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## Servomation food still a raw deal

"I've stood all I can stands, and I canst standst no more." -Popeye, the Sailor.

Let us start with a simple hypothesis: it is normal to expect a company, which has a captive audience, to produce a quality product at a reasonable price.

Let us follow that with a scenario: a typical UNC student waiting in line for a hamburger at lunch time ... and waiting in line for a hamburger ... and waiting some more. Upon receiving said hamburger, the student hands over the purchase price, then unwraps this little gem to find something more akin to a breadburger.

The average UNC student has surely found that food prices and service at the Carolina Union snack bar is a classic case of the "raw deal." Servomation has a contract with UNC, granting them the right to serve Carolina students, staff and faculty.

This contract, along with the snack bar's location in the Union, gives Servomation a virtual monopoly on food sales for the main portion of the UNC campus.

UNC students waged a small scale war with Saga, another food services company, in the early seventies. The main issue concerned the employee's low salaries, but food quality and price became the vital issues to most UNC students.

# English column lacked research

#### To the editor:

If the scales of justice are to be tilted out of balance in the Little case, as they surely will be, it will not be until after the trial starts. It is evident that any research done by Bella English for her column of 2 April was minimal at best. It is also evident that Miss English knows very little about the American judicial system. She makes several assertions that are either blatantly misleading or false.

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Letters to the editor

First of all, the trial will not be held "in a small courthouse one block away from the scene of the alleged crime," unless Miss English measures blocks vertically. The trial will be held in Beaufort County Superior Court, in the new courthouse two stories above Miss Little's former cell. Secondly, she asserts that Miss Little cannot get a fair trial in Washington, even though the judge and jury will not be from Beaufort Co., due to editorials in the Washington Daily News and a "hostile" climate.

Here Miss English shows her ignorance of the judicial system. Both the solicitor and Miss Little's attorneys will be able to challenge any juror they feel to be prejudiced if they can show just cause why that juror should not sit. In addition, each side will have 12 challenges where they do not have to show cause. Further, the jury will have several choices of action before it. They can find her guilty of first degree murder, second degree murder, or manslaughter or they can release her. As for Miss English, she stands guilty by her own words of appealing to passion rather than reason. I, for one, am tired to ad hominem, ad infinitum, ad nauseum.

> Edward Rodman, Jr. 29 Old West

### **Prison 'clarification'** needs clarification

### To the editor:

In reading Mr. Walter E. Daniels' letter in

the state's penal system (4/2/75), let me offer some facts to correct Mr. Daniels' own "clarifications."

The combined felon-misdemeanant population in North Carolina as of 4/5/75 was 12,840. Mr. Daniels, apparently relying on his experience working for the corrections department last summer, states that of the approximate 13,000 figure, 10,000 are misdemeanants and the remaining 3,000, felons. This is inaccurate. I checked with the department's Office of Research and Evaluation and at the end of 1974, there were 8,908 felons and 3,101 misdemeanants in the system. There has since then been a disproportionate increase in the number of felons committed to the state's custody.

It is in fact true that North Carolina, unlike the preponderant number of other states, confines misdemeanants to state facilities rather than county jails and I should like to be first to applaud this practice. Nothing can be more devastating to a human being's mentality than to cage him in a forty foot long cellblock where he is deprived of every liberty imaginable. Most county jails, allowing in part to their frightening suicide rate, compel inmates to live a virtual monastic life - no televisions, radio, books, personal possessions nothing. Even belts and shoestrings are withheld. Inmates shower and eat in the cellblock, in fact, they don't leave the cellblock.

If confined to the state's custody, misdemeanants serving short terms for relatively minor violations of the law, are extended the simple liberties of being able to exercise on the recreation field, make purchases at the canteen, speak with counselors, and in general, conduct one's self with some semblance of normalcy.

Ironically, committing misdemeanants to terms in the county jail would have considerably greater retributive severity than felons who have been convicted of much more serious crimes receive in state

Some of the state's more archaic county jails are no better than the Tower of London. Without Lee Bounds, N.C.'s correctional

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system is still in the vanguard among other states in behavioral improvement programs and modern penology. When Bounds departed from office, there were 97 inmates participating in the study-release program. The following year under David Jones' tutelage, that figure increased dramatically to 523. Far from stifling inmate-participant opportunities, Secretary Jones has encouraged expansion of these programs. Other accomplishments since Jones began to minister the affairs of the prison system have been creation of additional diagnostic centers; hiring of a long-awaited registered dietician to develop nutritional and cost analysis of meals served; eliminating regional administrative offices and staff at a savings of 11.2 million dollars; establishment of an Office of Public Information to better familiarize the public and news media with the department's activities and planningresearch efforts; implementation of minimum pre- and in-service training and certification requirements for the hiring and retention of professional staff. There are numerous others.

