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Glad to be with ACC once more

By Robert Holsworth

I believe in the existence of a cruel God who receives perverse enjoyment from relocating people who love Chapel Hill in places which were his out-takes when he was just getting started in the creation business.

I grew up in New Jersey, attended college there and was admitted to graduate study at UNC back before the political science department adopted its current policy of discrimination against applicants from the Garden State. Four of the most rewarding years of my life were spent at Carolina. I learned to think and write about American politics and political theory in new ways. I was sustained in my endeavors by a community of friends who considered my work important and I became addicted to ACC basketball.

My habit had complete hold on me by 1976 when the academic job market compelled me to go cold turkey. I was exiled to Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Can you imagine the distress of a person accustomed to seeing Phil Ford, David Thompson and Bobby Jones when he is fed a steady diet of Baylor-Texas Christian and Rice-SMU? The only relief obtained the entire year was from reading ACC boxscores from a *News and Observer* subscription I shared with a fellow junkie exiled from Duke.

I moved to the University of Missouri the following year but the withdrawal pains did not subside. I realized, after watching Iowa State beat Oklahoma State, 46-42, that teams in the Big Eight could match the average ACC squad in any aspect of the game that did not require either running or jumping. What was even more disturbing about my stay in the Midwest was the refusal of the local stations to carry the Carolina tiffs slated for national coverage. While the rest of the country saw the Heels battle Providence, I was treated to Notre Dame-DePaul and, on another occasion, I hunkered down in front of the tube to watch Carolina-Maryland only to discover the game pre-empted for a local telethon.

That was the final indignity. I immediately telephoned Jim Prothro, the placement director for the political science department, and implored him to find me a teaching position back in the cradle of civilization, otherwise known as the ACC viewing area. Some might think my action impetuous and others might consider it professionally irresponsible, but call it what you may, I knew that my brittle soul could not withstand another season without the conference.

Fortunately, Prothro was sympathetic to my entreaties and was able to secure an appointment for me at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. My request could not have been answered better. Not only am I in the heartland of the viewing area, but I also have no difficulty picking up a clear signal from the Carolina Radio Network. Discovering that VCU is itself a top-ranked independent this year was simply an unexpected bonus.

My morale, as you might imagine, has improved significantly. While nothing really can alleviate my unease with the nation's current political drift, my daily conversations are infinitely more pleasant than had I not returned to ACC country. I discuss the pros and cons of having a "blue team" with strangers I meet at lunch counters. I relive classic Tar Heel victories with Chapel Hill grads I see at dinner parties and I constantly poke fun at a colleague from Virginia for his alma mater's tendency to field a club that is nimble-brained but slow-footed.

If I someday father a son, I presume that I will not be let down if he never manages to obtain the highest honor known to mankind: successfully running the four corners against State to protect a two-point lead in the final minute of the tournament. I will, however, be disappointed if he never learns to appreciate the blend of individual excellence and devotion to a common purpose that is the distinguishing mark of a good ACC team.

To observe such a squad certainly would have been recommended by Mill as one of life's "higher pleasures." It's great to be back!

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New signals from China

The events of the last two weeks in China have been in at least one sense typical of that mysterious nation; even the U.S. State Department, in fact, has admitted a certain amount of bewilderment over the recent pronouncements and actions of the Chinese government and people alike.

And the reasons for the confusion are plain enough. Not only have the official statements from China's leaders sometimes been contradictory, it has been difficult as well to distinguish whether many of the Peking wall posters—which serve as China's unofficial political forum—are legitimate or government-sponsored.

But the direction in which all these conflicting and confusing sentiments seem to point may just be a new era of understanding for us bewildered Westerners. The common ground on which almost all of the current expressions are based seems to be the desire for more openness and freedom in China's dealings both with its own people and with the outside world. According to one more-or-less representative poster which appeared last week, "We cannot tolerate that human rights and democracy are only slogans of the Western bourgeoisie and the Eastern proletariat only needs dictatorship."

