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# The Weekly

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## Upcoming Schedule:

Mon., Jan. 13, 5pm: 3L  
Class meeting, Moot  
Courtroom

Thurs., Jan. 16, 5pm:  
ACLU Interest Meeting,  
Room 200

Mon., Jan. 20: NO  
CLASS—MARTIN LUTHER  
KING HOLIDAY

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**STUDENTS:** Student Directories (with the orange cover) have been made available for all students. See Ms. Powell (at the front desk) if you have not picked one up and want one.

**EVERYONE:** Note Spring 2003 Library hours, now posted.

## Graduation Speaker Announced: Judge Roger L. Gregory

*The 3L Class Officers voted to ask Judge Roger Gregory to speak at Graduation 2003. We learned last week that he accepted our invitation. Law School Graduation is scheduled for Sat., May 10, at 2pm.*

*For those who are not familiar with Judge Gregory, here is an article about him that appeared in the Richmond-Times Dispatch at the time of his confirmation to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals:*

WASHINGTON - With unusual speed, the Democrat-controlled Senate confirmed Judge Roger L. Gregory to the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday, making him the first black jurist to sit permanently on the Richmond-based court.

'We are at a historic moment here today with Judge Gregory,' Sen. John W. Warner, R-Va. and one of the judge's foremost supporters, said moments before the 93-1 vote.

It came just one day after a Senate committee voted in favor of confirming Gregory, nominated by President Bush in May.

He had endured months of waiting before then, first as Republicans in the Senate bottled up his June 2000 nomination by President Clinton, then as Gregory sat on the bench with an interim appointment from Clinton and awaited his political judgment day.

'My heart is lifted,' Gregory said in a brief telephone interview yesterday. 'It's a great day. It's very humbling. I'm very thankful.'

The soft-spoken, 48-year-old judge expressed relief, happiness and grati-

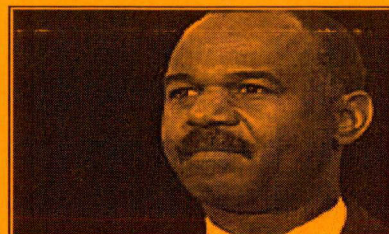
tude for the support, prayers and thoughts of many especially the crucial backing of two presidents, three Virginia senators and his former law partner, L. Douglas Wilder. 'It's an honor to be elevated to service,' Gregory said. And, he emphasized, 'the key is service,' not the elevation.

Gregory was a Richmond litigator in private practice before then Sen. Charles S. Robb, D-Va., recommended him to Clinton. Gregory drew strong backing from Warner and from the Republican who ousted Robb in November, Sen. George Allen.

Gregory's sometimes rocky road to a landslide confirmation was spotlighted by the dissenting vote yesterday. It was cast by Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi. He was majority leader when Clinton skirted the then Republican controlled Senate in December and handed Gregory an interim appointment, when Congress was not in session.

'This was an institutional decision based on a statement Senator Lott made last year that any appointments of federal judges during a recess should be opposed,' Lott's spokesman, Ron Bonjean, said of Lott's vote.

Allen, speaking on the senate floor yesterday, alluded to his own declaration of support for Gregory in January and how 'I asked my colleagues, and indeed the [new] president, to not view Roger Gregory based upon the former president's political manipulations.'



Judge Gregory

He went on to describe Gregory as a 'well-respected and honorable jurist who will administer justice with integrity and dignity' and a proponent of judicial restraint.

Allen, whose Senate office Web page includes a photograph of him and Warner with Gregory and his family, had employed a procedural maneuver to help get the full Senate vote scheduled.

The 4th Circuit is widely considered the most conservative appellate court in the nation. It serves Virginia, the Carolinas, West Virginia and Maryland, a region with the highest percentage of black residents in the country, according to the Clinton White House.

The judge, who was embraced by two consecutive presidents of strikingly different political views, watched on C-SPAN with a daughter yesterday morning as the Senate voted to confirm him.

'It feels great,' he said of the outcome."

