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LIKE BRINGING A KNIFE TO A GUNFIGHT
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The cost of tuition is finally worth it

When the spring semester rolls around, every Carolina senior looks back on the hard work they've put in over their college careers. The late nights, the early mornings. That time they got screwed by the system. They think about all of these things and their minds turn to one thing: tickets to the UNC-Duke game.

Although my bio says I'm a junior, I'm set to graduate in December, so I entered the lottery. A couple weeks ago I received the e-mail all of us hope for: "LOGIN TO CONFIRM TICKETS (UNC vs. Duke 3-4-07)." Suddenly, the out-of-state tuition actually was worth the price of admission.

As the game drew closer, I began to get worried. UNC was faltering. Despite all the talent on our squad, against Georgia Tech, we looked like the second best pickup team in the country (next to Team USA, of course).

Add that to the fact that Duke is having an off year and that we weren't the underdogs anymore, and the game had all the earmarks of being a letdown. Was it possible my hopes were set too high? This bothered me, because this year, it wasn't just the Duke game — it was MY Duke game.

Six hours before the game, I found myself at church praying that we would win. Then I realized that God had about 14 million more important things to care about and quickly repented of my error — I didn't want him to cause UNC to lose out of spite. Three hours before the game, I already was "turning it blue" in my dorm room. This isn't like me. Usually I'm the last person to get excited about anything.

During warm ups, I couldn't help but notice that the Dukies black-on-black attire gives them a fascist air. If I give Durham National Socialists one thing, I'll give them this: They don't mind being hated. They embrace the role of the villain like few this side of Darth Vader. It's one thing to hate them on television, but it's a whole 'nother matter in person.

From the tipoff, I knew this game was different. There was a buzz in the crowd unlike anything I had ever experienced, with the possible exception of the UNC-Ohio State game (still the best basketball game I've ever watched in person).

UNC jumped out to the early lead, and I was excited. I love how Roy starts the seniors, no matter who they are. It's a no lose decision for him — if they come out firing, the crowd goes wild because the bench players are the ones we can actually relate to; if the team comes out flat, Roy can bring in the starters before things get out of hand and give the team a chance to restart.

For most of the game, the Heels held a steady lead, but it seemed like only a matter of time before Duke made a run, because no matter how many of their players look like they could be playing JV ball for East Chapel Hill High School, Duke always makes a run. Runs like that scare me because 10 points is nothing a Duke team can't replace in a minute — with a little help from the officials, that is.

With more than 16 minutes left, Duke made their move. In the next two minutes of game play, they out-scored UNC 11-4. In response, we (the fans) came alive. Even alumni were jumping in the aisles. (No hips were broken, but there were reports of spilled wine.)

The team responded. Tyler Hansbrough took over the game, Marcus Ginyard hit some big shots, and rout was on. By the time Hansbrough got attacked by the fascist thugs, the game was over. I was kind of glad the Blue Devils kept fouling and calling timeouts. As much as I was ready to celebrate the UNC victory, when the game was over, I lingered on my way out the door.

After all, this was MY Duke game.

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One year later

UNC should continue to learn from last year's attack

Like the "Greatest Generation" with Pearl Harbor, ask any student who was at UNC last year about the Jeep in the Pit and they can tell you exactly where they were when they first heard about it.

It was a Friday, March 3, afternoon, just about lunchtime. The sun was out and the first wave of spring had brought out students in droves trying to take advantage of the warm weather. Then, with the campus still reeling from the death of UNC sophomore Keith Shawn Smith, tragedy struck for the second time in just more than a week.

We all knew someone who was there, and suddenly the fears that gripped the nation on Sept. 11, 2001, were revisited upon us like a recurring nightmare. We were reminded once again that fundamentalism was not just a problem confined to faraway lands across the ocean.

Nine people were hit by

Mohammad Taheri-Azar, but fortunately none were seriously injured. And out of the fear and tragedy of the Pit attack, a greater understanding brought important lessons.

One of the most beneficial after-effects of the attack was the increased religious dialogue on campus. The Muslim Student Association immediately mobilized to help set up vigils and forums designed to show that Taheri-Azar did not represent the ideals of the Muslim majority. It worked.

Instead of experiencing a widespread knee-jerk reaction against all Muslims, the UNC community came together as collective victims of the actions of one disturbed individual. People across campus began to take time to learn about Islam, still a very foreign religion to many, despite the fact that about 3 million Muslims live in the United States.