And there is some evidence that a new liberalism is in fact taking hold in China, whether by the demands of the people or the fiat of the ruling cliques, or both. Recently there have been new overtures to the United States, and the conclusion of a peace treaty with Japan. And on Monday some 4,000 persons participated in what they excitedly termed the first completely spontaneous demonstration held in China since the Communists took power in 1949.

Already Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping has taken steps to stem the public discussion he apparently initiated last week, though, by demanding that criticism of the late Pary Chairman Mao Tse-tung be ended, and by denying that there is a power struggle going on between himself and Mao's hand-picked successor, Hua Kuo-feng. But the events of recent weeks do suggest that China may be on a new path, at least for the moment. The results of a Chinese Communist Party Central Committee meeting now taking place in Peking may reveal more of China's future direction—or lack of one. The question for policymakers in the West will probably remain, however, whether the new direction of relative openness will not prove so divisive within China's leadership and people as to precipitate the kind of unrest that might jeopardize any terms reached with China in the near future—especially over the sensitive issue of the restoration of diplomatic relations between the United States and China, and the guarantee of the security of Taiwan.

One step farther

I am absolutely confident that when we look back 10 or 20 years from now, this will be one of the most important things we did as a state.

—Gov. Jim Hunt

When Gov. Hunt's administration took office in 1976, it was well aware of the state's need for improved secondary education. The facts were undeniable: North Carolina ranked 46th in the nation in the quality of public education. Since then, Hunt has launched a full-scale drive to improve many facets of the state's schools; the reading program and competency testing, controversial but successful programs, are just some of the measures which have won the governor's support.

Hunt's latest efforts are bringing a North Carolina Science and Mathematical High School closer to reality. The plans call for the development of a center where gifted young North Carolinians can broaden their talents. Because of its proximity to the major universities in the area, Durham has been selected as the school's site. But while support for the school has been strong from both its trustees and Hunt, the residential high school still faces opposition and a vote of approval from the General Assembly next year.

Arguments against the school revolve around views that it breeds elitism. Qualified students, critics say, will be deprived of the more balanced education found at public schools across the state.

But math-science school proponents argue the need to encourage and educate gifted students in fields on which the future of North Carolina hinges, such as energy and the environment. The school, they say, is an investment in individuals who can later contribute significantly to North Carolina's welfare.

The General Assembly has a solid history of support for educational programs. Extending that support to the North Carolina Science and Mathematics High School would be a motion approving stronger education. It would be a motion in the best interests of the students—and of the state.

The Bottom Line

Don't fence me in

Apparently the gang at the state legislature in Raleigh is a bit perplexed. A special committee has been formed to determine what new duties might be given to North Carolina's lieutenant governor.

It began when North Carolina's current No. 2 man, Jimmy Green, and several former lieutenant governors claimed the job was ill defined. Other than presiding over the state Senate, which is in session only a portion of the year, the lieutenant governor's responsibilities are, at best, nebulous.

But when the special committee met last Monday, members were unable to agree on just how much power a lieutenant governor should wield.

All was not lost, however. Although Jimmy Green's job lacks definition, legislators were certain of one thing: whatever it is Mr. Green does, he needs a bigger office in which to do it.

Plans are now underway to provide our lieutenant governor with more room in which to prop up his feet.

Neckties and big hips

As long as there are social scientists in a world where busy work gives many of them their *raison d'être*, there will be correlations drawn between anything and anybody.

Take, for example, the efforts of an undergraduate woman at DePauw University in Indiana. Thanks to a study she made of more than 80 members of a DePauw sorority, she determined that women's grade-point averages were directly

proportional to their hip measurements. That is, a woman with a 38-inch hips is more likely to get better grades than her friend with smaller measurements. (One might conclude that all the piggling-out to calm the nerves before an exam pays off after all.)

Another survey made by the Neckwear Association of America asked professional bartenders to correlate the relationship between the kind of drink a man prefers and the neckties style he sports. (This survey apparently disregarded the "Annie Hall" look, as it deals solely with males of the species.)