(Peter Hardin, *The Richmond-Times Dispatch*, July 21, 2001)



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### THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

On Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, the Office of Recruitment hosted open houses for the Evening and Day Programs, respectively. We had approximately 138 attendees at the Evening Program Open House. That is double the number of attendees that we historically have in attendance. Room 100 was full, with standing room only. More than 75 people attended the Day Program Open House. Many thanks to the following people who made both events possible and such huge successes:

Associate Dean Renee Hill  
Assistant Dean Douglas  
Assistant Dean Meddock  
Attorney Nichelle Perry  
Attorney Lisa Morgan  
Professor Grady Jessup  
Brenda Van Hook  
Sarah Tugman  
Tom Sisk  
Jennifer Jones  
Bryant Flynn  
Regina Graham  
Greg DeWitt  
Cari Merlos-Borum  
Michael Navarro  
Shannon Nutting  
Tina Johnson  
TyKesha Spivey  
William Dudley  
Cory Williams  
Vernon Cloud  
Anika Hardmon  
Jaspreet Bindra  
Tasha Lunsford  
Shavonnie Ray  
Peter Franklin  
Ed Diloné  
John Welch

### STUDENT NEWS:

**Law Journal:** The writing assignment for law journal members has been posted on TWEN and on the board outside the journal office. The assignment is due on January 22, 2003. All members must complete this assignment to obtain one hour of credit for working on the journal. If you have questions please contact Wells King at wellsking@hotmail.com. Thank you.

**ACLU Interest Meeting:** Please come to our interest meeting on Thurs., Jan. 16 at 5pm in Room 200. We want to get this group up and running and plan an event or two for this semester. For more information, see 1L Gene Soar or Dean Lavelle.

**All students (required for students enrolled in a clinic class for Spring 2003) are welcome to attend:** At 3pm on Weds., Jan. 15, Clinical Orientation will be held in the Moot Courtroom. Guest Speaker will be Charles L. Becton, a partner at Fuller, Becton, Slifkin and Bell, P.A. in Raleigh, NC, and a former Judge on the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

**Academic Support News: Tutorials Begin Today, Jan. 13.** Please check the Academic Support Bulletin Board for tutorial updates. Copies of the schedules are at the front desk.

**New Day and Time for the Writing Lab.** The Writing Lab will now meet on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. Look on the Academic Support Bulletin Board for the specific days the Writing Lab will meet. Additionally, students should sign up for the Writing Lab TWEN page for updates and e-mail reminders before the next writing Lab.

**Academic Support Library Materials.** Students who have material check-out from last semester should return it ASAP. Please return the material so that others may have the opportunity to utilize the material. Thanks.

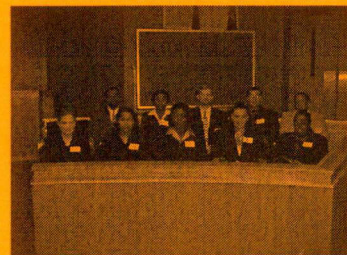
### NOTE! IMPORTANT GRADUATION INFORMATION!

Students planning on graduating in May 2003 **MUST** pick up and fill out a Graduation and Degree Check-out Application. These forms are available in Ms. Self's office. Completed applications should be returned to Ms. Self no later than Weds., January 22, 2003. The University will not order a diploma for you until this form has been completed and processed. Please spread the word.

## LAW WEEK 2003!

Law Week 2003 will be held Sunday, March 30 through Saturday, April 5. Law Week is an NCCU School of Law tradition—it has been held annually for as long as anyone can remember. It consists of forums, competitions, fun times, and culminates with a banquet which all students, faculty and friends of the Law School are encouraged to attend.

Law Week Coordinator 2L Gladys Harris will be scheduling meetings for student organization leaders shortly regarding Law Week. Here are pictures from Law Weeks past ... it should prove to be a great week!



*Basketball tournament, above;  
Mary Wright 1L Closing Com-  
petition Finalists, above right;  
2001 Banquet information,  
right*

