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Moot court team clinches regional win

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The UNC international moot court team argued past Georgetown University to win the mid-Atlantic regional moot court competition in Washington, D.C., last weekend.

Steve Prevaux, a third-year law student and coach of the team, said the competition was a simulation of actual court proceedings with a fictitious case. For the first time in University history, UNC teams won regional rounds in all three court divisions: client counsel-

ing, constitutional court and international court, he said.

The types of cases argued in the international competition are those that would appear before the International Court of Justice, Prevaux said. The UNC team argued a case concerning international environmental law.

The international team, made up of law students Alan LeCroy, Anita Brown, Barron Stroud and Maria Scanga, also won the Third Bust Memorial, awarded for the group's written brief submitted before argu-

ments. "They are one of the most diverse groups of people I've ever worked with," Prevaux said. "They were really fun to work with."

He also said the team was well-balanced.

LeCroy said moot court was very similar to real court cases. "It's arguments before a panel of judges. It's done just like it is in the court ... the judge can break in at any time during your arguments."

The UNC team defeated top-ranked

George Washington University in the semi-finals, and then beat Georgetown in the final round. "It was really satisfying because we lost a close match to Georgetown last year," Prevaux said.

The team had been practicing three nights a week, as well as having individual 30-minute sessions with Prevaux once a week. The team was videotaped so members could analyze their performances, Prevaux said. Professors also helped the team prepare for the competition.

"I'm really proud of them because

they prepared so thoroughly and diligently," Prevaux said. "They exceeded my demands."

The team will advance to a six-day international competition in Washington, beginning March 24. The competition will include the top 10 U.S. teams, which are regional champions, and the top 16 international teams, Prevaux said.

LeCroy said the team was satisfied with the victory. "It was nice to know that our hard work had paid off. I hope we do well in the finals."



Campus News

UNC professor emeritus dies

Roy Kuebler Jr., professor emeritus of biostatistics at UNC, died Tuesday at his Chapel Hill home at the age of 78.

Kuebler served as a UNC faculty member for 14 years and in 1975 was the first recipient of the School of Public Health's Edward G. McGavran Award for excellence in teaching.

Kuebler's professional activities included membership in the American Mathematical Society, the American Public Health Association and the Board of Trustees at Dickinson College. He was a fellow of the American Statistical Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He also received a citation for Distinguished Public Service from Dickinson College in 1966. He was a member of the Sigma Xi, Delta Omega, Tau Kappa Alpha and Omicron Delta Kappa honorary societies. Before coming to UNC in 1956, Kuebler served at Dickinson College as a library assistant from 1933-35, assistant treasurer from 1935-41 and associate professor of mathematics from 1941-55.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Phonathon to fund class gift

From Sunday to Tuesday the Senior class will be holding a phonathon to solicit pledges from all seniors for the class gift.

The class has set a goal of \$325,000. The money will go toward the Class of 1990 Teaching Fellows Program.

The pledges will be tax deductible, with \$300 and \$200 pledges preferred.

Artist to give lecture

As a part of the Nancy and Robin Hanes Visiting Lecture Series, sculptor and environmental artist George Trakas will discuss his works Monday in a free lecture at 5:15 p.m. in 218 Hanes Art Center.

Prize-winning drama performed

Co-sponsored by the Carolina Union and the Black Cultural Center, Charles Fuller's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama "A Soldier's Play" will be presented March 1 at 8 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

The play is set in a Southern army post in 1944 and focuses on the murder of a black sergeant.

Aside from winning a 1985 Pulitzer Prize, the play received the Outer Critics Circle Award and was hailed as one of the 10 best events of the New York theater season.

Tickets, which are \$10 for the general public and \$4 for students, are on sale at the Carolina Union Box Office.

Ensemble gives Musgrave concert

The New Music Ensemble, directed by Roger Hannay, will perform the music of Thea Musgrave March 1 at 8 p.m. in the Hanes Art Center auditorium.

The concert, sponsored by the Department of Music, is free and open to the public.

Joining the ensemble will be guest faculty artists Douglas Crowder, baritone; Terry Rhodes, soprano; and Brooks de Wetter Smith, flute.

Musgrave is a composer, conductor, pianist and teacher of international stature, whose works have contributed significantly to the new music of the second half of the 20th century. Her works that will be performed include "Monologue," "Primavera" and "Chamber Concerto No. 2."

Breast cancer program created

UNC's Lineberger Cancer Research Center has reached its \$1 million goal to create a multidisciplinary breast cancer research program.

The program will offer breast cancer patients treatment by a team of specialists to determine the best approach for each woman, said Joseph Pagano, director of the center.

UNC scientists working at the center already are conducting basic molecular research into the causes of breast cancer and are exploring the role of oncogenes in recurrent disease, Pagano said. The new program will emphasize finding ways to screen women with these new molecular markers.

Another aim of the program will be to improve current screening methods for breast cancer, Pagano said.

The Lineberger fund drive garnered support from 2,100 donors in North Carolina and 29 other states.

