

Random Thrusts

By



Fifty years ago, the *Tar Heel* carried a weekly column, "Random Thrusts by Spearman." One of the "thrusts" might still be appropriate: "The Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen adopted an ordinance for bidding students to stand out in the street when bumming rides. They probably figured if they couldn't put a curb on students' recklessness, they could at least put the reckless students on the curb."

This week the *Tar Heel* celebrates its 85th birthday. If they managed to put all the candles on one cake, the candles would take the cake.

Old editors never die. They just become professors, requisition red pencils and fade away.

Is Secretary Califano going to make Bill Friday HEW his educational principles?

And is Califano's crusade against smoking going to make North Carolina tobacco farmers the butts of his pokes?

How can the UNC students beat the parking game? Even with new parking decks, all the cars are stacked against them.

Former *Tar Heel* Editor Charles Kuralt seems to be sentenced to serve "On the Road" for life.

Both faculty and students are concerned about the "rat clause" in the honor system. Converting exams into wine and cheese parties might bait the trap more effectively.

The UNC Medical School gave a rousing retirement party for Drs. Bill Richardson and Bill Fleming. Was there apple pie for dessert to prove the old adage that an apple a day puts the doctors away?

The art department will celebrate Joseph Sloane's retirement with a big March party at the Carolina Inn. If he is anointed with all the praise and adulation he deserves, it would make a good "Sloane's Liniment" for any aches of departure.

Codgers who lament the good "old days in Chapel Hill" might be reminded that the old daze in Chapel Hill comes every semester — with midterms.

No wonder the movie *Looking for Mr. Goodbar* is such a success in Chapel Hill. Students spend most of their evenings looking for good bars.

Housemothers on the campus got a boost from Martha Neel Hardy's portrayal of Mrs. Plum in *Uncommon Women and Others*. And Mrs. Hardy's acting was the real plum of the evening for the audience.

Just to show how the writing of paragraphs has improved over the past 50 years, here are some of the best student paragraphs in this semester's editorial writing class in Journalism:

Keith Hollar: "There's nothing like a good snow to provide us with a good excuse for not attending the classes we weren't going to anyway."

Jim Protzman: "Coal strikes are like winters — they come too often, stay too long and always leave a mess."

Marion Haithcox: "Mother always said, 'the way to a man's heart is through his stomach.' Obviously women have lowered their standards."

Marc Isaacson: "Dr. John Connell in Newark, N.J., is paying patients to try different cold remedies for drug companies. For once, the company, not the consumer, is paying through the nose."

David Watters: "It is rumored that one fraternity is giving the Tri Delta Talent show a skit featuring some semi-nude men dancing in tutus. We can only warn the Tri Deltas to



Walter Spearman was a writer and editor for the *Tar Heel* in the late 20s. It was during Spearman's reign that the paper became the first college daily in the Southeast. Today he is still at the University — as a journalism professor who will retire at the end of this semester. Photo by Sara Bullard.

beware of gifts baring the Greeks."

Paul Brown: "The recent mixup of pictures in the *Tar Heel* is unfortunate. We're happy, though, that the *Tar Daily Heel* doesn't allow mixups regularly."

Elliott Potter: "Some folks complained this year about the shortage of roses on Valentine's Day. You can bet there won't be any complaints on the first day of April about a shortage of fools."

Bert Woodard: "First Mate Hamilton Jordan's spitting antics may have Captain Carter bailing out his ship before it reaches the Panama Canal."

Beth Newsome: "Regulating the activities

of the state's cemetery industry has stirred up quite a controversy in Raleigh. Thanks to the *News and Observer*, it is no longer a dead issue."

Marc Isaacson: "Some Morrison residents accused the Chi Psi fraternity of 'tyrannizing' campus politics. To show just how insignificant UNC politics are to them, the brothers have decided to exercise their statewide influence and reroute the I-40 extension through the Morrison snack bar."

And now one more Random Thrust:

Sailing News: Former *Tar Heel* Editor Barry Farber ran aground in his race for mayor of New York, but former Editor McNeill Smith, in his race for the U.S. Senate, plans to win by placing both hands against the Helms.

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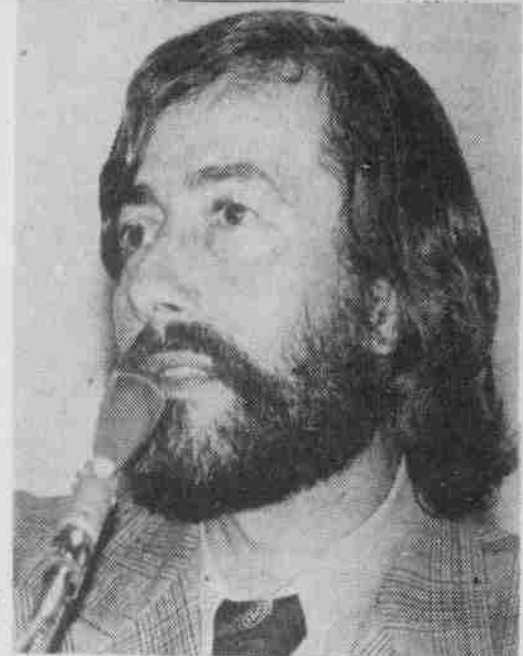
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