

Letters to the editor

Campus elections—questions, criticisms, endorsements, assessments

To the editor:
Yesterday's editorial criticism of Mike York struck us as particularly unfair. While Mike received well-earned praise for his editorial platform, he got a thorny and somewhat offhand response for his proposals for general expansion.

The point is simple: any candidate who promises more national news, more sports, etc. becomes obligated to support the pledge with a plan to provide more news space. It is not just a business decision—it has an impact on the entire paper. The suggestion that Mike could make better use of his time by applying for membership to the Media Board was incredible; Mike has been a member of the Media Board for two years, and has served as chairperson.

Mike's plan for a larger paper seems workable and well-conceived. We believe he can do it.

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President, Student Bar Assoc.
William Gibson
Vice president, Student Bar Assoc.
John Meuser
President, second-year law students
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President, third year law students

Recycling already underway

To the editor:
Karen Millers' article of Feb. 8 was an excellent expose of the almost impossible promises being made by every candidate for

president this year. However, I have one question for her, and it is the same question that I asked Mark Miller: How can you implement something that has already begun?

In Mark's literature, and then again in Millers' article, there is mentioned a proposal to "implement" a recycling program. I have been working in Student Government for over three months on the exact program that Mark intends to "implement," and I frankly don't appreciate Mark using the work that I have done for his own political gain.

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Sports Club Council endorsement

To the editor:
The Sports Club Council would like to thank all the presidential and editorial candidates who talked at their meeting on Monday. After careful deliberation the Council has decided to endorse Sam Fulwood for editor of the *DTH* and Tal Lassiter for student body president. We believe that they will stimulate the growth and improvement of the many clubs on campus and that they have a genuine interest in all student activities. The Council also endorses David Royle for president of the Carolina Athletic Association. We urge all members of the sports clubs to vote for them.

Lee Zion
Vice-President, UNC Sports Club Council

Standout in Presidential Pageant

To the editor:
"Honesty," "truth" and "realistic" have become the catch-words of the Campus Presidential Pageant for this winter. Clouding their platforms in traditionally nebulous, uncommitted and inconclusive terms; the presidential candidates contrive to show themselves as persons who honestly believe they can resolve the issues raised during the campaign while being realistic enough to understand they truly don't have the power to resolve them. Thus, we receive pledges from the candidates that the office of president will be transformed into the Great Ocular of Student Interest that shall focus the potent, but diffuse, power of Student Input into the proper bureaucratic channels, seeking resolution through committee, i.e. oblivion (out of sight, out of mind; out of mind, out of existence).

In keeping with the spirit of this Campaign Season, I should like to urge the students who vote, to vote for Blue Sky Party candidate Robert Lyman—the only exception to the above described candidates. Here is a man truthful, honest and realistic enough to recognize Student Government for the force it is, and thus deal with it in farcical terms. According to the criteria of this campaign, he is the only qualified candidate for the office of president; for, indeed, he is the only one who has displayed the integrity and pragmatism to treat a ridiculous campaign with ridicule.

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Why leave 'real world'?

To the editor:
Regarding Ken Smith's letter (*DTH*, Feb. 4), I am continually intrigued by the fact that so many non-Chapel Hillians consider themselves experts on the history, residents and problems of this "stubborn small North Carolina college town" the moment they step inside the city limits.

As a resident of Chapel Hill for the past 21 years, I have seen this town change (along with the rest of the world); some changes have been welcome, others have distressed me. One irritating change is that with the increased population there has come a wealth of Chapel Hill experts (particularly students). These experts must be praised for their in-depth knowledge of the community. In fact, Smith knows exactly what all Chapel Hill residents are like. I guess mind-reading powers are gained by living in the real world. I wouldn't know.

Why leave the "real world" for a "stubborn small North Carolina college town"? There are plenty of fine urban universities out there.

Jean L. Donnan
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No gambling in dorms?

