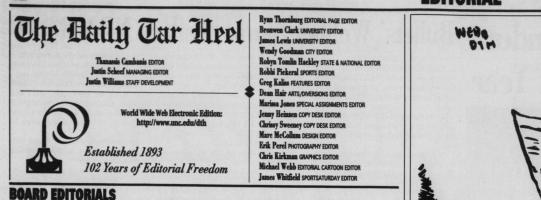
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The Baily Tar Heel



## Not Just a Chance to Skip Class

Students! You've heard about him, you've read about him and you've seen his pictures. Now is your chance to meet him in the flesh. For only the eighth time in UNC's 202-year history, a new chancellor is being sworn in.

Chancellor Michael Hooker will be inducted at University Day celebrations on Thursday at 11 a.m. in Polk Place in front of an estimated 4,000 people. Like the Bicentennial Celebration two years ago, this year's University Day is not only a chance to get out of a couple of classes, but to show your interest in campus affairs.

It is a day when we as a body can put aside our recent differences of opinion on the tuition increases and the Black Cultural Center, and unify as the nation's first public university. We have a chance to contribute to history as we stress the importance of education in today's increasingly competitive society.

University Day attracts many big names, including the governor and treasurer of the state of North Carolina. This is your chance to rub elbows with such leaders as they gather in front of South Building between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Hooker is so excited that he has invited all students, staff and faculty to his induction. Afterward, there will be a student reception in the Pit

at 2:30 p.m. for him and his wife, Carmen. Come on Thursday to discuss your concerns, sing your praises and show the faculty and staff that you are not just a number, but a part of the University community.

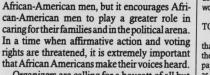
## Worthy Message, **Exclusive Method**

On Monday, millions of African-American men are expected to march in Washington, D.C., as a pledge to return to their roles as family and community sustainers and providers.

Not to discount the value of the Million Man March — it is a good way to instill hope into African-American men and make them more conscious of their responsibilities and influence - but one does have to wonder what kind of message it sends to exclude African-American women and people of other ethnicities. Also, the conservative agenda of the march, the promo-tion of family values, excludes many African Americans such as homosexuals and liberals.

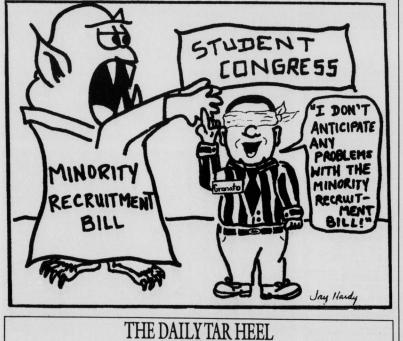
Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan envisioned the march, and some Baptist groups will not participate for religious reasons. The national NAACP did not endorse the event because of its past problems with the march's national director, former NAACP President Ben Chavis.

Despite its exclusivity and the politicking involved, the Million Man March promises to be a spiritual, political and economic rebirth. Not only will it counteract the negative image of



Organizers are calling for a boycott of all but black-owned businesses on Monday as a symbol of the economic force of African Americans. African Americans spend \$433 billion annually in disposable income, and though some critics claim a boycott sends a message of prejudice against whites, it puts more bite into the argument that all Americans need to recognize the economic power African Americans possess.

The event is, in some ways, reminiscent of the march led by Martin Luther King Jr. in 1965. It is a time for reflection on how much needs to be done and how much can be done when people are educated and united rather than divided and in turmoil. The march is a worthy cause, but as there is strength in unity, organizers and participants are only weakening their cause by excluding certain groups





### For Greens, Top Priority **Is Protecting Environment**

Editor's Note: The author is the Carrboro spokes an for the Orange County Greens.

TO THE EDITOR:

For the record, I'd like your readers to know that the Green Party is dedicated to protecting the environment. A story in last Wednesday's paper (Greens Endorse in Carrboro) quoted me as saying, "We chose candidates who encourage developmental progress, but we also take the environment into account."

The Greens are careful to support candidates whose approach to development is ecologically viable and enhances the community.