Author to discuss 'Black Athena' for panel

By SUSIE KATZ
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The author of the controversial book "Black Athena" will be at UNC today to discuss his book during a program sponsored by the Near Eastern Studies Group and the Program in the Humanities and Human Values.

Martin Bernal, a specialist in the Far East and professor of government at Cornell University since 1972, will face a panel of UNC professors in a discussion of his book that argues that Western scholars have tended to ignore, for largely racist reasons, the influence of Asia and Africa, especially Egypt, on the development of the Greek civilization, and on a broader scale, on the entire Western world.

The members of the UNC faculty who are scheduled to respond to Bernal are John Van Seters, a James A. Gray

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professor of biblical literature in the Department of Religious Studies; Peter Smith, associate professor of classics; and Donald Nonini, associate professor of anthropology.

"I think the work is set in too narrow a framework. There are broader studies which include looking at the whole problem of the historian's use of race as a way of understanding the development of cultures," Van Seters said.

Bernal's work supports the idea of a cultural diffusion from Egypt, an Afri-

can or "black" culture, to Greece, and furthermore, to the entire Western civilization, Van Seters said. He said Bernal accused scholars of a racial bias because they ignored the idea that western culture was indebted to black culture for its influence.

"I suggest the whole study has had racial motivations, but his data is too selective to be polemical. I could pick out all sorts of examples with just the opposite bias."

Smith said that Bernal's book, pub-

lished in 1987, says "we should overturn longstanding opinion in the field and recognize ancient Egypt as a crucial source in Greece's development."

Bernal has spoken on "Black Athena" at other universities, Smith said. Papers about Bernal's work by classicists and archaeologists were published collectively in a journal, "Arethusa," by the classics department at the State University of New York at Buffalo, he said.

Smith said "Black Athena" was the first volume in what is expected to be a four volume work. This first volume documents the history of attitudes toward antiquity, the later volumes are predicted to hold evidence of what Bernal saw actually was happening in the ancient world, Smith said.

Nonini said he would speak on specific anthropological issues. "Though I'm not a classicist, speaking as an

anthropologist, I am struck by the intellectual importance of (Bernal's) argument, by his challenge to Western racism and its impact on scholarship. I suspect we have a masterpiece."

Professor Jack Sasson, chairman of the Department of Religious Studies and one of the organizers of today's discussion, said the discussion should be lively. "The reason (the book) is so successful is that the truth of what (Bernal) says becomes less interesting than the reaction it evokes."

The seminar is designed for faculty members and graduate students. Others interested in attending will be welcome, as space permits. Bernal is scheduled to begin the discussion at 2 p.m. Anyone interested in attending should call the Humanities Program office at 962-1106.

Rail system could link Triangle area

By DOUG FERGUSON
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Something new may be on the horizon to bring relief to weary Triangle area commuters.

Several organizations, including environmental groups and local governments, are advocating the development of a light rail system linking Triangle cities and suburbs. The system could possibly provide an alternative to more than \$1 billion in road projects that have been planned for the area.

Monetary savings aren't the only concern, however. Environmental groups stress that a light rail system would prevent an increase in air and water pollution that might come with the development of new roads. Greg Gangi, spokesman for the Triangle Network for Transportation, said he was primarily concerned with the positive environmental impact that a light rail system might have.

"Many people may not realize it, but the Triangle area has been in violation of federal clean air standards on several occasions. Southern cities have severe ozone problems which result from a combination of ultra-violet rays and auto emissions."

Gangi said he thought a light rail system would be beneficial in reducing the ozone pollution in this area. By reducing the number of automobiles on the roads, a light rail system would not only decrease auto emissions, but it would protect the area's watersheds as well, he said.

"The outer loops that are being planned by the DOT will cross the feeder streams of several vital watersheds in this area."

According to Save the Water, a local environmental group, highways now planned by the DOT will run through watersheds into the Eno River and Falls Lake areas. These watersheds are a major source of drinking water for the Raleigh and Durham areas, but despite this, Gangi said the DOT had not been responsive to ideas about a light rail system.

"All the DOT does is to think of moving a car from point A to point B. The deck is really stacked against public transportation here because the DOT expects it to pay for itself. Highways aren't expected to pay for themselves."

Senior citizens and students would benefit from a light rail system, Gangi said. The system would provide senior citizens with an alternate to driving on often dangerous highways and interstates. Furthermore, by connecting universities with the Research Triangle Park and area cities, a light rail system

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would make it easier for students to participate in internships and to take courses not offered at their schools.

Mark Nielson, manager of Duke University's Transportation Department agreed.

"Right now, we already have the Blue Line (bus that runs between Duke and Chapel Hill), but a light rail system would definitely make it even easier for students to travel around the area. I don't see how a light rail system in this area could be anything but positive."

Charlotte, an area notorious for its traffic problems, is seriously considering implementing a light rail system. Joe Lesch, member of the Charlotte Planning Commission, is conducting land use studies to determine the feasibility of a light rail system. Several existing rail corridors are being examined to determine whether they could support light rail service.

"Currently we are looking at three existing rail corridors for use in a light rail system, but we are still early in the planning stages. Cost is the biggest factor."