Bounds initiated much, and Jones has responsibly advanced many of the correctional programs his administration inherited from the preceding one in addition to instituting new ideas.

Occasionally it takes a "layman" with a different hue of perspective to redefine and assess certain elementary needs that a "professional" with specialized knowledge innocently but not inconsequentially overlooks.

> Ralph J. Irace 407 E. Franklin

## **BARE** to sponsor another big streak

Last Thursday night 30 young hellions in all their phallic glory bared themselves to freezing temperatures and over 300 spectators. To celebrate this meritorious event, BARE (Bolder Action Required through Exposure) is bringing to you this Wednesday night, at 10:00 at Mangum dorm, the Spring Season Streak/Extravaganza. Highlighting the festivities will be the Starship Commander and his Kazoo Ensemble performing a stirring rendition of the "Stripper." Also present will be the UNC Pep band playing for your pleasure such hits as "I'd Like to See More of You" and "Ahab the Arab."

The main attraction, of course, will be those hundreds of naked and nubile bodies who, as they streak by, will take you to the highest peak of orgiastic ecstasy. Come, savor the incomparably delicious delights of debauchery on the run.

Bring some twelve oz. friends and a willing heart to help make this affair worthy of UNC's reputation as the "mecca of high life." Cast all cautions and inhibitions to the wind and help us pull this off!

> See you there. BARE **Bob Williams** Andy Robbins 18 Old East

### When will Santa Cole fill the DTH boxes?

### Dear Santa Cole:

My mommy always told me that if I were a good little boy Santa Cole would come down the chimbley in Hinton James and fill up my DTH box with copies of the DTH.

But in the past couple of weeks I haven't seen but two or three DTH's.

So I don't believe in you any more, Santa Cole. I don't think you exist. And I won't believe you exist until you start coming to Hinton James with your eight tiny reindeer and filling up our DTH box again.

It seems we have now jumped from the frying pan into the french frying vat in recent years. We traded in Saga for Servomation, and have gotten little profit for our trouble.

Wimpy, the rotund friend of Popeye, would always say he "would gladly pay you Tuesday, for a hamburger today." Servomation has been telling us it will gladly bring us better food soon, for our money today.

Something isn't quite right with that situation.

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We are making two, simple suggestions to Servomation; one) improve the service at the Union snack bar, speediness being a necessity to most UNC students between classes, and two) improve the quality of the food. (Is it too much to ask?)

We are not declaring war on Servomation; that is for the student body to decide. We, Popeye and Wimpy included, are just going to abstain from buying at the Union snack bar until Servomation improves the overall quality.

Until then, you can meet Popeye, Wimpy and myself at MacDonalds.

## On distribution

There have been so many letters and irate telephone calls about the distribution of the DTH we are going to try to explain some of the reasons everybody has trouble obtaining copies.

The DTH is printed Monday through Friday in quantities of approximately 17,500 copies. There are over 19,000 students at UNC. When one adds in the number of faculty and staff members of UNC, the readership demand far out-reaches the amount of available copies.

But, contrary to popular belief, simply increasing the circulation will not cure the "I-can't-find-a-paper" syndrome.

The problem with distribution has been two-fold. Besides the aforementioned number of readers, drop-site placement has been poor in the past.

There have been several reported cases of empty DTH boxes at the Union and the Y-Court, while hundreds of copies remain at various and sundry spots all over campus. The solution to that problem seems easy to understand, but somewhat more difficult to execute.

A realignment of the DTH distribution points must be examined, studied and completed. Such an examination is now taking place, but it will take some time to actually relocate the papers.

Increasing the circulation of the DTH to around 20,000, in conjunction with revamping the distribution system, should alleviate the problems. The increase in circulation cannot begin just yet, since the DTH is in the process of renegotiating its printing contract. Once the budget for the 1975-76 DTH is settled, the increase can take place. The process for improving circulation will always be a day-to-day affair, but the majority of problems should be solved by the end of this semester. W.E.W.

