

# Letters to The Daily Tar Heel editor

## Arnold's death no one's fault

To the editor:  
The death of any human being, as has been said many times, is indeed a tragedy. The death of Billy Arnold is no exception. Death is also a very touchy subject to comment on. The death of Billy Arnold has no doubt affected Billy Arnold's relatives, his coach, his teammates and his fellow students. Mr. Humberger's accusations concerning Billy Arnold's death has placed unnecessary pressure on the people that were so deeply touched by the loss of Billy Arnold.

I did not know Billy Arnold, but having read the Daily Tar Heel's articles concerning him before his death, it seems to me Billy Arnold had one desire. That desire was to play football at Carolina and to play it well. That desire, I feel, was the main cause of his death. Maybe there is too much emphasis placed on sports in high school, college and in professionals. That statement is irrelevant in this editorial.

The blame cannot be placed on any one person. If Mr. Humberger accuses any one, he is playing the role of God. Mr. Dooley has been coaching at UNC for several years and this was the first occurrence of this type. The death of Billy Arnold is no one's fault.

Billy Arnold's death can be attributed to one thing, his desire to be best. After all, isn't that the dream of almost everyone in college.  
May the soul of Billy Arnold rest in peace.

Keith Snow  
111 Lewis - UNC

## Reader blasts Arnold column

To the editor:  
May I suggest that the presence of the article "We're Participants in the System that Killed Arnold" in an already crass publication has done little to assuage the grief of those who care for him as more than political?

Paul A. Gilster

## Stallings critic wants publicity

To the Editor:  
Only one comment in regards to Cole C. Campbell's letter of September 23 accusing Joe Stallings of craving Daily Tar Heel publicity. Anyone asinine enough to submit a letter of that quality for publication can be the only person shooting for publicity.

Fred Davenport  
213 Ruffin

parochial half-English, half-jargon one hears over here, it is an impossibility that one's speech does not interfere with his writing (and vice versa, I guess).

The reason I have written this letter is that as a graduate of UNC--1970--I would like to know what is happening this year at and in "the Southern Part of Heaven." For instance, how is our football team doing as of now? And our basketball prospects? Or, to change the subject a bit, how is the Fall scenery this year? Very lovely I bet!

(See, man, over here about all one sees, besides incoming mortars and/or rockets, is jungle and dirt, dirt and jungle, with mountains interspersed throughout.)  
See how far behind I am in the news of "The World!"

So, if any of you people would like to tell one misinformed alumnus "how it is" at dear ole Carolina, you have the utmost freedom on my behalf to do so! Really, I would appreciate any and all correspondence which I could receive. For I really miss both Chapel Hill and also UNC.

Before I close, let me wish everyone of you one hell of a great time this year. Good luck on exams and your beer drinking contests! Oh yes, beat the Hell out of Duke this year at your annual football meet!

Again, hope I have not bored you and/or wasted any editorial space. With 345 days left in the Nam and in this screwed-up Army, Peace and Love to all. Sincerely,

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the editor in Monday's DTH changed its meaning completely. The paragraph is reprinted below to correct that error.

Your reviewer Langly apparently found "Summer of '42" - a saccharine little piece of warmed over sentimentality that camped unfavorably with "Love Story" - "tender" and "nostalgic." On the other hand, he felt that "Carnal Knowledge" was, in the main, a failure. Critical opinion obviously does not determine the quality of the movie, but it is indicative, and every critic operating above the Raleigh News and Observer level has praised "Carnal Knowledge" and blasted "Summer of '42." I recommend the recent Rolling Stone review of both movies.

John Cobbs  
TA-UNC-CH

## Group member defends column

To the editor:  
Since Gerry Cohen took the Joe Hill column so personally, it is only fair to inform him that Joe Hill is a group, and that I wrote last Friday's column.

Gerry says that socialism for him does not mean revolution in the streets, long hair, and ranting about Mao. He implies that this is Joe Hill's conception of socialism, and in the same breath says that leftists shouldn't attack each other. My column criticized social democrats for things which were on the public record. Has Gerry read Joe Hill's criticism of the People's Peace Treaty and Mayday? If he had read our column in the September 16 DTH, he might see that we propose to join, as workers, with workers to fight things like the New Economic Policy, and that we oppose the elitist, mindless violence of anarchists, Maoists and Weatherpeople.

Ken Daly  
New East

## Arnold's death raises question

To the editor:  
Mr. Humberger was correct in saying that something should be done about Billy Arnold's death. But what and who? It is my opinion that nothing will be done and nothing will be said to Mr. Dooley, outside of a warning from the University

officials. After all, isn't that the way mistakes are handled nowadays.

Killings and murders go by day after day, unsolved. This results from negligence on behalf of the police department or the failure of witnesses to come forward. There must have been over 100 witnesses on the practice field that day, but Mr. Dooley has silenced them. Mr. Dooley's favorite word is "unity." That's why we haven't heard too much from the players.

The negligence in this case has got much to do with the old cliché, "what's done is done," or "he's gone and nothing you can do will bring him back." Well, that is true. But there are people in this community who can see to it that it never happens again. There are also many people in the community and on campus who are asking why did it have to happen? Everyone who knew and loved Billy Arnold should be asking that question.

Suddenly, Mr. Dooley's true colors are brought out. Before, to most people, he was the glorified UNC football coach who brought fame to the team and the University. To me, he brought unnecessary death to a player, a human being and a fellow student.

I believe Mr. Dooley made a statement after Billy's death, something like this, "I feel as though I've lost a member of my family." I keep wondering if Mr. Dooley would have left his little girl or boy out on the practice field, gasping for breath and without water. Would he have taken his child to the emergency room in the back of an equipment truck?

All I can say to you Mr. Dooley, is good luck. You've got two wins under your belt, one casualty and how many more to go before someone takes some steps in the right direction.

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To the editor:  
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First of all, I beg your pardon if (and there most likely will be) many errors in spelling, grammar or construction appear in this letter. Sec, man, like I am over here in the Nam and with all the

## Errors change letter's meaning

To the editor:  
(Editor's Note: Typographical errors in the following paragraph of a letter to

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