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### Clinton for president

President Bill Clinton remains the best candidate to represent student interests in the White House. Of the three candidates, he is the only viable one with any coherent vision for America, and the only one worthy of our votes.

During the last four years, Clinton has worked to ease the financial burden with initiatives like the President's Direct Student Loan Program, which allows students to borrow money from the government at lower interest rates. This has increased flexibility in repayment options and saved taxpayers' money.

Clinton has also remained solidly pro-choice. He refused to sign a bill that would have outlawed certain late-term abortions, recognizing that they are necessary in certain rare instances.

Clinton has also taken a courageous stand on gun control, signing into law the Brady Bill which imposed a five-day waiting period and mandatory background check on handgun purchases to keep them out of the hands of criminals. The president's crime bill banned the manu-

facture of 19 types of deadly assault weapons. It will further safeguard communities by putting 100,000 new police officers on the street.

The president has upheld the interests of the working poor, raising the minimum wage and expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit to cut the taxes of 15 million working families with incomes of \$27,000 or less. He also increased Head Start funding by almost \$760 million, giving underprivileged children access to quality pre-kindergarten education.

In contrast, Dole has run a lackluster campaign with little new to offer except a 15 percent across the board tax cut, clearly inconsistent with his supposed aim of deficit reduction. Ross Perot has no chance of being elected, and he remains a candidate who represents the wealthy, like himself, rather than student interests.

Clinton has not entirely lived up to the hope he created with his election in 1992, but on the core issues most important to students, he has remained firm. On Nov. 5, vote Bill Clinton for

### Gantt for U.S. Senate

The time has come for the Old Boy's Club to end its meeting and allow others to have a voice in North Carolina's future. For a new direction and a new viewpoint, North Carolina must elect Harvey Gantt to the U.S. Senate.

Harvey Gantt brings to North Carolina and the Senate a career as a distinguished architect and mayor of Charlotte. His stand on the major issues parallel voters' opinions and provides solutions to many problems facing the state. He advocates more community involvement in policing to curb crime, protecting the posterity of Social Security and Medicare and providing better access to higher education and more funding for public schools.

Gantt is in favor of more funding and new initiatives in our public schools accompanied by easier access to higher education. He calls for full funding of Head Start which helps to prepare all children to enter kindergarten. Gantt advocates seeking better ways to deal with young

offenders and favors curfews for young people. He supports a \$10,000 tax cut for families with a child in college, increased funding for Pell Grants and expanding work study for college students.

Jesse Helms takes advantage of fears and insecurities by portraying Gantt as "too liberal" for North Carolina. Would Helms's votes against environmental protection, family leave, the Brady Bill and increasing funding for education represent the views of most North Carolinians?

Helms' ignorance concerning his constituents' views is inexcusable and definitely not in the best interests of North Carolina. By stubbornly declining to debate his opponent, Jesse Helms denies Harvey Gantt and the voters the opportunity to question his record on important issues.

Gantt is a welcome alternative to 24 years of the same ideology, and the best choice for North Carolina's future and its people. Vote Harvey Gantt for U.S. Senate on Nov. 5.

### Hunt for governor

In the North Carolina gubernatorial race, The Daily Tar Heel enthusiastically endorses Gov. Jim Hunt. Hunt is a moderate who has the experience and vision to lead North Carolina.

A brief look at what Hunt has done in his past term shows why he is the obvious choice for governor. Although he has advocated fiscal restraint for the state government, he has not been shy about spending money where it is needed. His Smart Start program, set up so that impoverished children can attend preschool, is a step in the right direction for improving North Carolina's educational system. More does need to be done, and Hunt's calls for raising teacher salaries to the national average will further enhance the education of the state's youth.

North Carolina has become a considerably safer state to live in over the past four years.

Violent crimes have decreased. Penalties for criminals have been stiffened. Furthermore, due in part to Hunt's leadership, it is now a felony to carry a gun in a courtroom or school. Unbelievably, Robin Hayes voted against this measure.

Hunt also stood up for North Carolina's interests on the national scene. Despite being a Democrat, Hunt stood up to Bill Clinton and other members of his party on tobacco issues.

