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letters to the editor

Student seeks release of confiscated brew

To the editor:
Last year I had the pleasure of spending six months in Germany while pursuing my graduate work. Among the things I found good was the beer, especially Dortmund beer. My friends even have sent me three cans or bottles of this golden elixir.

The other day I received an important letter plastered with the usual violation warnings and all kinds of stamps from the U.S. Treasury Department. It seems that our highly efficient agents of this branch captured my three cans of beer and have placed them under arrest. The letter states that this highly contraband import has been removed from the United States mails and is in violation of Title 18, U.S. Code Section 1716, etc., etc.

I am told that to clear the alleged violators and bring them to safety I must appear in person or designate someone to appear in person for me. I must prove the three bottles (.28 gallons) are not for commercial use with a signed statement, and if I do not respond by March 8, the German 3 shall be executed or hung by their pop tops until dry. In the interest of German-American relations and my taste in beer I appeal to the innovative minds of the UNC student body.

It is obvious it is not worth a trip to New York for three cans of beer, especially since I must also pay 11 cents for duty (insult to injury). So if there is anyone here who has friends in the Big Apple or has ideas how this dilemma can be solved, please call me. I am at 966-3371 days and 929-6927 by nights. I feel the combined effort for such a project can be rewarded by sharing in the loot (i.e. the three cans of good German beer).

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WXYC defends policy

To the editor:
This letter refers to the letter Feb. 22 from the "seven disgruntled WXYC listeners." First, let me correct an error. The "No Play List" is, in fact, an "Overlap List" and reads as follows:

"These groups are overlapped!! Please avoid them when possible — we have other groups just as good that need the airplay a hell of a lot more!"

The purpose of this list is not to promote "fascism" or to prohibit play of certain groups. As you are probably aware, many very good artists and songs are played to death on area radio stations. To avoid this pitfall, WXYC systematically reviews what the station plays every one or two weeks. We cut back on some groups if it appears that they are very obviously being played too much, relative to other groups played. There is no mention on this list of punk rock or new wave music, which we do, indeed, play. Elvis Costello, Television, the Ramones and others have been, are and will be heard on WXYC. They have all been in our playbox recently, and Costello is still in the playbox. We also gave the Sex Pistols some airplay, but the response was overwhelmingly negative. For this reason, we have no set punk rock new wave policy. Instead, we go on an album-by-album basis, as decided by our music staff.

As to requests, we do play them. However, in accepting requests, we must consider all of our listeners, not only one person who is calling. We must think of our format, the time of day and the total "flow" of the music — i.e., a heavy Kansas tune doesn't exactly follow Joan Baez smoothly. That is what the DJ means when he says "I'll try to fit it in." We want your requests and try to play as many as possible. But remember, we serve a variety of listeners.

I regret that it took a letter to the DTH for your complaints to reach the person they should have reached immediately — the WXYC program director. If a DJ is a "pin head" or just plain rude, or if he/she takes the phone off the hook, don't wait for the DTH to print a letter. Send that letter to WXYC, Box 51, Carolina Union, in care of



"THAT POCKET OF HOLDOUTS IS STRONGLY RESISTING RESCUE, SIR!"

the program director. Comments to DJs often never reach the right ears, so talk to me, not the person on the air. I sincerely welcome views on any aspect of WXYC programming.

Pat Peek (program director) and the WXYC Staff

CGA stance defended

To the editor:
Let me at this time say "no thank you" to the journalistic practices of certain members of the Daily Tar Heel. What I'm sure appeared as a last-minute justification to my opposition to CGA funding may have crystallized my attitude in print. But since by this time I had been grouped with Anita Bryant, labeled a queer-hater, etc., tell me what did these few scant sentences mean to clearly well-educated people like James F. Weigand? Certainly not much.

I was quite concerned about being represented correctly because anytime a stance is taken on a controversial issue, the justification given is essential for understanding. I did everything I knew in my interview to stress my justification, asked to look over the article prior to publication but due to traditional journalistic practice was refused. I talked to several members of the DTH staff, in addition to the current student body president about quickly getting in a letter to clarify the basis for my stance. In this last effort I was kindly told that writing a letter would be a waste of time. Greg Porter told me if my letter bordered on "propaganda," it wouldn't be printed. By this point, I was so disillusioned with the whole business, I decided to wait until my part in the election was over to write.

Mr. Weigand, I think you are getting a little extreme yourself in accusing me of trying to legislate my "Christian morality" into our legal system and our public institutions.

