

Minority Students Questioned

CHAPEL HILL — Questioning minority students from all over North Carolina who have some interest in the study of law have a clearer conception of the profession and how to plan the future after attending a special conference arranged recently by the Student Bar Association (SBA) at the University of North Carolina Law School here.

The practical aspects of gaining admittance to law schools such as Law School Admission Test scores, helpful undergraduate curricula and special programs available were discussed with the nearly 100 black students who attended the day-long program.

Members of the UNC Law School faculty and of the SBA explained the many points information the inquiring students needed to have answered in order to make their determinations about law study.

"These discussions related to admission to law school in general and were not directed solely to the UNC Law School," Robin Britt of Asheville, chairman of SBA's Recruitment Committee, emphasized.

The students were encouraged to organize Pre-Law Clubs on the campuses of their undergraduate schools. These clubs, Britt explained, serve as a useful medium of communication for those schools which already have them and make it easier to coordinate the dissemination of information about opportunities for minority students to study law.

One highlight of the conference, a panel discussion on "The Role of the Black Lawyer in the Community," included Frank Vallance Jr., of Warrenton, outgoing president of the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers; Charles Becton, a Chapel Hill attorney; John Scott of the University of Virginia's admissions office; and Richard Epps of Wilmington, president of the UNC Student Body at Chapel Hill.

Charles E. Daye of the Law School faculty, who was the panel moderator, noted that there is no unanimity of definition as to the role of the black lawyer. Several law schools now have courses that apply to black problems, he said.

"Your problems," Daye stated, "may be not so change the legal system but to change society."

"We have to fight for equality on all fronts," Becton told the students. "Your job will be to see that justice is done."

Watching good lawyers in action are learning examples for students, according to Becton, and he stressed specialization.

Vallance offered the realistic INFORMATION PLEASE

More than 50 billion pieces of information have been radiobed back to earth by Mariner 9, the first spacecraft to orbit Mars, National Geographic says.

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opinion that "the black lawyer has to be an expert at surviving."

"Don't assume that just because you are a black lawyer that the blacks will come to you," he cautioned. "The black community's demands on the black lawyer are greater than those on the white lawyer. Overall, the black lawyer should do everything he can to advance the cause of his race."

Recent figures show that there are about 4,000 black lawyers in the nation, with only one black lawyer to every 7,000 citizens in the southern states.

"There aren't any really 'good' courses in law, only hard courses that make you think," UNC Law Prof. Dan Dobbs told one group of students. "Maybe you will want to look for those hard courses in your colleges to help in your preparation for law school. You can learn anything when you get the underlying skills learned in law."

Prof. Dobbs outlined the first year of law study which includes courses in torts, contracts, property, criminal law and procedure, and civil procedure. In the second and third years the student may select all electives.

Two black coeds, Janice Mills of Reidsville, and Delores Jones of Tarboro, juniors at UNC-Chapel Hill who attended the weekend conference, hope to enter law study and to enter politics eventually. Both believe UNC's 3.6 admission requirement is a "little high for black people."

"It's not so much a hassle to make a 3.6 grade average," Janice said, "but sometimes the personal and family problems can get in the way." She is maintaining a 3.6 average.

Some of the students expressed concern over the disadvantage of not coming from an academic background.

"If you're willing to devote all your time to academics you can make it," Janice said, "but others prefer broader dimensions in their life patterns."

Student Body President Epps urged the students to become involved in community activities.

"Let the black people know you are concerned about their economics," he said.



North Carolina farmers grow a variety of vegetable crops, and much of the production is displayed appetizingly and sold at streetside or roadside stands, like this one in

Fayetteville. Another method of marketing that is growing in popularity is that which allows the customer to harvest what she buys.

Know Dependency Rules

GREENSBORO — The Internal Revenue Service today advised divorced or separated parents to become acquainted with the dependency rules before they claim a child as a dependent on Federal income tax returns.

Robert LeBaube, Acting District Director of Internal Revenue, pointed out that misunderstanding of the dependency rules, particularly on the part of divorced or separated parents, is a recurring issue in IRS audits.

Generally, the parent with custody of the child for the greater part of the year is entitled to the dependency deduction. There may be exceptions to this rule, depending on the terms of the decree and the amount contributed to the child's support by the parent who does not have custody, LeBaube said.

However, a parent may not claim the exemption if someone else provides over half the child's support for the year, said LeBaube.

North Carolina taxpayers can stop in at an IRS office for advice on the dependency exemption or send a post card to the IRS district office and ask for a free copy of IRS Publication 501, "Your Exemptions and Exemptions for Dependents."

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Australia numbers more than 120 varieties of marsupials among some 230 species of mammals, National Geographic says.

People Day Set

Governor Jim Holshouser will hold his second monthly "People's Day" on Friday, March 9 at the State Capitol.

The program, designed to let citizens take their concerns personally to the Governor as a first-come, first-served basis, was inaugurated February 9.

"I was extremely pleased with the success of our first People's Day," the Governor said today. "It convinced me that this program will be one of the most important that I will undertake during my administration."

During a five-hour period, Governor Holshouser met with 67 people. Approximately 150 North Carolinians from all parts of the State turned out to see the Governor, but some had to be turned away because of lack of time.

"The people with whom I met deeply impressed me with their sincere concerns and problems involving various state government responsibilities," the Governor said. "Many of those I was unable to see left written messages outlining the matters which they wished to discuss with me."

"We have referred the various matters brought to me personally and in written messages for follow-up to the appropriate agencies. We hope to have answers for many of these people soon."

"I also am hopeful," the Governor added, "that many of the people who were unable to meet with me on the first People's Day can return March 9 and will arrive early in the morning to be assured of a place in the schedule."

"People's Day No. 2" will follow the exact format of the first event. The Governor will be available for individual interviews in his Capitol office from 10:00 a.m. until noon and from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

No advance appointments will be taken. As each person arrives at the Capitol, he will be given a number designating his place in line to see the Governor.

As each person's number is called, he will be asked to move into the Governor's reception office, and from there will go into the Governor's office for the meeting. Each meeting will be in private and will be limited to five minutes.

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