perspective

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New chancellor faces HEW, close scrutiny

Dr. Joab L. Thomas, newly appointed chancellor for N.C. State University, comes to the consolidated University of North Carolina system at a time of strain imposed by requirements of desegregation and by uncertainties regarding the future of the system. His predecessor, Dr. John Caldwell, proved to be a capable administrator. Dr. Thomas will have to be one also as N.C. State and the University system confront trying tasks.

The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare has been pressuring the University system to place a proposed school of veterinary medicine at N.C. A&T State University instead of N.C. State. HEW has been critical of the general progress of North Carolina's public higher education toward the elimination of a dual system of education based on racially identifiable schools.

The conduct of the new N.C. State chancellor will undergo special scrutiny as the University system attempts to demonstrate its compliance with the law and to win acceptance of its decision to place the vet school at N.C. State. David Mathews, one of Dr. Thomas' former collegues in the administration of the University of Alabama, is now secretary of HEW. Dr. Thomas must be careful not to seek special consideration nor to appear to seek preferential treatment from HEW.

The NAACP has initiated litigation against HEW on the grounds that HEW has been lax in higher education desegregation supervision. North Carolina is one of the civil rights group's major examples of a poorly desegregated system. Dr. Thomas and other educational leaders of this state must endure intensive public inspection as they defend the efforts

of the system to fully integrate higher education in North Carolina.

Even within the state, the University system faces numerous challenges. The legislature last spring defeated a proposed salary hike for state employees, weakening the ability of the University system to recruit highly sought professorial talent. A medical school of questionable value obtained funding from cuts in other institutions' revenues and budgets. Most University construction and capital improvements depend upon a statewide bond referendum to be held later in the academic year. Tuition for out-of-state students increased again. The University system suffered much in a tight budget year.

The future of the system is still in doubt. Carolina and State are the unquestionable leaders of the 16campus system, with UNC-Charlotte and East Carolina jockeying for the third slot in the educational heirarchy. Whether the Board of Governors and the legislature will continue to build these larger institutions or will shift support to equalize some educational resources in unclear. Either course will require great skill on the part of each school's chancellor to maximize the resources allotted to each campus.

These are some of the pressures on the University system which Dr. Thomas must face in addition to managing the internal affairs of the Raleigh campus. Dr. Thomas' experience as an administrator at the University of Alabama will surely be tested at N.C. State.

We welcome Dr. Joab Thomas to North Carolina, to the consolidated university and to the Research Triangle. We hope that he is fully prepared to advance the University and its Raleigh campus when he settles into his new job on January 1.

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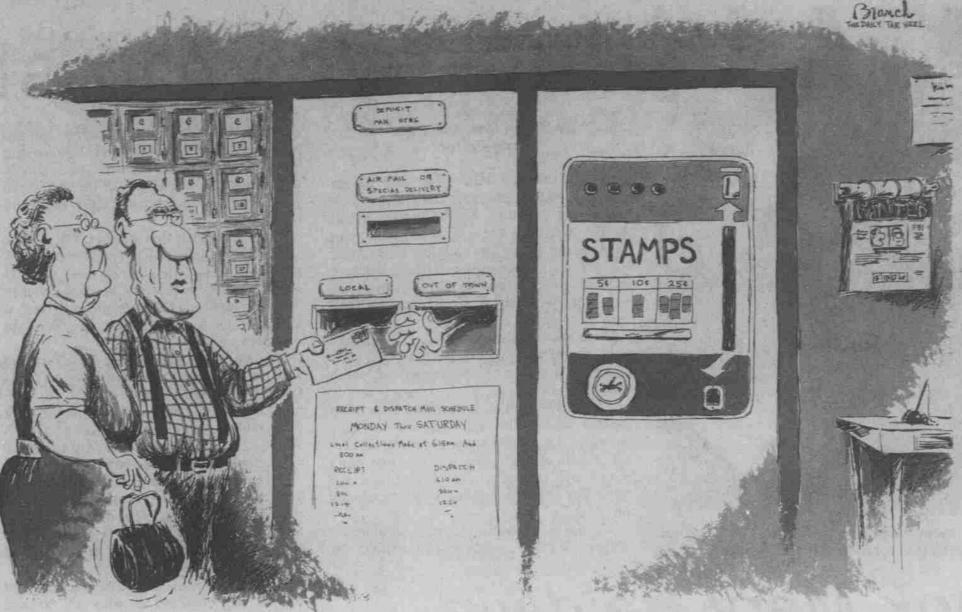
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"THE CIA HAS GONE TOO FAR THIS TIME-I'M WRITING MY CONGRESSMAN!