You seem to be accusing me of intolerance, but I believe this accusation is inaccurate. Let me remind you, it was not my hand that pushed the pen for the Mangum 19. This fall I interviewed for a position as counselor with the Center for Human Sexuality. Also if you had talked with people who knew me, you would have found that I am not trying to force any sort of morality on them. For you to reach some of the conclusions in your letter, Mr. Weigand, you must believe without question everything you read in the Daily Tar Heel. And I can assure you that this is a dangerous practice. In addition, since the homophobia you

mentioned is such a pervasive hate, does CGA funding enhance tolerance, or does it intensify intolerance? I've talked to many who say taking their money immediately alienates them from the gays. I've talked to few who say it enhances their understanding and therefore acceptance of the CGA. Now, considering all that's been said, said with emotion, do you really think the Mangum 19 will profit from the information dispensed by the CGA?

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Registration info

To the editor:
Last Sunday a headline appeared in the Chapel Hill Newspaper: "Suit: Does Anyone Know For Sure?" The question being asked was who is a legal resident for voting purposes? The answer is that everyone can know for sure where he should register to vote.

To answer the question each person need only ask himself: where is my citizen interest? The question can only be answered by each individual for himself. Each person must determine for himself what local government he is concerned about — what local officials and local regulations he is most interested in. Then he should register to vote in that place. Residency requirements exist to insure that the voter will be interested in, and therefore will be more likely to be informed about, the issues and the candidates he is voting on. Residency requirements are not intended to disenfranchise anyone.

There need not be any mystery or confusion about where to register to vote. Any citizen, 18 or over, who wants to register to vote simply needs to determine for himself what town and county he cares about and in what town and county he will inform himself about the local issues. Then he should register there.

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Likes legal services

To the editor:
Last semester during exams, we had serious landlord-tenant problems of such a nature that we were "constructively" evicted. We, of course, moved to a new location. Our landlord, in keeping with his character, refused to return our security deposit since he felt we were not justified in leaving before the expiration of the lease. However, we were able to recover this

The 85th birthday

The 'Daily Tar Heel' you can't hold in your hand

I have just locked myself up with my typewriter and the clutter of my desk. "Do not disturb" is on the door. I know that I'll have to fight with myself to get it out. It's not that I don't want to say what I have to say. I'm just afraid of being finished.

Today is the 85th birthday of the Daily Tar Heel. Today is also the next to the last day here for me and several others who, reluctantly, are leaving the newspaper behind. It is fitting today, as we celebrate, that we give you a picture of the Daily Tar Heel that you have never seen. It is not in fact a picture, but like all art, a feeling — a feeling that only a few who have worked here 30 to 40 hours a week for three or four years can experience.

You who are taking the trouble to read this may like the Daily Tar Heel, you may hate the Daily Tar Heel or you may just be glad you get a newspaper to read (or a crossword puzzle to do) during class. It should shock you then that some people, deep within themselves, love it, revere it, savor it.

The people who work at this newspaper sense a very great tradition. They are keenly aware of the Thomas Wolfes, the Charles Kuralts, the Tom Wickers who have given themselves to the paper and its mystique. They are keenly aware that many, many people have sweated and cried and lost sleep and laughed and flourished at this newspaper, and that it has flourished with them. It is not a tradition to bear on their shoulders, a historical weight but an inspiration, a sense of worth and purpose.

They don't love the paper we published today, the stories they wrote or edited or pasted up. They don't love the bound volumes of 85 years of Daily Tar Heels. They don't love the awards or the recognition the paper has won. They don't love the influence the paper has. No, these are all things of which they are merely proud.

What the people here love is at once a part of themselves and a separate being — greater than themselves — of which they are a part. They love an 85-year old ghost, a spirit, an alter ego, an evanescent being which has been created by the energies of thousands of people who have worked here. To the man on the street, the Daily Tar Heel is the piece of smudged paper in his hand. To the man who has really worked here, the Daily Tar Heel is not something a man can hold in his hand.

