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LAW DAY ACTIVITIES

The Law Day Committee of the Student Bar Association announces its annual Law Week activities to be held March 19 to 21, 1987. A student debate on Surrogate Parenting and the Ernest Fullwood Moot Court Competition are of special note. The debate panel will be composed of a law student from NCCU, UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke. The moderator will be Attorney Margaret McCreary from Durham.

The Ernest Fullwood Moot Court Competition is named in honor of a former NCCU Professor who during his tenure promoted moot court competitions. This year's competition will be open to third year students and members of the Moot Court Board. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning team. We look forward to a lively debate and spirited oral advocacy.

BANQUET SPEAKER: The Honorable Jacqueline Morris-Goodson

Law Week will culminate in a banquet and dance. The Law Day Committee is honored to have Judge Jacqueline Morris-Goodson as its speaker at the annual Law Day Banquet. Judge Morris-Goodson presently presides over the Fifth Judicial District Court which covers New Hanover and Pender counties. Judge Morris-Goodson received both her undergraduate and law degrees from North Carolina Central University. She is a member of the Board of Governors of the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers, and she serves on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys. Judge Morris-Goodson is also a member and active participant in various national and state bar associations.

BANQUET TICKETS

This year's banquet will be held at the Sheraton University Center on Morreene Road in Durham. The banquet will be preceded by a pool-side fashion show at the hotel. The fashion show begins at 6:00 p.m. Alumni and friends may attend the fashion show, banquet and dance for \$40.00 per couple or \$25.00 per person. A souvenir booklet will be presented to all persons who attend the banquet. The booklet is an excellent way to advertise your business and to salute the Law Day Committee. Advertisements for the Law Day Souvenir Booklet may be purchased as follows:

Patron's List	\$ 15.00
Business Card	30.00
Quarter Page	55.00
Half Page	70.00
Full Page	110.00

If you are interested in participating in the Law Week activities, in purchasing tickets or in placing an advertisement in the souvenir booklet, contact the Law Day Committee.

All checks should be made payable to the Law Day Committee.

Students, alumni, and friends are welcomed and encouraged to attend the Law Week activities.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, March 19, 1987

	Reception
4:30 p.m.	Debate: Surrogate Parenting — Moot Court Room
6:30 p.m.	Ernest Fullwood Moot Court Finals — Moot Court Room
8:00 p.m.	Faculty/Student Basketball Game — Student Athletic Complex

Friday, March 20, 1987

3:00 p.m.	Awards Ceremony — Moot Court Room
4:30 p.m.	Variety Show — Law School Basement
9:00 p.m.	Student/Alumni Party — (Location to be announced)

Saturday, March 21, 1987

9:00 a.m.	Golf Tournament — Hillandale Golf Course (Entry Fee — \$35.00)
1:00 p.m.	Alumni Association Meeting — Moot Court Room
6:30 p.m.	Fashion Show — Sheraton University Center (Poolside)
7:30 p.m.	Banquet — Sheraton Ballroom Dance (Immediately following the banquet)

DEAN WESTERFIELD MEETS OUR ALUMNI

During the Fall, 1986 semester, Dean Louis Westerfield travelled to Raleigh, Henderson and Asheville to meet with alumni of the Law School. The Dean was inspired by the enthusiasm of the alumni that he met. As a result of these meetings, Dean Westerfield has made the reactivation of the Alumni Association one of his top priorities.

At each alumni meeting, the Dean was able to talk about his plans for the Law School and to elicit helpful suggestions to improve its image and reputation. Dean Westerfield indicated that he was "impressed with the accomplishments of the alumni. Graduates of the Law School have had a profound impact in North Carolina and have provided competent legal services to many communities that were previously under-served. Our alumni are the best advertisement of the value of the North Carolina Central University School of Law."

The Dean plans to meet with alumni in Wilmington, Durham, Greensboro, Charlotte and the Eastern region of North Carolina during the Spring, 1987 semester. The Law School is indebted to Attorneys Nathaniel Currie, Eugene Ellison and Frank Ballance for spearheading the Fall alumni meetings.

The Dean encourages all alumni to meet with him at the Law School on March 21, 1987 at 1:00 p.m. to officially revive the Law School Alumni Association. For more information about this meeting contact Associate Dean Irving Joyner or Professor Mark Morris at the Law School.

TRIAL PRACTICE TAPES DONATED

The law firm of Thorp, Fuller and Slifkin (Raleigh) has donated the "Winning at Trial" video trial practice tapes to the Law School. This tape series was prepared by the National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA) and has a market value of \$2500.00. The "Winning at Trial" video tapes are hailed nationally as the best teaching tool for aspiring trial advocates that is available on the market.

The video tape series will be used primarily in the trial practice classes, clinical litigation classes and for continuing legal education programs.

The contributors, William Thorp, James Fuller and Anne Slifkin, have been associated with the NITA program (as faculty members) since its inception. Attorney Fuller teaches a Civil Rights Litigation class at the Law School. Thorp, Fuller and Slifkin are called upon regularly to conduct continuing legal education and training programs for lawyers across the country and to lecture for the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers.