On issues that many University students consider important, Hunt's views are especially attractive. Of the two major party candidates, he alone is pro-choice. In addition, he is supportive of the University. Although his lack of a veto severely limited his power to act, he came out against the cuts in the University budget advocated by the state Legislature.

Re-elect Jim Hunt governor on Tuesday.



### Hey Lombardi — winning is not the only thing

I can no longer hang my head in shame. Yes, it is true, I am an Atlanta Braves fan, and no, I did not hurt my ankle jumping on the bandwagon. I've been an ardent follower of the Braves since the glory days of the early 1980s when Dale Murphy was king.

The Braves have come a long way since the dark ages that followed their 1982 run for the pennant. Their winning ways in the '90s have been the first such domination in baseball since the zenith of the Big Red Machine in the 1970s.

Yet in spite of the Braves recent success, including a World Series victory in 1995, their recent collapse against the Yankees has again earned them the label of "chokers."

Never mind the five World Series appearances in the past six years, or the numerous personal accomplishments of team members. That success is forgotten when compared with the one that got away. It is more of a case of what have you done for me lately, not what did you do last year.

The words of great Green Bay Packers' coach Vince Lombardi come to mind. "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing." America's obsession with this mantra has given root to an all or nothing mind set whose consequences are scary.

Take for instance the recent Summer Games in Atlanta. What happened to the Olympic motto of "Higher, Faster, Stronger?" It seems a better slogan would be "Winner, Loser, Loser." The only people deemed successful are those who brought home the gold. Forgotten is the long work and perseverance of the silver and bronze medal winners, not to mention the sacrifice involved in even earning the title of "Olympian." Merely to be a part of the Olympics is a significant accomplishment. Yet the so-called "Dream Team" makes a mockery of the Olympic spirit of fair play and competition and puts all of the emphasis on recognition.

Stepping away from the sports world for a moment, this human tendency to seek glory has found its way onto our campus. In a recent incident at Student Stores, two UNC students apprehended a shoplifter. Good for them.

However, one of those students stepped over the line when he wrote a letter to the editor attempting to gain recognition for his valiant efforts. Come on man, did you do chase the offender because it was the right thing to do, or did you do it to get your name in the paper for being an all-around great guy and model citizen?

Shifting back toward sports, I find I often fall prey to this obsession with winning and recognition. My friends know me to be an extremely competitive person, be it a spades game or an Ultimate Frisbee match. Recently, however, this competitive fire has served more to my detriment than as a motivating factor to excel. My involvement in soccer matches at the intramural level hasn't exactly benefited my character or made me a better person just for being there.

Instead, I was just a bad sport, overly motivated by the desire to win. I yelled at the refs for their bad calls and poor soccer knowledge. My inability to perform in front of the goal only served to heighten my frustration and caused me to lose sight of the value of competing. Rather than taking an opportunity to become better friends with my teammates, I strove for personal satisfaction and glory and in the end received neither.

At one point I was reminded by a friend that we were there to have fun. He was right. The joy should come from the thrill of competition. But too often I find my satisfaction dependent merely on the final score and not on the experience as a whole.

It is because of my own struggles with this all-or-nothing attitude, coupled with my frustration at America's overemphasis on winning, that a recent television segment caught my eye. A few weeks ago I watched a story

aired on ESPN's SportsCenter that focused on Washington Redskins defensive tackle Sean Gilbert.

It seems that Gilbert's level of play had dropped off in recent years. Prior to the drop off, Gilbert had emerged as one of the new young stars in the NFL. However with this success came many of the temptations that are associated with fame and fortune. A regular hellion off the field, he sought to satisfy himself with things that merely pacified. When that pacification wore off he was just as empty as before, if not more so.

Finally, after it became clear that fulfillment was not within his own power, he gave his life to Jesus Christ and found peace in the love of God. Around the same time he experienced this religious conversion, he also incurred a painful and debilitating shoulder injury that made it hard for Gilbert to even lift his arm above his head, to say nothing for his ability to play football.