Lesch said if a light rail system were to be developed, the city would count on the Urban Mass Transit Association for funding. However, before approval of funding can come through, Charlotte must prove that the ridership is there, Lesch said.

"Areas of high density development are needed to maintain a successful light rail program. However, we have to plan for the long term. If we don't move on this now, we may miss out on some valuable opportunities."

Gangi also said planning was important. Because of the rapid growth in the Triangle, the potential for this area to support light rail is here. If the DOT was to cooperate, light rail would be possible within five years.

"Light rail systems should precede demand, like the highways being built in eastern North Carolina in anticipation of higher traffic. People need to change their ways of thinking."

DOT officials declined comment.



Dog's day

Sophomores Tasa Lefler, Fran Perry, Meredith Bass and Jimmy Sposato spend quality time playing with Whiskey the puppy tied up outside Davis Library Thursday afternoon.

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Mother allegedly smothers her 6-month-old hospitalized son

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Wanda Black of Red Springs is being held at the Orange County Jail under a \$10,000 Secured Bond for first-degree attempted murder of her six-month-old son, Angus.

Black, 25, of 114 Hackett Road, was charged Friday for attempting to smother her son during his stay at North Carolina Memorial Hospital, said Carl Fox, district attorney. The alleged incident took place Feb. 9. Angus was a patient in the hospital's pediatric intensive care unit for breathing abnormalities.

Angus was discharged from the hospital Wednesday, said Michael Wagoner, hospital spokesman.

Fox said he was not sure what the motives were or if there were any for Black's alleged attempt to smother her son.

Information from the videotape of Black's visit to her son's room led to her arrest on Feb. 16. The monitoring device, which charted Angus' breath-

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ing, videotaped the visit. "Part of the monitoring system, which are not in all the rooms, used for the baby's breathing abnormality and heart beat included a camera that detected the baby's position," Wagoner said.

Wagoner said Black visited her son frequently. She was alone during her visit with Angus when an alarm alerted the nursing staff that Angus was experiencing irregular breathing patterns. No one at the time suspected Black had anything to do with the sounding of her son's monitor alarm.

Wagoner said because of patient

confidentiality, information could not be released if the child suffered any additional harm from the incident on Feb. 9.

Denise Shaffer, service director of Orange County Department of Social Services, said she could not discuss the Black case because of confidentiality laws to which the department complied. Shaffer did say if any children are found to be in immediate risk of child abuse, neglect or any other potential harm, the social services intervenes by placing them with relatives or in foster homes. "When we receive a referral of a child in harm, we access."

Black lost custody of her son and two other small children after her arrest.

The hospital's security office is handling the investigation, said Jane Cousins, Chapel Hill Police Department planner. Black's first court appearance will be on Monday. Black was appointed a public defendant, and the court hearing is scheduled for March 9.

Income tax assistance program provides services for free

By JENNIFER DICKENS
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Those who have yet to file their taxes and would like help doing so can turn to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), a division of the Orange County Department on Aging, which is sponsoring the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA).

"The services of VITA are geared toward those of low or moderate income who cannot afford to have their taxes done," Terri Tyson, director of RSVP, said. "However, we do offer our services to anyone."

VITA is offering its services throughout Orange County in the following locations:

■ the Chapel Hill Public Library on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

■ the Carrboro Senior Center inside the Arts Center on Thursdays;

■ and the Hillsborough Senior Center on Monday and Friday afternoons.

Tyson said although no appointment was necessary at the Chapel Hill location, appointments were necessary in Carrboro and Hillsborough. Interested residents may make appointments by calling the RSVP office.

In time, RSVP plans to expand its services in order to accommodate more residents. "In mid-March we also plan to offer help at University Mall in conjunction with UNC law students,"

Tyson said. "The students will help out in the mornings, and RSVP will continue to work in the afternoons and evenings. This way we will be able to help more people."

This year the program has 35 assistants, all of whom are volunteers who have been trained by the Internal Revenue Service, Tyson said. "Our services, however, are not meant for people with complicated taxes. If they are too complicated, the volunteers will simply explain that they cannot help."

Winifer Andresen, a volunteer from the Chapel Hill Public Library location, said she became interested in the program because she had done work

related to accounting and was eager to learn how to help with taxes.

Andresen went through the required week of training and passed the final test. "The session was a very good session. The lady who taught it was excellent. I learned a lot."

Andresen said her involvement in the program was a rewarding experience. "I like it because it's very interesting. I find it a privilege to be able to help."

RSVP has coordinated and sponsored this event for the past 14 years. "Last year we helped over 450 people in Orange County," Tyson said. "Every year we have a good response, but we

still want to get the word out as much as we can.

"The service is worthwhile, and I hope more people can take advantage of it. The service, although offered by senior citizens, is available to people of all ages."

This year RSVP has added some Spanish-speaking assistants. "In order to help those who do not speak English, we now will have Spanish-speaking assistants available on several Saturdays at the Chapel Hill Library," Tyson said.

Services will continue through April 12 in Carrboro, April 13 in Hillsborough and April 14 in Chapel Hill.