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A Risk Not Worth Taking

No kegs or open containers of alcohol.
No use of chapter funds to buy alcohol.
Security guards should be available to check identification and mark underage guests with a wristband or stamp.

These are some guidelines of the risk-management policy adopted by the UNC InterFraternity Council and Panhellenic Council in March 1992.

The policy was adopted to keep Greek organizations from being held liable for alcohol-related accidents that occur as a result of fraternity- or sorority-sponsored parties.

But despite the rhetoric, many fraternity and sorority members have been resistant to following the risk-management policy.

Not all fraternities understand the importance and seriousness of risk-management policies. And although sororities do not allow alcohol in their houses, they often attend fraternity functions that violate the policy, and not all sorority members follow the Panhellenic Council's policy of leaving parties where there are kegs or open containers of alcohol.

Although no serious accidents have occurred here as a result of a fraternity party, UNC's Greek organizations cannot afford to play Russian roulette with the risk-management policy.

All it takes is one accident and one million-dollar lawsuit to forever change the UNC Greek system. Fraternities and sororities must confront and deal with the problem before it's too late.

UNC Greek organizations and their governing bodies must work with the Chancellor's Committee on Greek Affairs, the Alumni Fraternity Council and the Office of Student Affairs to come up with concrete and effective means of enforcing the risk-management policy.

The University should find someone experienced with Greek affairs to replace Judi Barter, former assistant dean of student affairs, as UNC's Greek adviser. University officials may even want to consider hiring additional personnel to work full time on Greek affairs.

Risk management is an issue that can't be ignored. Fraternities and sororities must act now before a group is forced to pay a settlement for an accident that could have been avoided.

Utilize Your Vote

Today is the last day to register to vote in the Nov. 2 local and state elections. Unlike last year, there has been little campuswide effort to register students to vote.

Although some students see registering to vote as an inconvenience, it is no excuse for failing to take part in the democratic process.

According to "The Statistical Abstract of the United States," Americans between the ages of 18 and 24 have the worst voter turnout of any other age group.

Perhaps many students, especially those who hail from areas outside Orange County, think regional politics have little effect on their daily lives and so don't feel the need to get involved.

These students are wrong. Many of the state and local governments' decisions directly will affect their college education as well as their daily lives.

On Nov. 2, North Carolinians will vote on a \$740-million bond package designed to expand the state's colleges and universities. If passed, \$310 million will help fund construction projects at the 16 UNC campuses.

The bond includes five critical construction projects at UNC-Chapel Hill:

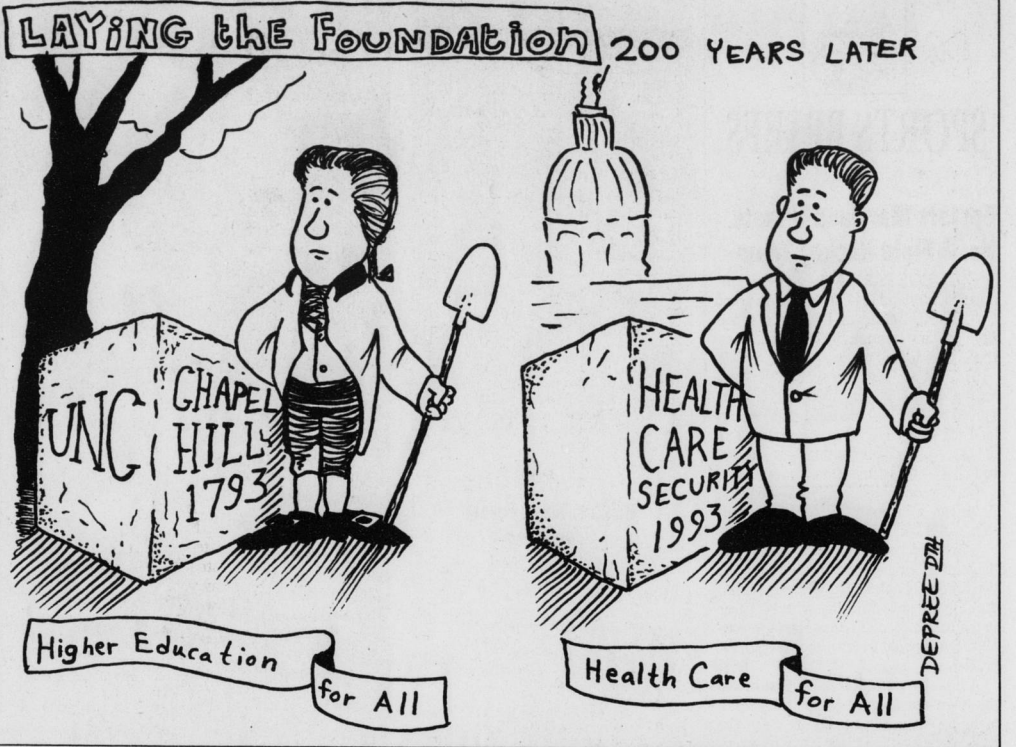
- \$13.5 million for a new building for the Kenan-Flagler Business School,
- \$8.9 million for an addition to the School of Dentistry,
- \$8.1 million for an addition to the Lineberger Cancer Research Center,
- \$3.4 million for construction grants to the Area Health Education Centers, and
- \$1.2 million for phase two of the Carolina Living and Learning Center for Autistic Adults.