## Carl Fox

# Office shakeup illustrates 'spoils system'

W.E.W.

the 4/3/75 issue of the DTH responding to your editorial decrying the housing crisis in

correctional institutions. Such is the miscarriage of justice.

To the editor: To all UNC students: Bruce Tindall 740 James

## **Gregg Suhm**

# Baha'i faith: universal, lasting peace

Many have seen the word Baha'i on campus and may know that it is an independent world-wide faith whose teachings center on the unity of mankind. But many have asked, "What is it about?" The purpose of this article is not to proselytize, but to inform.

. The Baha'i faith is neither a sect nor merely a synthesis of religions, but rather an independent world religion. It began one hundred and thirty years ago in Iran. The founder, believed to be the latest Divinely inspired "manifestation" of God, was titled Baha'u'llah (the Glory of God). For his teachings he was exiled from his homeland and imprisoned for 40 years.

His message is a weighty one. He teaches that religion is cyclical in nature in that God never leaves man alone. A new manisfestation is born to the world every five hundred to a thousand years to bring new spiritual as well as social teachings according to the needs and capacity of the people of each age. Their ultimate purpose is to help man to know and love the Creator. Past manisfestations include Krishna (2,000 B.C.), Moses (1,300 B.C.), Buddha (560 B.C.), Christ (1 A.D.) and Muhammad (622 A.D.).

Each prepared man for the next step. Each told of the age of universal peace. To this day the Buddhists are still waiting for the coming of the Fifth Buddha, the Jews are waiting for the Messiah, Moslems are waiting for the Twelfth Imam and the Christians are waiting for the Second Coming of Christ.

But Baha'is (followers of the Glory) believe that mankind must wait no longer, because the Promised One of all religions has now come. They accept the Glory of God, Baha'u'llah, as the Messiah and the return of Christ in fulfillment of the Old and New Testaments. They view the age we are living in as the time of the End-the end of the old world order and the beginning of a new world civilization in fulfillment of Christ's promise, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as

### it is in Heaven."

Baha'u'llah teaches that the world is now experiencing the birth pangs of a new world order. It is said to be an age of transition in which a new world civilization based on God-like qualities will supplant the now crumbling institutions.

The major principles of the Baha'i Faith are as follows: there is but one God, mankind is one, religions essentially agree, man must independently search for truth, all prejudices should be dropped, men and women are equal, science and religion are in harmony, there is a need for a spiritual solution to the economic problem and there should be established universal education, language, and court systems, as well as a world parliament. The central underlying purpose is no less than the establishment of a universal and lasting peace.

The Baha'i teachings require a high standard of moral conduct. Monogamy is enjoined on all Baha'is and a chaste conduct is extolled. Marriage requires the consent of all living parents in order to preserve family unity. Alcohol and narcotics are prohibited except for medical purposes. Work is considered worship when done in service.

Prayer and meditation play a key role. A spiritual approach to group consultation is employed. Purity, honesty, generosity and selflessness are regarded as fundamental virtues. In this day man is enjoined to love one's neighbor more than one's self. Backbiting and gossip are condemned.

Baha'is are not straight-laced but are encouraged to enjoy the legitimate beauties and pleasures the world offers. Moral laws are not outmoded vestiges of a Puritan doctrine but a fresh reassurance from God that this pattern of conduct will lead to the greatest happiness and fulfillment.

Gregg Suhm is a junior RTVMP major from Tallman, N.Y.

# **Disposable cans waste energy**

For the past two weeks, Carolina students have been exposed to a variety of viewpoints concerning man's survival in a world of dwindling resources.

Jim Buie

The survival symposium's emphasis on education and long-range goals is all well and good. It must not, however, obscure the need for forceful student action now.

There is a bill now before the North Carolina General Assembly which gives us students an opportunity to demonstrate how committed we really are to conserving energy. The bill, sponsored by the North Carolina Public Interest Research Group

(PIRG) and introduced by Orange County Senator Charles Vickery, would outlaw disposable, non-returnable beverage containers and require that refunds be given for the return of all plastic, metal, and glass containers. The goal is to pursuade people to turn their pulltab cans and bottles in for money rather than to carelessly discard them.