Many observers saw the decline in Gilbert's on-field production as a result of his conversion. They felt Gilbert's competitive fire had been quenched.

At the time little was mentioned regarding his injury struggles. Yet Gilbert himself insists the injury caused the drop in performance, not his acceptance of Christ.

It amazes me the lengths to which people will go to in order to discredit a religious experience. Now that Sean Gilbert's arm has healed, he is proving his critics wrong with a return to his previous form. Whether it be terrorizing quarterbacks or loving his family and wife, Gilbert makes it clear that he will do it with every part of his being and for the glory of God.

Part of the reason I think people sought to discredit Gilbert was their belief that winning was everything. Perhaps they felt a religion placing more emphasis on running the race rather than winning it had no place in the competitive world of sports.

Sean Gilbert doesn't think that's true and neither do I.

Matt Osman is a senior history major from Charlotte.



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### Board editorial oversimplifies classroom relationships

TO THE EDITOR:  
In response to your board editorial on Oct. 25 titled "Students do it, too," I would like to make two points.

First, not all amorous relationships between students and their professors are based on grades. Some students initiate sexual relationships with professors in the interest of bolstering their grades; some professors use the power to assign grades inherent in their position to increase their attractiveness to students.

This dynamic, however, is not central to every amorous relationship between professors or teaching assistants and their students. Don't get me wrong; the power dynamic between the positions of grade-receiver and grade-assigner are always present and cause sufficient complexity in a relationship between a student and a professor — enough so that the existence of amorous student-professor relationships are dangerous to the integrity of the University. But we shouldn't simplify this debate to the degree that we deny the complications of attractions on other bases.

Secondly, I would just like to take issue with the "vulnerability" of professors to advances made by students as framed in your board editorial. While I agree that the academic relationship between the professor and the student should not be compromised by sexual relations no matter who initiates them, I must say that students approached sexually by professors are vulnerable in very different ways than professors approached sexually by students due to the authority of the professor.

Although professors should be able to follow formal channels of complaint when they are the subjects of students' sexual advances, the fact that they presently cannot does not make them "vulnerable." After all, what power does the student hold over them should they deny the advance? What consequences, exactly, does denial make them vulnerable to? Students, professors, teaching assistants and



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others on this campus are all adults, and as such should be held accountable for their actions. But as usual, the editorial board has taken the liberty of grossly oversimplifying an issue to make its point.

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### 'Town and Gown' more than convicts and homeless people

TO THE EDITOR:  
I am writing to correct an inaccuracy in the Oct. 25 Daily Tar Heel ("Graduate representatives storm out of Student Congress").

As one of the editors of Town and Gown, the publication not funded that evening, I need to set the record straight on what we are about.

We are not a magazine seeking to have the writings only of "convicts and homeless people" as your article suggested.

We wish to be an independent voice that incorporates both those underserved in the

current debate, as well as featuring student work and professional and academic contributions.

We at Town and Gown don't see any walls around the UNC campus, and our goal is to break down the insularity that often separates the University from the community it inhabits. What this means to us is that homeless people and convicts do have something to teach a professor or a student willing to listen. We believe our community is enhanced when the policy maker and those affected by the policy exchange information.

We don't see any forum in the University community to accommodate the discussion of current questions of social, political and academic interest.

We were angry that we didn't get funded that night. Yet we thought both graduate and undergraduate representatives had legitimate questions that night.

We appreciate the graduate student representatives efforts on our behalf.

Town and Gown is on the way, UNC-funded or not.

There are too many good stories to be told, and voices that haven't been heard, for that not to happen.

Look for us in January. Thank you.

Patrick Liedtka  
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK  
CO-EDITOR, TOWN AND GOWN

### Deadline approaching

The Daily Tar Heel is seeking to fill several open positions on its editorial board. We are looking for well informed, intelligent and articulate students to write the board editorials appearing on the left side of the page. Applications are in Suite 104 of the Student Union, and are due before 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7. Questions regarding either applications or the editorial board should be directed to Editorial Page Editor Ryan Norwood at 962-4086.

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