This investment will help UNC retain its prestige as a top public university.

Chapel Hill and Carrboro's town elections also affect students as well. Issues such as the area's rising crime rate have a substantial impact on UNC's students.

So register today in the Pit between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Bring a picture identification and a form showing your residence in Orange County, such as a student registration card.

Active student participation in the November elections will give young adults a voice no politician can ignore. The inconvenience of registration is a small price to pay for empowerment.



Ambiguity Makes NAFTA Difficult Policy Decision

The debate is on. And on... and on... First we hear from President Bill Clinton and former President George Bush that the North American Free Trade Agreement is good, good, good. Then we hear from Ross Perot that NAFTA is bad, bad, bad. Why is it that economists, politicians, and political experts just can't seem to agree? Is NAFTA good or is it bad? Actually, both, and neither.

Good and bad are simple polar terms. They describe the forces in fairy tales and police movies. They are not words complex enough to be used to analyze the intricacies of NAFTA.

The truth is that NAFTA benefits or hazards, depending on who you happen to be.

Most environmentalists and environmental groups, including the National Wildlife Federation, believe in the benefits.

Under the agreement, the international pact prohibiting illegal trade in wildlife will be explicitly protected. The Basel Convention, which protects against the shipment of hazardous waste over national borders, and the Montreal Protocol, which calls for the phasing out of ozone-destroying chemical production, both will be honored as well.

Moreover, all three countries involved retain the right to set any environmental protection standards as long as regulations are based upon scientific data and seek to realize a legitimate environmental objective. Additionally, \$8 billion has been allocated for water and sewage treatment.

Finally, NAFTA very well could reduce much of the U.S.-Mexican border pollution problem. As it now stands, the border is a duty-free zone. Companies wanting both cheap labor and duty-free shipment back into the United States set up factories in that small strip of land. Because so many companies utilize this practice, however, the border area has become extremely polluted. All of Mexico will become duty-free if

NAFTA is passed, thereby reducing the incentive for companies to locate in the border area.

Like environmentalists, economists also believe in NAFTA's benefits.

Operating under the theories of trade and comparative advantage, economists argue that in the long run, the benefits of an increasingly global economy will far outweigh any short-run problems.

Trade theory stresses the idea that while some businesses and some workers might be hurt by open trade, the incomes of countries involved generally rise.

Current U.S. exports to Mexico could jump from \$42 billion to \$52 billion if NAFTA is approved.

And, as Adam Smith so elegantly showed us with his pin-factory example, specialization improves efficiency and raises productivity. The idea of comparative advantage simply is that countries specialize in producing products they are better at producing on a relative scale.

Comparative advantage, however, does not mean more total jobs. It only guarantees greater total productivity and income.

And that's the where the problem reveals itself.

As Geoffrey Garin, a Democratic pollster, recently remarked, "The supporters tend to deal with NAFTA on a more intellectual level."

Whether Garin knew it or not, he hit the key point of the debate with his comment.

It's easy for economists, environmentalists and politicians who support NAFTA to be ob-



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MONDAY'S ANODYNE

jective about the long-run benefits. Having studied trade in my International Economics class, I also find it easy to support any sort of move toward a more globally-based economy. However, without necessarily supporting NAFTA any less, it is imperative to remember those who will not benefit.

Small family-owned businesses believe that NAFTA will be extremely detrimental.

Businesses such as the France Broom Company located in Paxton, Ill. presently are able to survive because of governmental protection. Low-wage Mexican competition would have put the small broom company out of business long ago, had sizable tariffs and quotas not been applied.

Other small businesses that produce products such as clothespins, glassware, acrylic sweaters, peanuts, sugar and tomatoes, likewise will be affected.

Blue-collar workers also believe that NAFTA will be detrimental.

These workers will be most affected by the companies that move factories to Mexico. Labor there costs 80 cents an hour compared to \$8 an hour here.

Many of these blue-collar workers have worked in the same factories for their entire lives. Some are illiterate; others simply don't have the resources to be retrained and to find new jobs. For many employees, the option of finding a new job simply does not exist.

I support NAFTA, but at the same time it's difficult for me not to empathize with those who will feel the brunt of its negative ramifications.

In the end, the only thing that seems obvious about NAFTA is the fact that some will win and some will lose, but not necessarily on the lines of good or bad.

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Student Congress' Past Irrelevant to Current Work

Editor's note: The author is a Student Congress representative from Dist. 19 and the chairman of congress' Student Affairs Committee.

A couple of weeks ago I went to dinner with my roommate from freshman year. During our conversation about our dating sagas, he suddenly said to me, "Phil, the paper is boring. When is congress going to start something?" Not unlike my ex-roommate, The Daily Tar Heel seems to feed off of Student Congress for its own entertainment. I will grant the fact that congress sometimes has been a bit more entertaining than it should be. However, the majority of the time, congress as a whole has functioned well and has been very productive.