To the editor:
I see by the literature slipped under my door that it will soon be lottery time once again.

Being closed out of my dorm (in my senior year) because of the lottery has caused me many problems. After the first few weeks of school I did get back into the old dorm. But it still wasn't the same.

Yet I was one of the luckier ones. Others are still miserable because of the situation the lottery has put them into. Many of us were quite happy to sit in line all day to get our rooms back in the previous year. I hope those who helped to pressure the lottery decision are happy now.

Besides, I thought *Room to Live* stated that there should be no gambling in the dorms.

Fran Furchgott
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Frightening B-1 prospects

To the editor:
I am writing this letter in reference to the B-1 Bomber Program. I am not, by any means, an expert on the subject; in fact, my knowledge of the B-1 program consists only of a few hours research and a class debate on the B-1 Bomber Program.

The facts presented on the program, both pro and con, were both interesting and frightening, respectively. It was quite interesting to learn of the Rockwell Corporation's role in the development of the program. On the other hand, it was quite frightening to learn that the B-1 could be used in a conventional war as well as a nuclear war. At that point, I stopped listening and reading. Speaking from experience, a veteran of the Vietnam conflict, I saw what we Americans did with napalm; I would be afraid to see what we would do with the B-1.

A saddening fact is that this country would even consider spending billions of dollars, our defense dollars, on a project that with the grace of G-d, will never be used. Defense dollars are tight; many of our soldiers, sailors and marines are using obsolete equipment; yet we Americans take those very same tight dollars and support the B-1 Bomber Program. I would not be surprised to see our Government sell special bonds for the program. Maybe they should label it: BONDS FOR THE B-1—INVEST IN WAR.

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Greek article 'inflammatory'

To the editor:
As a member of the Greek system at

Carolina, I was offended by Tim Smith's article on alleged discrimination by fraternities and sororities. The article was unnecessary, inconsiderate, inaccurate and inflammatory. It presents a negative, and unjustified, view of the methods by which Greek houses determine their membership.

Smith did not make clear the need for an article such as his or for the investigation suggested. He does not quote blacks or whites who were denied membership in a fraternity on the basis of their race.

The use of the photograph on page one, in which people are clearly recognizable, along with the headline: "UNC Fraternities and Sororities: the Last Bastions of White Supremacy?", does not take into account the feelings of those pictured. To indiscriminately associate a group of people with the "last bastions of white supremacy", whatever that may be, is not only inconsiderate but approaches being unethical.

Assuming that Smith labels some houses "white supremacists" on the basis of a non-integrated membership, shouldn't the fraternities and sororities with no whites be branded as "black supremacists"? Mutual interests, attitudes and friendships determine where an individual pledges—if at all. Greeks support their houses for their own benefit, not to advance racist ideals.

The manner in which Mr. Smith presents his findings is inflammatory. "Bigotry" and "white supremacy", even when followed by an easily-ignored question mark, are highly emotional terms not supported by the facts. If he is determined to champion a cause, I suggest he confine himself to a legitimate one. The hard feelings generated by this type of article will hinder the Greek houses, black and white, more than the alleged solutions Smith is seeking will help.

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DTH—bastion of inept journalism?

To the editor:
I was very disturbed by the recent article in the *DTH* calling fraternities "the last bastion of white supremacy." Unfortunately, this is not the first time fraternities have been the victim of the *DTH*'s biased "journalism" (using the term loosely). Case in point—the editorial during Formal Rush discouraging freshmen from joining a fraternity.

The clincher was the paragraph that tied the UNC fraternities to the KKK and the "southern tradition" of the Reconstruction era. Every fraternity on this campus—either independently or through the Interfraternity Council has participated in a conscious effort to destroy the myths and barriers that have hurt fraternity-campus relations in the past.

The Greek System at Carolina is on the way up and is ready to make a worthwhile, lasting contribution to the University. The only real barriers to this growth are those created by the *DTH*—the last bastion of inept journalism.