### Robin Magee CARRBORO

#### **Political Sound Bite Not Just Contemporary Phenomenon** TO THE EDITOR:

TO THE EDITOR: The Johnston Scholars' Issues Forum debate between USA Today columnist Tony Snow and Professor Chuck Stone on the issue of selling political policy during a campaign made me laugh and it made me think — both enjoyable activities. Tony Snow's admonition that the reason politicians don't have longer sound bites is "because they are boring and don't say any-thing," is amusing partly because it rings true. But Professor Stone's call to action ("If the sound bite trend ... is going to change, there must be a political revolution by the public.") was more thought-provoking.

was more thought-provoking. This debate reminds me of something colum-This debate reminds me of something colum-nist George Will said to the Kenan-Flagler Busi-ness School during his Weatherspoon Distin-guished Scholar Address on Sept. 12, when he remarked on the length of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. ("Two minutes and 45 seconds is a lifetime ... If Lincoln were to give that speech today he would have to say: 'Read my lips — no slaves!"). The fact is, by 1863 oratory standards, Lincoln's speech was the quintessential sound bite. Edward Everett's dreary and forgettable oration at Gettysburg dreary and forgettable oration at Gettysburg that day lasted more than two hours.

Peter Chiaramonte ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

## Anti-Discrimination Efforts Equal, Not 'Special,' Rights

TO THE EDITOR: The media, reporting that the Supreme Court is hearing arguments about the constitutionality of Colorado's anti-gay Amendment 2, has re-peatedly used the term "gay rights." This has the effect of playing up the false notion that gays and behinen are acking for "Grancial Links".

lesbians are asking for "special rights." In reality, any ordinance which outlaws dis-crimination on the basis of sexual orientation by its very drafting that way — provides protec-tion for heterosexuals and homosexuals equally.

# **READERS' FORUM** The Daily Tar Heel welcomes reader comments and

criticism. Letters to the editor should be no longer than 400 words and must be typed, double-spaced, dated and signed by no more than two people.

Students should include their year, major and phone number. Faculty and staff should include their title, department and phone number. The DTH reserves the right to edit letters for length, clarity and

vulgarity. Bring letters to the DTH office at Suite 104 Carolina Union, mail them to P.O. Box 3257, Chapel Hill, NC 27515 or e-mail forum to dth@unc.edu.

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ers of North Carolina are asking themselves the same question: Why should I pay for something that doesn't directly benefit me?

And, of course, those in the legislature have heard their constituents, and thus have moved heard until constituents, and trus have moved the burden of expense onto those who directly benefit from the University. But are those who directly benefit from it as capable of affording if? What would be the individual burden upon each taxpayer if the legislature had provided the money for faculty raises and library books? Much less than \$400 expersors. Lean guarantee was that than \$400 per person, I can guarantee you that. Did you really think that UNC was one of the best bargains in the nation for free?

And, contrary to the editorial, don't you see the benefit of a free U-bus, even if only used occasionally to get to the other side of campus and not having to scrounge for spare change? (Besides if you ride the bus five times, you are already in the black.) And, likewise, taxpayers of North Carolina, don't you see the benefit to the economy and businesses in this state of afford-bla advertise, sum if ford a direct henefit e education, even if not a direct benefit.

Now, would you really be so greedy as to withhold spare change from your fellow class-mates so that they cannot easily, affordably traverse the campus in a timely, safe and com-fortable mode?

## Karen Leanza GRADUATE STUDENT CHEMISTRY You Sure Don't Want to Miss **Chancellor's Polk Place Party** Editor's Note: The author is the Senior Class

TO THE EDITOR:

Got anything planned for tomorrow? In case you haven't heard, tomorrow our University is celebrating one of the biggest events

in its history — and you are invited. Thursday marks University Day for Carolina as well as installation for our new chancellor, Michael Hooker. Classes have been cancelled from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. so that you can enjoy the day our University has been planning for

### **Council's Meadowmont Vote Destroys Town's Best Asset**

TO THE EDITOR:

Monday night I sat through the Town Coun-cil meeting as the Meadowmont division was discussed. I watched as Roger Perry and his professional and well-rehearsed development team explained why the council should approve his changes and allow him to build his vision. His motivation is the profit he and his partners hope to realize. This is understandable. As a business-man I do not feel that there is anything inherently wrong with profit. I then watched 15-20 citizens talk about their

I then watched 15-20 ctizens taik about then views and feelings. All but one was strongly opposed to the project. Though these people often referred to the physical, environmental or legal details of the project, they were also speak-ing from their hearts. And from their hearts they were saying, "Please do not further destroy the ambience and feel of our neighborhoods and this ampletice and record of our neighborhoods and this town." Their motivation was their love of their neighborhoods and of Chapel Hill and the rare quality of life it offers. By allowing Mr. Perry to go against the master use plan that was imple-mented to control just such growth, the council legacy will have been to seriously and negatively affect this asset