"We appreciate the significant contribution to the Law School and thank Attorneys Thorp, Fuller and Slifkin for this display of confidence in the Law School and our program," says Dean Louis Westerfield.

CLINIC GRANT

The Clinical Legal Education Program has received a grant in the amount of \$19,500 from the U.S. Department of Education to enhance the supervision of clinic students enrolled in Civil Litigation Clinic. According to T. M. Ringer, Clinical Director, the grant will be used to employ supervising attorneys for the 1987 summer session of Civil Litigation Clinic. The supervising attorneys will assist and advise third-year law students in representing clients in a variety of civil cases.

The purpose of the program is to provide students with "hands on" experience in litigating civil cases under the close supervision of experienced practitioners. Students gain experience in developing various litigation skills including client interviewing, fact investigation, drafting, counselling, negotiating, motion practice and discovery.

Students will also represent clients in court procedures and in administrative hearings. All students will be certified under the Rules Governing the Practical Training of Law Students. The Civil Litigation Clinic will run from June 1st to August 7th.

The grant proposal was prepared by Prof. Judith Kincaid, Associate Dean Irving Joyner and Professor Ringer, who will serve as the Project Director.

THE FIRST ANNUAL MINORITY JOB FAIR

North Carolina Central University School of Law, in conjunction with eleven law schools from South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia, sponsored the first annual Southern Law Schools Minority Job Fair. NCCU was honored to host the job fair which was held Saturday, November 15, 1986. The event was coordinated by Placement Director Glenn Adams.

The Fair was divided into two parts. In the morning, employers presented general information about the types of law handled by their firms or organizations. In the afternoon, employers with specific positions to fill conducted individual interviews while others continued to speak with groups of students interested in establishing points of contact. The firms and organizations were not allowed to prescreen resumes. The twenty-two employers who participated in the Fair represented a cross section of legal employers. The Benefits Review Board, United States Department of Agriculture, District of Columbia Public Defender Services, the law firms of Kilpatrick & Cody; Lewis, White & Clay; and Epstein, Becker, Borsody & Green, the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc., and North Louisiana Legal Assistance Corporation were among the employers present.

Approximately forty-five students from the various law schools were interviewed at the Fair, with many of the students from Central receiving offers of employment. The students enthusiastically endorsed the Fair and encouraged the placement directors to continue the Fair in the future.

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW'S INSURANCE POLICY

It's bar time, again. The administration, faculty and students are gearing up to tackle the 1987 bar examination. Together, we have pooled our efforts to enhance our bar passage rate and have nicknamed that effort "The Insurance Policy."

The Policy has two major components. The first component includes seminars and lectures concerning the bar examination. The guest speaker at the first seminar was Attorney Eric Michaux, the current chairman of the North Carolina Bar Examiners. A large contingent of students listened intently as Attorney Michaux spoke and answered questions about the North Carolina Bar Examination. We are currently contacting alumni and friends to participate in future seminars.

The second component includes classroom sessions conducted every Wednesday. Faculty members prepare and lecture on subjects covered on the multistate bar examinations. After the lectures, the students study the course materials and take diagnostic tests. The diagnostic tests allow the students to analyze their strengths and weaknesses in various subject areas.

The administration and faculty are encouraged by the high level of student participation. With continued participation we believe our bar passage rate in 1987 will exceed the 71% rate we achieved on the July 1986 bar.

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Dean Louis Westerfield has completed his administrative and teaching teams by making the following appointments effective July 1, 1987: Acting Associate Dean Irving Joyner to Associate Dean; Acting Assistant Dean Janice Mills to Assistant Dean; Acting Librarian Deborah Jefferies '76 to Librarian; Visiting Professor Allyson Duncan to Assistant Professor; Assistant Professor Mark Morris '82 to Acting Assistant Dean for the Evening Program.

FOCUS ON THE FACULTY

Professor John Calmore will publish two articles this spring: "North Carolina's Retreat from Fair Housing: A Critical Examination of North Carolina Human Relations Council v. Weaver" will appear in the next issue of the NCCU Law Journal. "Is Fair Housing Obscuring The Need To Address Low Income Housing Issues?" will appear in Point of View which is published by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation.

Associate Dean Irving Joyner was selected by the Wake Forest Law School's Black Law Students Association (BLSA) as one of the honorees at its annual scholarship banquet on February 21, 1987 in Winston-Salem. Among the other honorees was Nelson Mandela, imprisoned founder of the African National Congress in South Africa. Dean Joyner was also reappointed to the North Carolina Inmate Grievance Commission by Governor Jim Martin.

Several faculty members have negotiated book contracts with Michie and Harrison Publishing Companies. Professor Adrienne Fox will be writing a manual on the admissibility of evidence in North Carolina; Associate Dean Joyner will be writing in the area of criminal procedure; Professor Mark Morris and former Dean Charles E. Daye are negotiating on a book on North Carolina tort law.

Professor T. Mdogana Ringer participated in the Poverty Law Conference held at Duke Law School on February 2-9, 1987. He spoke on "How Law Schools Can Help," a panel discussion on suggestions from directors of law school clinical programs on how to involve law students in the community.