David R. Hair
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DTH adds to misconceptions

To the editor:
The existence of predominantly white and black fraternities in 1977 is a disgrace. The situation arises partly from prejudice; however, the more basic problem stems from the misconceptions and confusion that surround fraternities and prevent blacks and whites from going through the rush process. As usual, *The Daily Tar Heel* has added to the misconceptions and contributed to the confusion.

During the past three years, I've gone "dormstorming" (knocking on doors and inviting names from the "Freshmen Interested in Fraternities" list) numerous times. At least 50 of those names have been black students who look up from their desks, listen to you politely, and never come over. Who can blame them for being suspicious—they read the *Daily Tar Heel*.

Speaking for my own fraternity, Delta Tau Delta has had a strict policy of non-discrimination since its birth in 1858 and has never been a "secret society." Every visitor from the national fraternity has emphasized the importance of this policy.

The overall image of "Frat Rats" and the "type of people who join frats" is a difficult one to shake; headlines like "Bastions of Bigotry" do little to help the situation. During the past three years, our brotherhood has contained such "typical fraternity men" as: Kida Yau, born and raised in mainland China, a black, Jew, Catholic, Protestant and brother who don't drink. There is no political issue that won't start a debate between some pair of brothers. Unlike the infamous Elliot Worthabundle of last year's *Tar Heel*, we are not all millionaires. In fact, many of us are working our way through school and feel that living in the house saves us several hundred dollars a year. Last but not least, I don't even own a pair of Toppiders.

The stereotype of the fraternity man as rich, snobbish and bigoted is no more true than the stereotype of blacks as slow, shiftless and lazy. The barriers between the races are built on ignorance. The only way to tear them down is through contact and communication.

I'd like to invite any student, black or white, to see for himself if the Greek System, or at least my house, is a "Bastion of Bigotry." All houses are open during rush periods, and many houses are open to interested students year round. I challenge you to see firsthand which image of the Greek System is the real one.

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Peter, Carrboro recluse and sometime *DTH* contributor, died in his bedroom yesterday, the apparent victim of a woman's underwear advertisement from the Jan. 17 issue of the *New Yorker* magazine. The tragic event promised an end to the strange series of letters, despite speculation that he might continue to send in drawings from his new address.

Peter

'Sarcastic and biased' article

To the editor:
Merton Vance attended one of our free introductory lessons and then wrote an article, which your newspaper eagerly chose to place on page one of your Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1977 issue.

To correct the misquoted facts:

1. The average American reads 250-300 words per minute with 60-80 per cent comprehension in *Novel* material. Vance neglected to mention that in technical material the speed varies from 75-100 words per minute with 40-60 per cent comprehension. He misquoted the original figures and then took them out of context. Secondly, the word "retain" is misused; we use the word "comprehension."
2. The Australian boy was reading 2800 words per minute with 86 per cent comprehension, another misquote.
3. Beth Jaffe on the Johnny Carson Show was able to answer all of the questions asked her, and that seems to be more in the neighborhood of 100 per cent comprehension rather than the misquoted 90 per cent figure.
4. More than 1 million people have taken our course, not the 500,000 figure, again misquoted.
5. Vance mentions the Evelyn Wood Course is similar to the UNC program; however, since he has not taken the Evelyn Wood Course, how can he be sure?
6. Evelyn Wood Reading Dynamics uses available materials found in basic college libraries and book stores, again a misquote.
7. Vance also mentions a "Psychology Today" article repeatedly. I wonder how much of that article is misquoted or taken out of context.

As for the UNC program, I have spoken with a former Reading Major of UNC who tells me that the UNC course is indeed a "speed reading" course, teaching you to pick out key words and topic sentences. The Evelyn Wood method teaches you to break two habits, sub-vocalization and hard focus vision. This, like any other habit, takes time and practice. The Evelyn Wood Reading Dynamics Course is not magic; nor do we make such claims. It is a simple psychomotor skill, which we can teach to anyone who is willing to do the required amount of work and follow our instructions, even a nine year old. We do not skim or scan or pick out key words or topic sentences as is a popular misconception.