While students were promoting campus solidarity, the University was exploring safety reforms to make sure a similar attack wouldn't occur again. Extra metal poles to block unauthorized vehicle traffic were erected across campus.

But because this only protects against a specific threat, police presence on campus was heightened. And as easy as it is to make fun of the bicycle-mounted officers, they help to keep our campus safe by covering a greater area than officers on foot, which is how police patrolled UNC prior to the attack.

One year later, the campus seems to have moved on. With the coming of spring, the Pit will be full once again, and while the memory of the attack remains in our collective minds, things have more or less gotten back to normal. And that is really the important thing.

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Decoding the CAA

CAA is for students and deserves a place in the Code

In its effort to remove the Carolina Athletic Association from the Student Code last week, Student Congress acted immaturely and, some say, insidiously.

Though we hardly believe that there is a master plan brewing in Congress to take over the University, we do think our representatives need to consider carefully their roles and the role of their organization. This resolution to strike CAA from the Code would have eliminated Title VII, which deals exclusively with the organization and would have barred the CAA president from being popularly elected.

It was an impulsive move that, Speaker Luke Farley said, represented "the bitter recognition that we don't have any authority over (CAA)." Given this statement, we are particularly concerned about a couple of things.

First, that Congress would act out of bitterness is frightening, especially when talking about wresting power from another organization. Second, Congress could work effectively with CAA

without regulating all of the organization's actions, and we hope members of Congress will recognize this.

Last week's resolution arose in response to a Student Supreme Court decision found that part of CAA's power was derived from the Department of Athletics. Therefore, Congress didn't have the right to bar members from accepting basketball tickets not received through the student ticket lottery. CAA receives tickets from the department for helping to administer ticket distribution on game days.

Matt Liles, chief justice of the Student Supreme Court, wrote in his opinion that the group does not belong in the Code because it serves contradictory constituencies.

But the nature of the CAA demands that some of its power be granted by the Athletics Department. Because that department oversees all athletics ticket operations, as well as the management of sports programs and facilities, CAA must be granted the right to perform any of its prescribed duties.

The fact remains that CAA is a student organization that is meant to represent student interests to the Athletics Department. Because it is funded by student fees, technically all UNC students are members. And we'll wager that many students are passionate about CAA activities, given the fervent basketball climate here.

Thus, banishing the organization from student elections only would serve to separate it from its constituency and to estrange two key representative organizations. Plus, it just makes sense to have a large student group that is funded by student fees addressed by the Code.

We realize that Congress is frustrated by the lack of control it has over CAA actions. But it should work with the group, rather than passing vengeful resolutions, to achieve its aims. And Congress certainly shouldn't give up the regulatory power that it does have, just to make a statement.

Leave the hollow, symbolic resolutions to our U.S. House of Representatives, please.

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Closer than you think

Despite corporatization, FedEx will be good for UNC

Globalization — it's so hot right now. So hot that a trend toward global integration is found in many parts of American society these days, from news stories about the outsourcing of U.S. jobs to the abundance of Chinese products on sale at Wal-Mart. Even Sesame Street has gone global, launching versions of its show in places like France, South Africa and India (although in India Big Bird got the ax in favor of a giant lion named Boombah).

So it's only natural for UNC to jump on the global bandwagon with the FedEx Global Education Center, set to open later this month. While some might decry the center as merely another victory for corporate imperialism, in reality, it's a significant step

for international education and understanding at UNC.

One of the most important functions of the new building will be to encourage UNC students to study abroad as it will be the home of study abroad offices. International travel helps students develop language skills, understand different cultures and, best of all, have an adventure that generates lifelong memories.

In 2006, UNC sent 1,324 students to study in other countries, the most of all public research institutions by percentage of students. We continually should be trying to increase that number until every student gets to travel internationally while at UNC.

The FedEx Global Education Center also demonstrates how

UNC is working to become an internationally focused institution. To some globalization is a frightening manifestation of the greed of multinational corporations. But even those opposed to globalization should recognize the need to learn about it.

Instant worldwide communication, cheap transportation and international trade are changing the planet. The most effective method of shaping our world for the best is by pursuing education about the inevitable growth and change of economic relations.

The new FedEx Global Education Center shows that UNC is dedicated to helping students learn about international issues. And in business today, little is more valuable than the knowledge of other nations.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"Carolina's better than we are."