Some interesting common themes were discovered:

Men who wear bright, colorful prints are prone to drink tequila. Gin guzzlers, on the other hand, prefer the more subtle, conservative styles. Rum drinkers tend to go for the broader ties, while white wine and mineral water connoisseurs wear narrow, modern ones.

Whiskey drinkers are a confusing group. Bourbon fanatics wear ties of a Scottish plaid style, as opposed to scotch drinkers who seem to be the fickle faction and "will fool you every time by being totally unpredictable." And rye fanciers? They wear last year's ties.

These two surveys obviously have left some open-ended questions. (Still looking for a final project topic, sociology majors?) What kind of grades do men with large hips receive? What common themes exist between women and the drinks they prefer?

And if you like beer, does that mean you lean toward the open-collar leisure look?

And that's the bottom line.

letters to the editor

Name new library for black

To the editor:

Our university is planning to build another fine new library for us. That's good. But whom will this new library be named for? Another wealthy, white alumnus? The purpose of this letter is not to complain about the past (and present) racism of UNC but rather to suggest something concerning the new library that might help bring black and white together on this campus and in this state.

Why not name this library for a black person? We doubt there are any buildings on this campus named for blacks. And blacks are 25 percent of our state's population. Logically, it is time a building on this campus bore the name of a black person.

We would suggest the new library be named for Howard Lee. The name, Lee Library, sounds good. Everyone knows Mr. Lee's contributions to UNC and Chapel Hill as the first black student body president and the first black mayor of a predominately white Southern city (Chapel Hill). Maybe it isn't appropriate to name a building for someone before he is dead. If so, then pick a prominent deceased black person of North Carolina to name the new library for.

We challenge the Campus Governing Council to endorse this idea, the Black Student Movement to endorse it, the student body in general to petition for it, and the Board of Trustees, the Board of Governors and the state legislature to implement it. If our university is "liberal" as it supposedly is, we should have our new library named for a black person. Isn't it about time?

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Distortions

To the editor:

In my last letter ("Ceaselessly amazed," *DTH*, Nov. 17) I pointed out that in debates with anti-nuke activists, citation of facts and evidence is useless, because their opposition is based on faith and emotion. Mr. Stevenson's letter in reply ("Sources ad infinitum," *DTH*, Nov. 21) amply illustrates the point. To show that his beliefs are based in fact, he cites a list of sources. The sources fall into the following categories:

1) General sources that neither support nor contradict the anti-nuke position—*Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, General Accounting Office and House Hearings.

2) Irrelevant sources that do not support the principle they are cited for—the Department of Energy study was cited for the practicality of alternative energy sources, but the study included no economic analysis of feasibility and assumed that energy demand would grow only 10-15 percent in the next 50 years.

3) Sources drawn from the literature of anti-nuclear advocates—citing Amory

Lovins on the efficiency of solar power is like citing the Pope on the authenticity of the Bible.

The inadequacy of Mr. Stevenson's source citation does not prove his views are based on faith and emotion, nor does the source citation itself prove his views are based on facts and evidence.

When a belief is formed on the basis of faith and emotion, the facts may or may not support the belief. The key point is that the belief is independent of the facts, whatever the individual believes them to be. What is irritating about emotional anti-nukers is that they cite source after source to boorish extremes when their opposition to nuclear power is clearly based on none of this. They collect citations like so many bricks, not to be used to build knowledge, but as weapons with which to assault the forces of darkness. I too could cite a list of sources, all favoring nuclear power; then, to determine who is right, we could throw the studies at each other at 10 paces. But why bother? So long as beliefs are based on faith and emotion, facts and evidence are irrelevant.

If only hard-core anti-nukers would be forthright and say that their opposition to nuclear power is based on such values as resisting centralized power resources controlled by big corporations and favoring decentralized power resources controlled by the people themselves, I could respect them. Instead we get lists of citations and passionate distortion of evidence.