In closing we at Evelyn Wood Reading Dynamics feel that Vance did not write an impartial article, as he chose only the positive information from his interview with Powell regarding the UNC course and chose to ignore the benefits of the valuable skill that we teach, by taking a sarcastic and biased approach to his new report.

And yes, we do give free red pencils.

Evelyn Wood Reading Dynamics Institute
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'Free ride' for Carrboro?

To the editor:
Chapel Hill students are going to continue paying for their bus system, but Carrboro

students are going to get—literally—a "free ride" at the University's expense, if Student Government gets its way.

Student Government officials recently stated that it would be fair for the University to give \$40,000 a year to a Carrboro bus system because (they claimed) the University already gives hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Chapel Hill bus system. Not true. The Chapel Hill bus-system does get a lot of money from the University each year, but it's in payment for bus passes—payment, not a gift, not a contribution.

What difference does that make? Plenty. If Student Government's plans are carried out, we who live in Chapel Hill are going to continue to pay for our bus service through fares and property taxes with hardly a cent in contributions from the University. But students who live in Carrboro will be subsidized by a \$40,000 annual gift from the University—a gift, not a purchase of bus passes.

Carrboro really needs a bus system, and I'd love to see one started there—but let the Carrboro residents pay for it, with no subsidy from the University. Or, let the University subsidize (with gifts, not purchases) both towns' bus systems. Any other arrangement—including the one being hawked by Student Government—would be a special favor for Carrboro and a rip-off for Chapel Hill.

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Arctic Streaking Society

To the editor:

I direct my comments to the three young ladies of third floor Melver who have unknowingly usurped the acronym of an intrepid group known as the Arctic Streaking Society. Four years ago, some 600 miles north of the Arctic Circle in the Canadian Northwest Territory, a group of explorers penetrated the ice of Resolute Bay to make over 200 dives for science in the frigid polar sea (see *National Geographic*, August 1973). I was among the 14 men who risked life and limb to venture into the minus 23 degrees centigrade temperature and establish the society. I must therefore urge the newly founded Association for Southern Supremacy to either find a new name or apply in person for honorary membership to the original A.S.S.!

The Arctic Streaker

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Royle, CAA president

Approximately \$700,000 in student fees goes to the athletic department each year—more than twice the amount that is distributed by Student Government. But while students haggle over each of their dollars appropriated by Student Government, they pay little or no attention to the much larger amount distributed by the athletic department.

Candidates for the Carolina Athletic Association (CAA) usually run not to assure responsible spending of that \$700,000, but to take advantage of the handouts and the free tickets that are provided to the CAA president.

David Royle, a candidate for CAA president, wants to take a look at how that money is used. He justly believes that past presidents of the association have been negligent in monitoring the athletic department budget. As president of the Sports Club Council, he has proven his desire to provide athletic opportunities to everyone on campus—not just a select few. He recognizes that the varsity football and basketball budgets are sacrosanct, but he would like to see more support of junior varsity and club teams. He knows the Carolina sports system well, and has apparently thought carefully about its values and its problems.

Unfortunately, Royle may lose the race to Gary Mason. Mason became a candidate after dropping out of the race for student body president. His platform for that office included a proposal to end all tuition for in-state students, a proposal to cut tuition in half for out-of-state students, and other absurdities. He ran for the office of student body president a year ago on a similarly absurd platform, and dropped out of that race one week before the election.

There is no good reason to vote for Gary Mason; he is purely a political opportunist. But his appearances in and out of various campuswide elections have made his name a familiar one—and he may well win the election because of name recognition alone.

We hope not. The potential of the position of CAA president has been neglected for too long.

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