MIKE KRZYZEWSKI, DUKE BASKETBALL COACH DURING POSTGAME REMARKS FOLLOWING HIS TEAM'S 86-72 LOSS AT UNC'S SMITH CENTER ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Due to space constraints, letters are sometimes cut. Read the full-length versions or post your own response to a letter, editorial or story online. VISIT www.dailytarheel.com/feedback

Columnist's insight gives encouragement to others

TO THE EDITOR:
I commend Katy Dow for speaking out about eating disorders in her March 1 column. Eating disorders have become an overwhelming phenomenon, widely misunderstood in our society, and it takes a great amount of courage to step up and speak out about personal experiences.

The general public holds many prejudices and stereotypes about eating disorders, resulting from a lack of communication about the facts. More effort is required in today's society to educate and spread awareness of this issue affecting millions of Americans, many of whom suffer in silence and shame.

Often joked about and mentioned casually in conversation, eating disorders must be handled differently in everyday life in order to be recognized differently by the nation as a whole. It shows enormous strength of character for Katy to come forward about her personal experiences in eating disorders.

In doing so, she offers encouragement and understanding on the issue, and perhaps her strength will encourage others to do the same in the future.

Luke Farley's politics deny progress at the University

TO THE EDITOR:
In a virulent display of political partisanship Student Congress Speaker Luke Farley struck down an appropriations request made by the Renewable Energy Special Projects Committee (RESPEC) to start an energy and environment magazine on campus.

The speaker's questionable logic for denying the request was that your \$4 per semester student fees for renewable energy projects could be used for this purpose.

This assertion is utter chaff. The referendum that was twice passed by the student body clearly stated that the fee could and would only be used to "support renewable energy projects on campus." Not even the very strong clarification made by the student body treasurer or the phoned-in statements of the original drafter could convince him otherwise.

In reality, Farley's daftness on the subject was the result of politics not ignorance. Luke Farley's personal vendetta against our organization runs deep. In the fall, he appointed a crony to our committee, and in doing so passed over a plethora of more qualified candidates.

It's really not surprising that his appointee had no working knowledge of environmental affairs. The appointee had just finished interning with CFACT, the collegiate organization of climate change deniers founded by Kris Wampler and funded by Exxon-Mobil.

The student body created RESPEC to promote clean energy at UNC, and at every juncture Farley has attempted to defy this will. Luke Farley's continued efforts to derail RESPEC undermines your authority as a student and erodes our campus's progress toward a clean energy future.

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Columnist's understanding of communism is flawed

TO THE EDITOR:
In Response to her column, "Karl Marx has not left the building," it is clear that Linda Quiquix misunderstands capitalism, communism and basic history. Ms. Quiquix derides the funding of a new campus building by FedEx Kinkos.

Fed Ex ships packages whenever and to wherever you need your package delivered. These packages include medicine for sick people, food for hungry people, diapers for babies, documents for businesses, money remittances to family members and school books for students, even that "Karl Marx" book you bought off eBay's capitalist "Auction-Bid" scheme.

Quiquix is a liberal graduate student trying to indoctrinate undergraduates by spouting outdated and disproven rhetoric of a failed economic system that killed millions in its implementation and at its destructions revealed that it left the people it didn't kill in disproportionate poverty.

Who would you rather learn from?

Quiquix ends with, "Marx predicted that capitalism would lead to its own demise." Currently, Marx is 0 for 1 on his predictions, seeing that he failed to predict the collapse of his own ideological creation.

Still, the vestiges of communism linger on in liberal professors and graduate students who think they are somehow edgy and cool to have a poster of Che Guevara on their wall. However, if you really want to be edgy, become a libertarian, advocate for small government, laissez-faire with no bureaucracy, increased personal responsibility and support the second Amendment.

Jim White
Class of 1979

Rivalry took a backseat to poor sportsmanship

TO THE EDITOR:
Enough is Enough! Winning and losing in college basketball's greatest rivalry took a backseat to poor sportsmanship and minor league TV commentary Sunday night.

Duke's Gerald Henderson proved that Coach K's system promotes vicious hits and a win-at-all-cost mentality. We can only hope for a rematch in the ACC Tournament.

As for Billy Packer, he continued to broadcast that the hit on Tyler was unintentional. He should be suspended from the NCAA Tournament due to poor performance.

As true sports fans, we should all write letters to CBS and demand his removal and boycott the audio portion. Or better yet, let's make sure the advertisers on CBS understand we will boycott the advertisers who condone this sportscaasting hack.