The DTH's editorial "Reform Congress" begins by pointing out that congress has lost three members due to resignations. While that certainly is true, I do not believe that those resignations are due to the "political games" and "apathy" toward congress. The editorial does not indicate why those members of congress have resigned, but assumes that each resignation is related to the actions of the full congress. In reality, each resignation had to do with the lack of time as well as the need to do other things around campus for the individual members who resigned.

Next, the editorial states that petitions have not been filed for the open congressional seats. They again relate that to the unsatisfactory image of Student Congress. I find it incredibly hard to believe that students on this campus remember the past history of Student Congress. In fact, only the juniors and seniors would remember the days of former speaker Tim Moore. That in itself makes it unfair for the freshmen and sophomores who have no clue about Moore.

More importantly, it puts the vast majority of representatives who got elected on the anti-Tim notion in an awkward disposition. The fact is that Tim Moore existed, but that was a long time ago, and it should not have any bearing on the 75th congress. It would be unfair for the paper to be judged by standards and styles of the past

editors. To my knowledge, the newspaper had its own problems with resignations and such, but no one said anything about that. In fact, I clearly remember that for a while the paper was struggling to maintain a steady staff.

The newspaper later brings up the impeachment and last year's speakers race. Again, most people have forgotten that piece of history. Yet, the paper loves to remind congress and myself of these nightmares. The paper cannot base its arguments on the present; therefore it is forced to rely on the past. I do not want to get into the impeachment or last spring's speaker race. What I would like to point out is that the speaker and myself are working together. I might not agree with everything that goes on, but I respect the way she is handling the position.

That is a better scenario than that of last year's DTH editor selection. From what I understand, there were several votes taken and some arm-twisting to elect the current editor. And while most of the losing candidates still are in school, they do not contribute to the paper. My point is simple: Before one sits down to criticize, look at the ground you're standing on, and more often than not it is just as shaky.

I am not going to sit here and ask for congress not to be criticized — this is not the Campus Y. What I am asking for is fairness. Do not judge congress on the past, but judge us on the present and the future.

Please criticize us when necessary, but keep it germane to the 75th congress. But more importantly, be constructive with the criticism. It is hard for me to take the paper seriously when it cannot even extend the deadline a few minutes



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for congress, but later criticizes congress. The very least that can be done is to send another reporter to cover the bills that get voted on after deadline.

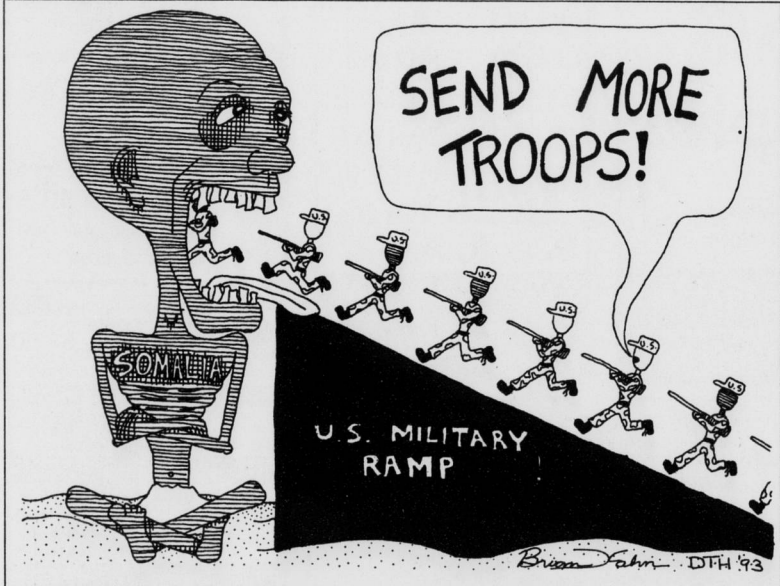
Congress is not an easy student activity. When a congress member votes to give money to a student organization, it is an awesome responsibility. We are dealing with hundreds of thousands of dollars of student money. There is no way one can expect that to be an easy task. This year in particular we have had much more requested of us than we have had to give. Somehow we have to cut groups to save some money for others. If I am not mistaken, in this year alone groups were asking for \$15,000 more than we had. How can we make such great decisions in a limited amount of time? We meet as a full body twice a month for maybe 10 hours and that is too much time?

More importantly, congress has been working for the students. Take, for example, Rep. Sneha Shah's efforts to increase the number of emergency phones around campus. Or take my efforts to get a snacking facility built in Carmichael Residence Hall. Does the paper not know that the head of the department of transportation and I have met several times to try to increase the hours of the buses around campus, or provide more bike racks for specific locations and also create a transportation system for my current district, which encompasses most of the sorority houses? Did the editorial board forget about my committee's exhibition of student groups in the Pit last week?

Lastly, does the editorial board not remember the story and the favorable editorial in The Daily Tar Heel about my fight to stop the University from forcing on-campus students to pay \$100 to the UNC ONE Card at the beginning of each semester?

I am not asking for praise — I just want fairness.

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