VISIT BY PROFESSOR VERNON

Professor David Vernon of the University of Iowa School of Law will visit the law school on March 12 and 13. Professor Vernon is former Dean at Iowa, past president of the American Association of Law Schools (AALS) and current editor of the Journal of Legal Education. During his visit, Professor Vernon will lead colloquiums on Scholarship and on Classroom Teaching.

PLOWSHARE CENTER

Third-year student Alan McSureley has taken money he won fighting for social causes and turned it into a center he hopes will continue the work. On Jan. 11, 1987, he and his wife, Holly A. Swain, dedicated a renovated house on Main Street in Carrboro, North Carolina as the Plowshare Center, a home for action-oriented groups.

McSureley was using about \$100,000 of a settlement he received for violation of his constitutional rights and invasion of privacy. In 1967, McSureley was in eastern Kentucky working with federal antipoverty programs. Two years later while organizing political groups in Kentucky to work for better living conditions and schools, he was charged with attempting to overthrow the government. McSureley's case centered on the search of his home and the seizure of papers found during the search. The government settled the suit in 1983.

The Plowshare Center will house the activist Rainbow Coalition of Conscience, the Christic Institute-South, a public-interest law firm, and the Agricultural Resources Center, a private, non-profit educational organization which specializes in public education on pesticides.

BASKETBALL TEAM

The Law School's basketball team participated in the Southeastern Law School Basketball Tournament held in Gainesville, Florida on February 20-23. The team placed second, losing in over-time to the host school, University of Florida. Members of the team were Charles Blackmon, Fred Whitfield, Marvin Williams, Steve Redding, Walter Dukes, Delton Green, Percy Beauford, Tommy Bell, Ira Foster, Tonnie Villianes.

ALUMNI

Tyrone Avent '85 has opened an office in Edgecomb County for the general practice of law.

Brenda Baldwin '86 has been hired by the Interstate Commerce Commission as an attorney in its Litigation section. She is also a consultant to the National Bar Association.

John Banks '84 has joined the firm of Michaux and Michaux in Durham, North Carolina.

Donald Best '75 has been elected to the Board of Directors of East Central Community Legal Services.

Patricia Boyle '85, who has an M.A. in History in addition to her law degree, is teaching courses in Economics and Legal and Political Systems at Athens Drive High School in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Sam Briegel '86 is practicing law with a firm in Franklin, North Carolina.

Harry C. Brown, Sr. '76 was elected first Black probate judge in South Carolina.

Tod Burke '86 returned home to Winston-Salem to work with the Forsythe County District Attorney's Office. Burke was previously employed with the Lenior County D. A.'s office.

Michael Duane '86 is clerking for the Honorable Clifton E. Johnson '68 of the North Carolina Court of Appeals. He is replacing Susan Iddings '84 who has accepted a position as staff attorney with the Legislative Drafting Division of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Anita Earp '86 has accepted a position as a staff attorney with Ahoskie Legal Services of the Coastal Plains.

Roberta L. Edwards '85 has joined the Greenville, North Carolina firm of Dixon, Duffus and Doub.

George Givens '83 is a staff attorney with the Research Division of the North Carolina General Assembly.

James P. Green, Jr. '86 has accepted a position as staff attorney with East Central Community Legal Services.

Thomas Hardaway '82 begins his first term as a State Representative from the 7th House District. He replaces Attorney Frank Ballance '65.

Celestine Hunter Hightower '84 is an associate with the law firm of Gregory Homer '77. Kenneth Emanuel '71 is also with the firm.

Sonja Hole '85 and Paul Biggs '85 have opened an office for the general practice of law in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Nancy McKenzie Kizer '84 is teaching a course entitled Law for the Layman at Durham Technical Institute in the Evening College.

Huey B. Marshall '83 accepted a position as attorney for the Department of Social Services in Cabarrus County.

Lawrence McSwain '79 is a district court judge in Guilford County.

Susan McFadden Morris '86 is clerking for civil superior court judge Michael J. O'Melia in Phoenix, Arizona.

Harvey Raynor, III '80 has been appointed as an attorney for Hyde County.

Veda Shamsid-Deen '86 has been hired by the Legal Department of the Montgomery County Department of Parks and recently completed a consulting position with the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE).

Belinda Smith '85 has been hired as a hearing officer and investigator with the North Carolina Alcohol Beverage Control Board. Attorney Smith was previously in private practice in Durham.

Denise Wison Taylor '75 is employed as assistant general counsel in the Department of Employment Services in Washington, D.C.

Richard Toomes '83 was elected district court judge in Asheboro, North Carolina. His former partner, Richard Elmore '82 continues to practice law in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Anita Quigless '86 is an assistant district attorney in Wake County.

Jackson Seth Whipper '84 is a municipal court judge in Charleston, North Carolina.

Leslie Wickham '83 has opened a partnership with Jimmy Sharpe '83 and Rudy Edwards in Durham, North Carolina.

William L. Parks '72 is a new member of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Travel and Tourism.

Cassandra I. Stroud '85 is a staff attorney for Tidewater Legal Aid Society, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Leonard L. Brown, Jr. '77 is an assistant city attorney in Chesapeake, Virginia.

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