Dick Pope

On innuendo and mistatement

"When underhandedness and backstabbing are the standard procedure, progress will halt." This quote, from Mark Dearmon's column of September 26, best describes the column he wrote, a column full of innuendos and misstatements. Let us look at Dearmon's column. He claims that several people including myself have hindered the operation of the DTH business office. He stated that ordering the refund of all credit balances was a stupid business decision and done without the approval of the Media Board. First, the Board did grant me that power on September 2. Second, the auditors were concerned about the number of credit balances. Third, Mrs. Sparrow cannot enforce my decision, as she cannot force Reynolds Bailey, DTH business manager, to issue any checks. And fourth, Reynolds and I have already discussed the problem and agreed that I would send a letter to those advertisers having credit balances discussing alternatives to liquidating those credit balances.

Next, Dearmon selectively edited my statements about Media Board funds being frozen. What I did in fact state was that legally they should have been frozen, but they had not been, should not be, and probably would not be frozen. Enough said?

Dearmon than proceeds to look at advertising rates on football roster pages. The ability of the business manager to raise rates with Media Board approval was the question. Legislation was passed on September 2 that could have superceded previous legislation. Posting of DTH accounts were not held up, but rather proceeded normally until such time as the problem was resolved. I then contacted former Media Board Chairman Tim Dugan the same day the issue came up and found the business manager did indeed have the authority to increase the ad rates. The decision was thus one day in forthcoming, but posting was allowed to proceed. What Dearmon claimed to be ironic wasn't true. Ironic, isn't it?

Dearmon continued with an account of the DTH \$10,000 loan granted this spring. Dearmon claimed that Student Stores owed \$4500. When the loan fund was established, Student Stores had already paid \$3698.65 and owed considerably less than the \$4500. Why didn't Dearmon withdraw the bill establishing the DTH loan? I have

photocopied records of the DTH cash account for February. I cannot find a \$2000 error. Where in fact is this error, if it exists?

Dearmon further claims Mrs. Sparrow put the \$10,000 loan in the DTH account without proper authorization. He is referring to check number 14996 issued April 14, 1975 by then Student Body Treasurer Chris Lowe. At this time, Mrs. Sparrow had not received a copy of the CGC bill authorizing this loan. Chris told her it was authorized by BF-56-181, but stated nothing about who had to approve such a loan. The loan was illegally granted, but by Chris Lowe, not by Mrs.

Mark has consistently attacked Mrs. Sparrow and myself behind our backs. He said, "It is only when all sides work together that a satisfactory solution to the problems can be attained." We have been trying, Mark. How about joining us? Maybe then the problems can be

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letters

Put up, shut up, or resign

Debbie Bates' wish to defend her husband is commendable, but it is unfortunate that she can find no stronger grounds on which to support him than a set of as yet unrevealed "interesting facts" regarding Mike O'Neal.

If Bates is possessed of information indicating O'Neal's unfitness to remain student body treasurer, he is remiss in not making it public. His wife's attack by innuendo is no substitute for evidence, if any exists. Bates, like O'Neal and DTH Editor Cole Campbell, has often enough been the victim of smear tactics that one would hope he would refuse to use such tactics on his own behalf. It is time for Bates to put up, shut up, or resign.

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Sex, vile, and gutter language

I also read the edition of the DTH "confused freshman" refers to in her letter of September 10, (Sex and Vice at Carolina), and I say "right on" to her comments. She sounds like a very intelligent young lady to me. Pray God she never compromises her position! As for the offensive four letter word it should have been left in the gutter where it belongs.

Probably the reason you thought her letter was such a classic is the fact that there aren't many young people today with high ideals such as she has. She knows "where it's at" and what she wants out of life.

The "in generation" of today seem to be majoring in booze, drugs and sex. They go to college for another four years free ride at their parents expense, keeping a grade point average just high enough to graduate, with very little study involved. Very often there is a price to pay.

So, hang in there "confused" and don't let your affluent friends, ones you have now, or ones you make in the future, change your

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Women's lib, seriousness aside

thing is getting out of hand.

I don't mind you girls having the vote. Blue jeans don't bother me, though I wonder what you're hiding when you wear them. Moving up the torso, I can even put up with the smell of burning foam rubber, as long as you're willing to put up with my animalistic

But this business of trying to grab the headlines all the time is getting on my nerves! Like I said before, there are certain aspects of the liberation thing I can put up with. You want to be called "Ms."? I don't care., that's the way "Miss" and "Mrs." have been

pronounced for a long time anyway. You've decided to give up makeup?

All seriousness aside, the women's lib Fantastic. I've always wondered what a woman's skin looked and felt like anyway. Besides, there are a lot of fakers out there under all that cake.

> Don't want me to open doors doors for you or light cigarettes? Great. Saves me a lot

> Look, I can even understand why some of you don't want to shave your legs. (Of course, I have to point out that a lack of hair is much more attractive. After all, if I want to see or feel a hairy leg, all I have to do is roll up my pants. (Don't ask me to shave my own-I'm out of blades.)