So what does this have to do with reducing energy consumption? Senator Vickery estimates that the annual energy now used nationally to supply beer and soft drinks in throwaway cans and bottles would supply all the electrical needs of Pittsburgh, Boston, Washington, D.C. and San Francisco. Another study indicates that the energy required to produce 56 billion containers which Americans throw away each year is equal to that provided by two billion gallons of gasoline.

actually increased by \$4 million.

Wib Gulley, director of N.C. PIRG, admits that the shift to returnable beverage containers would cost bottlers and brewers an additional one to two cents per container the first year of operation with the cost leveling off at one cent per container after that. He concedes also that costs would probably be passed on to the consumer.

If students, who consume a substantial percentage of beer and soft drinks, make it clear to their legislators and to the public at large that they are willing to make this sacrifice, then this energy-conserving antilitter bill's chances should improve considerably.

The recent shakeup of office space in Suite C is an observable instance of the "spoils system" and "petty politics". The Student Body President has "ordered" ECOS out of the Union and moved the Human Sexuality Information and Counseling Service to Smith Building (across the street from Phillips for those of you who don't know where it is.).

While the movement of ECOS out of the Union may be quite justifiable, the displacing of HSICS may well spell the end of one of the most beneficial arms of Student Government. While the President promised to cut "wasteful spending" by SG, he has offered reassurances to HSICS that SG will pay for its move to Smith which may cost around \$100, or 20 per cent of the 20 per cent he promised to reduce his own expenses by. Is this "Student Government delivering?" You bet!

To add insult to injury, members of the organizations "expected" to occupy these newly available offices proceeded to inspect these offices during the business hours of HSICS and attempt to decide where to "put things." What organizations am I referring to? Why RHA and the Campus Program Council. I thought you knew.

Why RHA needs a new office I'll never know, but could it have something to do with the President's former association with RHA. Possibly, I might think. Just possibly. And currently the Campus Program Council has its office over in, of all places, Smith Building. Surprise, of surprises! Could this be the site to which HSICS is moving? I guess it could be.

Fellow students, watch closely the appointments of the President and see if you can trace back many or most (whichever is closer to all) of them to association with RHA, CPC, Scott Residence College, etc., etc. This does not mean there is something "wrong" with any of the above, but just to say this is not an open administration. No appointment of the other presidential candidates to important posts like last year. There seems to be a visible pattern of "cliqueness" and "chummery" (formerly known as comradery) in this "open administration." And why not? Nixon did it and he was a fine President, wasn't he?

If Student Government is ever going to mean anything to the students and be able to deal with the administration it must be composed of students united for the common good. It must never be a "select elitist group" such as those which ruled Germany under Hitler or Russia under Czar Nicholas.

Perhaps the best answer to the question of Union office space might be to form a panel of students outside of SG to allocate space on a priority basis to eliminate "Presidential petty politics" or "Romper Room roulette" in the future. Something needs to be done immediately to defeat this attempt to display and flaunt Presidential power. I suggest that every student who opposes this type of politics on any scale, be it national or local, visit our President as soon as possible to let him know how you feel.

See your CGC representatives and ask what they intend to do about the situation (some of them must have "mandates"). And finally, write letters to the editor to let people know how you feel. Because if students are allowed to step on each other and we remain silent, what then can we say about the administration, since we should be more considerate.

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This legislation is modeled after a 1972 law enacted in Oregon which some officials there claim has reduced by 88 per cent the number of beverage containers ending up as solid waste.

Angry bottlers and beverage retailers understandably argue that the anti-litter law would cost them heavily in the form of lost jobs, declining sales and huge bottlehandling expenses.

 We can only cite Oregon as an example. The disposable can ban did cut operating income of retailers and glass and can manufacturers by \$4 million in 1973. But this was more than offset by an \$8 million increase enjoyed by brewers and soft-drink bottlers. A study by two Oregon State University professors reported that the entire industry's income from operations

Steve Boyd, co-author of a PIRG study of North Carolina and a Duke University senior, said the ban on disposable containers would cut solid waste between five and eight. per cent, cut beverage container litter by two-thirds, and cut annual energy use in the state by an amount equal to heating 100,000 homes.

The most important issue is not added cost, he said, but the negative aspect of disposable containers.

At the very least, take a few minutes to write or call your state legislator in Raleigh and express your opinion on this important issue. If we who have the knowledge and commitment do not act now to help solve our energy problems, the future may find us left only with the hollow apology of T.S. Eliot in "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock":

That is not what I meant. That is not it, at all.

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