

## Faye Wattleton UNC-Ch. Speaker

CHAPEL HILL—Faye Wattleton, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. and outspoken proponent of reproductive freedom, spoke at 8 p.m. Monday in Memorial Hall on the UNC campus. The lecture, titled "Equality, Justice, and Liberty: America's Unfinished Agenda," is sponsored by the Carolina Union Forum Committee.

Planned Parenthood Federation was founded by Margaret Sanger, who championed women's right to voluntary childbearing, and is regarded by most Americans as a provider of gynecological services and birth control counseling. The non-profit health-care organization serves millions of women annually at clinics throughout the country.

The first woman to head the PFFA since Sanger, Wattleton holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from Ohio State University and a master's degree in maternal and infant care, with certification as a nurse-midwife, from Columbia University.

It was while working as a nurse in Harlem Hospital and as a public health administrator that she first saw the desperation and suffering that resulted from unintended pregnancies and illegal, unsafe abortions. These experiences helped establish her stated commitment to assuring that all individuals—particularly the poor and the young—have access to the full range of reproductive health options.



**PERFECT ATTENDANCE** — During the recent Founders' Day celebration the following members of the Alpha Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. were honored for perfect attendance. Seated: Mary B. Aldrich, Lorraine S. Hinton, M. Lloydine Perry, Bessie S. Lewis, Gale J. Isaacs, Myra B. Smith, Decenia Hammond, and Barbara T. Flood, president. Standing: Elizabeth S.

Chance, Ruth L. Woodson, Irene T. Lane, Hazel A. Sanders, Dolores W. Revis, Shirley S. Newkirk, Lucy B. Powell, Margaret T. Hargrove, Mary L. Canty, and Freda B. Shipman, presenter of certificates. Not pictured are Lillian C. Brown and Thelma W. Wall.

## Judge Orders Officer Out Of Court

HACKENSACK, N.J. (AP)—The trial of a Teaneck policeman was thrown into turmoil last week when a paralyzed officer was wheeled into the courtroom while the defendant

was on the stand. Superior Court Judge Charles R. DiGirolamo was furious that orders prohibiting anyone from entering during testimony were violated.

After sending the jury home for the day, DiGirolamo ruled that state police would take over from the Bergen County sheriff's officers and provide security outside the trial.

Teaneck police officer Gary Spath, 31, who is white, is accused of reckless manslaughter in the April 10, 1990, shooting of black teenager Phillip Pannell of River Edge.

Chief Prosecutor Glenn Goldberg unsuccessfully argued a motion he'd made in August—that the trial be moved to another county because Bergen County Sheriff Jack Terhune is a former Teaneck police lieutenant and Spath's friend.

But at a news conference afterward, Undersheriff Jay Albert denied there was any impropriety.

"The sheriff's department is a neutral party in this trial," he said. "Any implication that this department is trying to influence the outcome of the trial is absurd."

The disruption came during Spath's sixth hour of questioning by Goldberg.

Steven McDonald, a former New York City police officer, was wheeled into the court in an elaborate wheelchair with life support equipment and chin-operated controls.

A teenager shot McDonald in 1986, paralyzing him from the neck down after the officer approached the suspect in Central Park and questioned him about stealing bicycles.

Two attendants wheeled McDonald down an aisle and placed him directly behind the defense table. The two attendants—one clutching blue rosary beads—sat down next to Ms. Nancy Spath and a family priest.

Seeing McDonald, Spath put his face in his hands, sniffed and wiped tears from his eyes. Goldberg asked two more questions, then was handed a note by one of his assistants.

Goldberg approached DiGirolamo, who ordered jurors out of the courtroom and then exploded in anger.

"He has no right to be brought into the courtroom after we started this morning session," DiGirolamo shouted, red faced. "It is a terrible thing that has been done. A terrible thing."

Security has been tight at the trial. Each family is given six passes. Spectators began lining up for the 58 available seats about 7 a.m.

No one is allowed to enter the courtroom after the judge takes the bench.

DiGirolamo said he sympathized with McDonald's tragic injury, but blasted the sheriff's officer for admitting him while Spath was on the stand, and while dozens of other people were denied entry because the courtroom was full.

"Being brought in during cross-examination, it's obvious why he is here," DiGirolamo said. "That to me is mind-boggling."

Outside the courtroom, reporters asked McDonald why he showed up. "Concern, that's all," he said.

McDonald had offered his prayers for Spath in a greeting card in 1990, and had said he wanted to attend the trial, said defense attorney Robert Galantucci.

"I told him a family pass would be provided, if necessary," Galantucci said. "Certainly the timing couldn't have been worse."

The victim's mother, Thelma Pannell, said, "All of this today is a setup. This man in the wheelchair is a hero. Spath, he's just a cold-blooded killer."

Goldberg protested earlier about

sheriff's officers. On Jan. 17, Melvin DeBerry was handcuffed and arrested outside the courtroom for a probation violation after he testified for the prosecution.

Spath contends he shot Pannell, 16, because the youth had his hand on a gun in his coat pocket and was about to shoot him. The state argues Pannell's hands were raised in surrender.

The shooting touched off a night of violence in Teaneck, a racially mixed suburb 13 miles northeast of New York City.

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