Are Mr. Stevenson's beliefs based on facts? He makes no coherent arguments, but the sneering and insulting tone of his letter is a fair tipoff. Mr. Stevenson probably does believe that monstrous trolls live in the hearts of nuclear power plants. Pity.

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Renwick kudos

To the editor:

We would like to take our hats off to and salute Associate Dean Hayden B. Renwick for speaking out on a subject that easily could have been hidden for years to come. The facts and figures that he has accumulated over the years are so astounding that to keep them undercover would have been overwhelmingly unfair to blacks and other minorities everywhere seeking admission to the University of North Carolina.

Several questions come to mind when one observes these facts and figures. First, what reasons can the admissions office give for not admitting qualified and exceptional blacks? They haven't given any reasons yet. Second, why are less qualified whites admitted? They definitely have been. Third, and to us the most perplexing, why won't anyone reply to, refute or rebut what Dean Renwick has said? Surely, someone has something to say about it. The only thing done as a reply to his accusations was a

regurgitation of more figures (which were basically insignificant), with very little explanation, by someone with very little knowledge about admissions.

If these questions are answered, maybe a few concerned people will be partially satisfied. To provide complete satisfaction though, admit those qualified blacks that apply, no questions asked, from our end or yours. It's simple—you pay us now, or we'll pay you later.

Dean Renwick, we salute, respect and support your stand; we hope and pray others will.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.
Theta Omicron Chapter

It's what you don't know...

To the editor:

I enjoyed your Bottom Line comments ("G-o-o-o-o-o-d chitlin," *DTH*, Nov. 28) concerning the chitlin strut in Salley, S.C., and you are probably right—only in South Carolina would 20,000 people gather for such festivities. But before you choke at the thought of consuming mass quantities of pig intestines, stop and think a minute. Although I'm a South Carolinian who loves good country cooking but have never had the "opportunity" to try chitlins, I have, as undoubtedly you and the rest of America's youth have, consumed my fair share of hot dogs and sausage. At least I know what chitlins are.

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Hunger Action thanks

To the editor:

The Campus Y Hunger Action Committee would like to thank the students, faculty and townspeople who participated in the "1978 Fast for a World Harvest." Through your thoughtful contributions OXFAM-AMERICA will receive about \$500 to continue its work with developing countries to encourage agricultural self sufficiency.

Obviously, the phenomena of hunger and malnutrition continue to plague hundreds of millions of the world's population. For those interested in continuing to work with OXFAM-AMERICA, information can be obtained at the Campus Y. Furthermore, the Campus Y Hunger Action Committee will continue to work on problems such as hunger in Chapel Hill and provide an opportunity for students to learn about food and world hunger. The committee meets at 5 p.m. on Mondays in room 206 Y Building. All persons are invited to attend.

Thomas Mayo
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Hunger Action Committee

Getting arrested: some tips to save trouble

Editor's note: This advice is prepared by Student Legal Services, which maintains an office in Suite A of the Carolina Union. UNC students have prepaid for this service and may obtain advice at no additional charge.

Do not resist an arrest by a police officer even if you feel you are innocent. Resisting arrest is a separate charge independent of other occurrences.

You are not required to give your permission or consent to a search by police of your home or automobile. If you do give consent to a search, any evidence obtained from the search is admissible against you in court.

If you are in the custody of the police, you have the right to remain silent and the right to consult an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, the court may appoint one for you. If you choose to talk to the police, anything you say may be used against you. You may at any time

invoke your rights to remain silent or to have an attorney present at the interrogation. For example, if the police stop you and ask if you have been drinking, you can properly say, "I respectfully refuse to answer that question." If you volunteer information, it may be used against you.

If you are involved in an automobile accident, report the incident promptly to the police, make no admissions of liability, and if insured, contact your agent.

You do not have to take a breathalyzer test, but refusal to do so will result in suspension of your driver's license.

Advice of the day:

- 1) If arrested, stay cool, calm and friendly; be firm but do not become hostile.
- 2) Contact an attorney as soon as possible.
- 3) Try to remember facts, names, places and times.