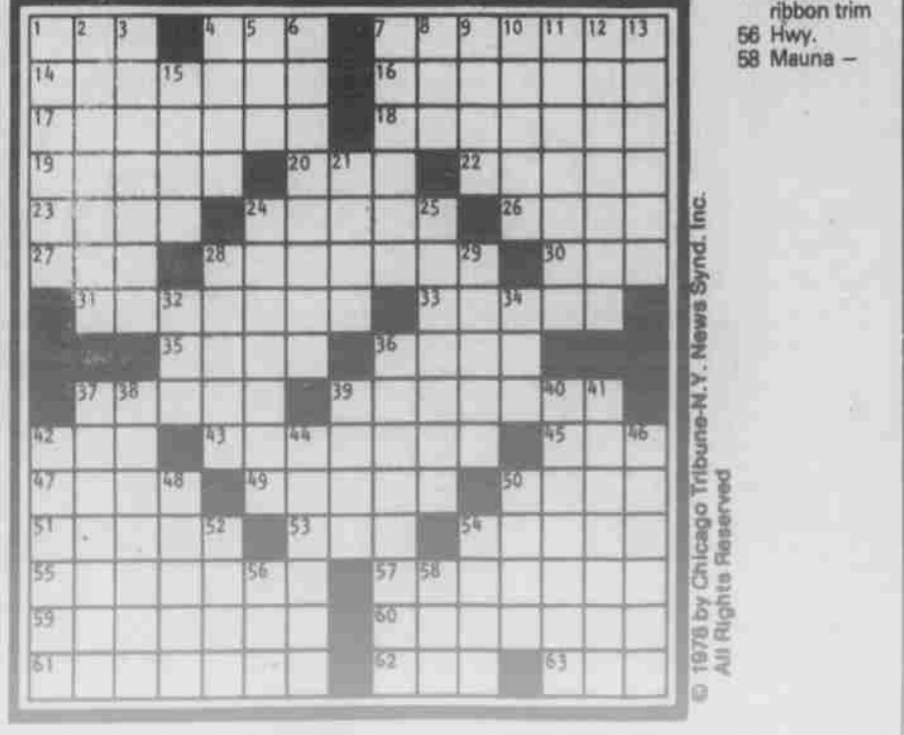
A shade of the being of the Daily Tar Heel is embodied in the anniversary tabloid today. But Friday night the elusive ghost, the 85-year-old ethereal being will be celebrated again, this time in the flesh, at a banquet of staff members. At that banquet will be a beloved professor and the 1928 editor, Walter Spearman, an outgoing editor, myself, and a new editor, Lou Bilionis. Mr. Spearman will be proud of the tradition he symbolizes and Lou will be excited about his plans to carry on the tradition.

But I and many others like me, unprepared to leave the paper and yet ready to enter the tradition, will feel it more deeply than we ever will again — that feeling deep inside for something which is people and paper and ink and history and memories and pain and anticipation and pleasure and pride, something we share with so many others, something which is surely more than we. We probably will not let ourselves cry, but we will surely want to — and with just cause.

We may, for the first time, realize just how alive is that intangible creature of which we are a part.

THE Daily Crossword by Ann V. Jenkins

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Smith snow job?

To the editor:
Since it appears that McNeill Smith is emerging as the student establishment's choice in the current "let's unsettle Jesse" fad, I should point out what I interpret as a snow job on his part during his recent visit to UNC.

A young lady asked Smith what he thought about Congress' funding abortions. In his answer, he considered two cases. In the case of a legal first trimester (three months) abortion, he said Congress should provide funds. In the case of an illegal third trimester abortion, it should not.

To begin with, when we cut through the elaborations, we find Smith says fund only legal abortions. Since even the most devout members of NARAL will agree that an abortion performed, for example, by me, a Duke graduate in music, should be illegal, nobody can argue that there should be some abortions forbidden by law. But it does not take a great deal of legislative brilliance to know that Congress should not fund anything illegal. Smith's answer logically reduces to a support of government-funded abortions. His qualifications are meaningless. It seems that Smith was attempting to make his answer sound like a nice compromise position that might partially satisfy everyone.

Second, Smith, while not actually lying, was misleading concerning the law, which I find many people do not know. The New York Times is very fond of saying that the Supreme Court legalized abortion in the first three months of pregnancy. True but incomplete. On Jan. 22, 1973, in Roe vs. Wade, the Court decided that in the first trimester, the decision for abortion is between the woman and her doctor. In the interest of protecting the mother in the second trimester, the states may regulate the facilities and procedures to be used. This does not limit the right to have an abortion. In the third trimester, under the ruling, the right of the unborn child to live becomes "compelling." To protect that compelling interest the states may place certain restrictions on abortions not necessarily to protect the life and health of the mother. Since it can be argued (falsely) that any woman who wants an abortion will be happier getting it and will therefore enjoy greater mental health, some people consider "health" to be the great loophole that will allow the vast majority of abortions requested. If in the United States we do not quite have abortion on demand, we are very close to it.

It is not my intention in this letter to put forth my views on abortion, and I have not done so. My point is this: the Congress we elect now may vote someday on a Right-to-Life amendment to the Constitution. Several have been proposed on Capitol Hill already. In addition to that, a number of state legislatures have passed resolutions calling on Congress to set up a constitutional convention. The issue of funding, which held up HEW appropriations for several months last year, will certainly come up this year and probably next year as well. Whatever your own views may be, we need representatives who can stand up for what is right and not ones who will waver, try to appease both sides and hope the problem will go away. It won't!

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