Iggacy will have been to seriously and negatively affect this asset. At the end of the meeting, five of the nine council members voted with Mr. Perry. Why did they decide to go ahead when only one citizen, other than the developer, felt strongly enough to come and speak on behalf of of the changes and so many feit moved to speak against them? so many felt moved to speak against them? I also ask the council to please stop this pro-

posal. If only one more council member will have the courage and vision to change their vote to "no," a major step will have been taken to save one of our town's most precious assets. As well as the legal, logistical, zoning and financial is-sues, this vote is also about issues of the heart and contrasting visions of our town. The promise of profits is motivating Mr. Perry and his partners to impose their vision. They have every right to do this. However, if your vision is different, before the final vote on Oct. 23, please contact, Mayor Ken Broun and the five council members who voted "yes" and ask them to change their

Robert Roskind

#### **Bring Out Your Sleeping Bags To Help Fight Homelessness**

Editor's Note: The author is the president of the Mu Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

TO THE EDITOR: On behalf of the Mu Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. I would like to an-nounce the Seventh Annual Morrison Sleepout for the Homeless. It will take place Friday be-tween 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. on the front lawn of Morrison Residence Hall.

The event has enjoyed great success over the past six years and we expect this tradition to continue. The sleepout raises \$1,000 in dona-tions which is given to the IFC shelter in Chapel Hill. The brothers work diligently for weeks prior to the event to raise these funds. Despite the work of the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha, the sleepout is not exclusive to members of my fraternity. In fact, we encourage support from any and every student who feels compelled to address the homeless situation in Chapel Hill as well as in America. We invite and enco everyone to attend. All that is required is dedication and a sleeping bag. We sincerely hope that the campus community will assist us in our efforts. We hope to see you on Morrison lawn.

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It does not just protect gay people. I understand why the media uses such a short-cut phrase as "gay rights," because the question of equal standing for gay people is the crux of the political dispute. There is rarely a need to assure the sexual orientation rights of sexuals. However, there have been such cases. Not long ago I read about a man who wanted to turn the bar he owned into a gay bar, so he fired the heterosexual employees to replace them with gay ones, and promptly ran afoul of an ordinance prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Those who say that protection from discrimination in jobs, housing, public accommoda-tions, etc., is a "special right" that can be granted by a heterosexual — or white, or Christian, or whatever-majority are wrong. Equal opportunity is not a special right — it is a fundamental right. There is no equality without equal opportunity.

#### William Stosine INTERNET READER IOWA CITY, IOWA

#### **Ironic, Greedy DTH Editorial Really Missed the U-Bus**

#### TO THE EDITOR:

I think the editorial "When 'Free' Isn't Really" that appeared in the Sept. 28 edition of the DTH is terribly ironic especially in the face of the tuition hike debate. It is just such an attitude as this that brought about the tuition increase which was so hotly debated so recently. Taxpaymonths

Starting at 11 a.m. in Polk Place, a procession will begin that features delegates from colleges and universities around the world. Also, more than 300 students will be represented in the procession, including the BSM Gospel Choir, the UNC Chamber Singers and the UNC sym-phonic band. Additionally, Harlan Boyles, Dorothy Ridings and Robert Timberlake will be on hand to receive distinguished alumni awards.

As if the entertainment was not enough to send all student in droves to Polk Place, the University will provide lunch for students who attend. Don't miss out on the rare occasion to have lunch compliments of Carolina. They have really gone all out and for those of you who claim to be allergic to Marriott, don't worry the food is catered. The menu includes vegetable and fruit trays, chicken drumlets, crab cakes, deli rolls and dessert bites, with lemonade and bottled water to drink.

At 2 p.m., the Senior Class and Student Government will host a student reception in the Pit. Chancellor Hooker will be there to give his first formal address to the students of UNC. Entertainment will be provided by UNC's pre-mier female a cappella group, the Loreleis. Also, Ben and Jerry's Peace Pops will be distributed to all students who attend

So mark your Week-by-Week and bring your friends to what promises to be a party you don't want to miss.

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## **Editor's Note**

Does it sometimes seem like no one is paying any attention to you?

If you have sent a letter to the editor via e-mail. we have not forgotten you, we have just had a difficult time retrieving the messages. While we are still checking our e-mail whenever Isis is not too busy, the best way to ensure your comments are printed as quickly as possible is to send them to The Daily Tar Heel on an old-fashioned piece of paper. The office is in Suite 104 of the Student Union and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. When the office is closed, letters can be dropped in the box just outside the office.

Thanks for your patience and keep up the dialogue.