So, you see, I'm really willing to swallow a lot of my inborn male-chauvinism, if it'll keep you happy. But how much longer do l

have to put up with women stealing the spotlight from important things, like pictures of President Ford fixing his

What I'm talking about really began in earnest just this summer. That's when Betty Ford started stirring up the America-first types by announcing the she sleeps with Gerry and wouldn't be surprised if Susan had an affair.

Okay. I can understand the President's wife trying a publicity stunt. You've got to get a little jealous when hubby gets so much

In a way, now that I think about it, I can even understand Squeaky Fromme pulling that gun on Gerry. After all, it was in the name of a cause: save the redwoods. She had reason to be alarmed, what with Gerry always talking about fuel shortages and such. It's obvious that it's just a matter of time before he sends the marines out to California to cut a little firewood.

But now my patience is running out. Patty Hearst is on front pages again. They caught her coming out of a fog. The sad thing was, she had cramps in her hand from clenching her fist too long. (Couldn't go for her gun), and the feds got the drop on her.

It's for the best, though. There aren't too many opportunities out there for a selfemployed urban guerilla. (Also, I've got a feeling Patty and friends just didn't have a fees of \$1 per semester per student. This knack for submitting low bids. I never heard increase is long overdue, and will allow of them getting any hijacking contracts at all. Shoot, they never even kidnapped a

Now, just the other day, another female, Sarah Moore or Kahn or something, made a bid for the bigtime. Of course, her family obligations almost kept her out of the limelight, for I read in the paper that she planned to cancel her assassination attempt if Gerry didn't make it in time for her to plug him and still pick her son up from school.

Sarah wasn't too imaginative. Not only did she copy Squeaky, her professed reason was to prove to radical friends she had retired as an FBI stoolie. But the point is, I'm getting the feeling that you're plotting against us, and I don't like it. I've grown accustomed to seeing Henry Kissinger's mug on the front page, and I wish you'd let well enough alone.

Besides, what'll you do next? Send Bella Abzug over Niagra Falls in a Toyota?

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Patty Hearst Tired of clenching her fist?



Over Niagra Falls in a Toyota?

Bill Bates

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A time for pragmatic politics

The Campus Governing Council met Tuesday night, September 23, and set up a mechanism whereby it, students and all organizations could get on the road. Fiscal responsibility is a necessary aim. Because our Student Activity Fund Office is unique in its completely student controlled operation, we as students have a strong responsibility to safeguard those monies.

Those organizations whose operations were illicit are being investigated thoroughly. Action has been taken in regard to a few of the groups. Other decisions are pending. Controversies over the BSM funds, the Daily Tar Heel financial woes, or the graduate departments have their place. CGC has the unfortunate position of having to decide formally what action to take. Sometimes that process is stalemated because our consciences do not always coincide. Nevertheless, we have allowed ourselves to be caught in controversies much too long. There were valid points on each side of the issue, but unfortunately good ideas can still result in stagnation.

What is needed at this time is pragmatic politics, politics that will solve not only present, but the always recurring student problems.

Students have not been unified to this date, and from that stems our troubles. Naturally there are issues on which students conflict.

permanent consensus lies weakness. We be easily ascertained. Politics is an all want to see a strong and active student body. I hope that only our ideas, and not our goals, differ. Pressing issues such as legal aid, voter registration and improved student participation in the University have not been neglected, but merely moved out of the limelight.

The selection process for a Student Government general counsel is almost complete. Passage of an amendment to the bill, one that forbids the general counsel to sue the state of North Carolina or the University, eases the acceptance of the general counsel. Furthermore, the Legal Assistance Committee is gearing up so that it may serve to screen the attorney's time. Investigation is being done to ensure that third-year law students may also serve under the supervision of the attorney. We will have advanced legal services on this campus.

Voter registration is a theme that has been very low-key. With a town population of 25,000 in Chapel Hill, the student population of 20,000 stands to exert great pressure on the upcoming elections. Registration is readily open to But these are necessary, for in all students, and the place and time can accepted and necessary evil: do your part — register and then vote.

> Plans for the student-facultyadministration conference are proceeding smoothly. An agenda task force has been set up. Those wishing to partake in this process may express their wishes in Suite C. Further announcements concerning agenda, membership, and purposes are forthcoming.

Off-campus affairs, a new field headed up by new people, is now seeking to finish quickly a survey so that we will know more precisely what off-campus priorities to set.

On-campus students are not to be neglected. The Resident Unit Grant and Loan Fund has been successful thus far in providing TV's, ice machines, lounge

furniture, and even bar (building) materials. Residence Life is still pushing for increased awareness of residence hall, fraternity and sorority problems. One solution will be coming up for the choice of students: an increase in social dorms to increase their activities, activities that have been cut down in present years due to increasing cost and inflation.

This is merely a brief view of where we are. Events of the past weeks have taken the spotlight, but they are not the primary activities taking place in Student Government.

Student Government serves only to aid students. Your input, participation and criticism are necessary if we are ever able to unite students to make progress on pressing issues. Students are the important element, and Student Government can succeed only if it portrays student ideals and trust.

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