites; all these problems we didn't have before the reorganization."

McSurely said he felt that Edwards had a very strong case. "We clearly want a finding that there has been racial and gender discrimination and retaliation against Officer Edwards for protesting discriminatory practices at the department over the years."

"We want people to know that she's not making this thing up," he contin-

ued. "It's for real. We want to legitimize what Officer Edwards says for someone to pay attention to what's going on over there (at the police department)."

Sherman said that race "should not" be a factor in hiring police personnel, and declined to comment on what the department's defense strategy would be at the hearing.

"The hiring process is what it's always been," he said, adding that the department would hire the most qualified personnel, regardless of race.

The case has not cast a shadow over department morale, Sherman said. "I believe the department has followed the normal procedure."

Magazine ranks UNC 18th top university

By JASON KELLY

UNC was ranked 18th overall and fourth among public universities in the U.S. News & World Report's annual survey of universities across America.

Last year, UNC ranked 23rd overall, but third among public universities. The University of California at Berkeley, UCLA and the University of Michigan are ranked higher among public schools in this year's issue, which goes on sale today.

The University of Virginia, which had been rated above UNC last year dropped out of the top 20 national universities.

"This is an opinion survey, and it

shows how well UNC is regarded around the country," Chancellor Paul Hardin said Sunday. "I am very grateful for the high regard shown by the survey."

The importance of the survey lies in that UNC is recognized as one of the strongest schools in the country, Hardin said.

"The survey is highly subjective. I'm not deprecating the survey, but I am not impressed with the actual number (of the ranking) because the survey cannot be scientific, even though U.S. News added some empirical data to make the results sounder."

U.S. News & World Report's method of rating universities has been in effect since last year. The ratings are based

upon a survey of college and university presidents, but also include evaluations of academic deans, admissions officers and other objective rankings.

Objective rankings — gathered from the College Board's Annual Survey of American Colleges — are considerations such as resources available for educational program resources, the quality of the student body as determined by admissions selectivity, quality of faculty, and retention and graduation rates.

UNC Provost Dennis O'Connor said that he hadn't seen the rankings yet, but that UNC's upward move-

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Homeless rally includes group from Chapel Hill

By STEPHANIE JOHNSTON

Staff Writer

About 110 UNC students and 10 Chapel Hill community members took part in "Housing Now," a national rally held in Washington, D.C., over the weekend to draw attention to the problem of homelessness in the United States.

"It was the most amazing experience I have ever had," said Lori Marks, a junior from Tunkhannock, Pa. "I got the best feeling because there were hundreds of thousands of people all marching for the same reason. It was such a high."

Before the rally at the Capitol, some of the 250,000 to 300,000 participants marched from the Washington Monument to the Capitol. During the five-hour rally the protesters sang, chanted and listened to speeches. Among the speakers were Jesse Jackson and Benjamin Hooks, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Performers and actors such as Tracy Chapman, Jefferson Airplane, Stevie Wonder, Christopher Reeves, Martin Sheen and Oprah Winfrey also participated in the rally.

Gene Davis, speaker of Student Congress, said one of the most powerful events of the rally was when the group of "a couple of hundred thousand sang 'We Shall Overcome.'"

He said, "I had read so much about marches in Washington, but until you're a part of it you don't understand."

Tony Deifell, co-chairman of the Campus Y, said that although there were a lot of homeless people who participated in the rally, it was ironic to have celebrities talking about the issue of homelessness.

"The rally didn't focus enough on the people themselves but on the issue. One time when the celebrities were speaking, the crowd started chanting 'The homeless don't have TVs.'"

The Student Homelessness Outreach Coalition (SHOC), a committee of the Campus Y, organized and made the preparations for the Chapel Hill group that attended the rally.

"We want to raise awareness about homelessness," said Trey Loughran, co-chairman of SHOC. "There is a lack of emphasis on low-income housing. Something needs to be done now in the nation and in the community."

Marks said she participated in the rally because she felt that there was too much money spent on things other than housing.

"I slept out in the Pit (with other

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DTH/David Surowiecki

Morgan Pleasant, 5, attends the Washington rally

Honor court to hear anti-CIA protesters

By AMY WAJDA

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The student court cases of CIA Action Committee (CIAAC) members Jerry Jones and Dale McKinley will resume Oct. 16, more than one and a half years after the activists were arrested in anti-CIA protests.

Ruth Dowling, Undergraduate Court chairwoman, said Jones' case would be heard at an open hearing at 6 p.m. in 209 Manning Hall.

McKinley said he requested an open hearing in a meeting last Friday with Graduate Student Attorney General Todd Harrell. "I'm waiting for a reply on that," McKinley said Sunday. "I expect there would be no problem with that."

"I'm not willing to participate in a closed hearing."

Harrell said he could not comment

on specific cases. Police arrested Jones, McKinley and six other committee members April 15, 1988, during a protest of CIA recruitment at University Career Planning and Placement Services (UCPPS), on the second floor of Hanes Hall.

The students lay on the floor of the UCPPS work area for about 30 minutes. They held hands, sang protest hymns, and read and answered questions about the CIA. Police arrested the protesters and carried them out of the building after the students refused UCPPS officials' orders to leave.

One of the eight students graduated in May 1988. The Undergraduate Court convicted five others Sept. 29, 1988, of obstructing the normal operation of the University. The activists were acquitted.

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DTH/Jodi Anderson

Devil in Blue Heaven

Brian Sentowski, a Duke University soccer recruit from Long Island, N.Y., shells peanuts as he

watches the UNC vs. Duke soccer game Sunday afternoon. For complete coverage, see page 10.

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If two people love each other there can be no happy end to it. — Ernest Hemingway