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Evaluations This Week:
Last Day of Class is Tuesday!

It is hard to believe that Tuesday is the last day of classes for the Fall 2002 semester! As professors finish their last days of class this Monday and Tuesday, that twice a year ritual known as “evaluations” will be taking place.

A standard evaluation process has been employed by the Law School for many years. The evaluations consist of two forms, one objective (using an answer sheet) and one subjective (designed more for the law school teaching experience). The data from the evaluations is compiled by the Office of Research, Evaluation and Planning on the NCCU campus.

Professors are given the opportunity to review the evaluation data and to read comments. All evaluations are confidential and are administered by NCCU Law administrators and staff.

Students can evaluate classes that are not meeting anymore by going to the front desk and filling out the necessary materials. A list of course numbers is available at the front desk.

Forms A and B: look familiar?

Ms. Self, Law School Registrar, looks over the evaluation materials.
Email news for The Weekly to Carol Stanley, Editor, at cstanley@wpo.nccu.edu.

NALSA Speaker Series II

Celebrating American Indian History month, the Native American Law Student Association (NALSA) hosted Judge Gary Locklear, District 16B Superior Court Judge, on Tues., Nov. 26, 2002.

Judge Gary Locklear graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1976. Following undergraduate study, he continued at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law. Judge Locklear entertained with stories ranging from his experiences taking the bar to various interesting cases over which he presided. He gave anecdotal advice regarding study habits and stressing the importance of being prepared each time court appearances are required. Judge Locklear briefly spoke about his role in the Revels case.

Judge Locklear’s family is taking the legal profession by storm. His daughter Brooke is a second year law student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and his niece is a first year law student at the North Carolina Central University School of Law.

STUDENTS:

A few time management strategy tips (mostly from http://gradschool.about.com/library/weekly/aa121100a.htm):

...Another way to take control [of your schedule] is to get more done by using your time more effectively.

Make use of wasted time. Carry pocket work, something that you can do while waiting. For example, while waiting for a ride, have flash cards to study. Ten minutes here, fifteen there; it adds up. Plus, cognitive psychology and memory research has shown that we can recall more information if we work and study in short periods rather than long ones, so you just might learn more!

Use a "to-do" list. Write in the dates of your finals, your break-down of what days you need to concentrate on what outlines, and then chores (like laundry!), and other tasks (e.g., eating!). Prioritize the items. Place all high priority tasks first. Regularly stop and ask yourself, "what is the best use of my time right now? What needs to get done now?" Then, do that task.

Schedule time for breaks. You can't study if you're fried. Take a 15-20 minute break every once in a while to stretch your legs, or get something to eat. Go for a short walk; the exercise will wake you up and sharpen your thinking. Plus a quiet walk is like meditation. It gives you a chance to work out problems, think, or just veg-out.

SCHOOL OF LAW SPOTLIGHT ... Professor Hyman!

Wilton B. Hyman was born in Laurinburg, North Carolina. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, graduating with a B.A. in political science in 1989. He graduated cum laude from the North Carolina Central University school of law in 1992, where he was a member of the Law Journal.

After receiving his J.D., he attended the University of Florida School of Law Graduate Tax Program in Gainesville, Florida, where he received a Master's of Law in Taxation in July 1993.


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Professor Hyman is a grad of the NCCU School of Law.