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# The Daily Tar Heel

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## The athletic director

An advertisement published recently in *The New York Times* announced a job opening in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. About 15 people have answered the ad so far, and many more applications are expected. It's a pretty good job, but those who like neat 40-hour weeks and a calm, even-keeled work atmosphere need not apply.

The job is Bill Cobey's—athletic director of the University. The job is also a demanding, challenging, controversy-filled and very important part of the administration, and the future of more than the massive array of sports programs at Carolina depends in many ways on the person who is chosen for the position.

The advertisement, which also will appear in the weekly *Chronicle of Higher Education*, was placed by an eight-member search committee appointed to recommend at least one person as Cobey's replacement. Cobey, who resigned effective April 30 to run for lieutenant governor of North Carolina, was in many ways a progressive and innovative athletic director, and the committee members are well aware that choosing his successor will be far from easy.

Cobey's most recent critics have charged that he neglected women's athletics, and some have asked that a woman be appointed to the position. The issue of equal funding for women's programs will be among the toughest faced by the new director. The progress made under Cobey must be continued and quickened. But the committee is required to search for his successor under the University's affirmative action guidelines and the sex of an applicant should not be its overriding concern. A woman athletic director would greatly enhance the University's reputation for progressiveness, which has been tarnished by its desegregation dispute with the federal government—but the committee should choose the best-qualified applicant regardless of the person's sex.

The athletic director is at once a fund-raiser—and if plans for a new UNC athletic complex are carried through, this function will become more important—as well as a public relations person, a liaison with administration officials and alumni, an expert on all facets of intercollegiate athletics, an administrator and a person capable of working harmoniously with coaches, players, the Carolina Athletic Association and a host of other individuals and organizations. Athletics are of vast importance to this University, and the person hired as athletic director by the new chancellor will have a great deal of influence in areas far beyond the spectacle of Carolina sports.

## Worth thinking about

Signs of the approaching Feb. 13 elections are appearing steadily around campus. Candidates for the various positions—student body president, editor of *The Daily Tar Heel*, senior class officers and others—have already invested several months' work in their campaigns, and the crisp congenial posters blooming like spring leaves are mute testimony to their diligent preparation. Almost daily, another candidate announces his or her intentions in the pages of this paper. Very soon Carolina students will have the opportunity to make decisions plotting yet another year in the University's history.

We hope that every person in the University community realizes that there is something special about this year, something that sets these elections apart from all those that have occurred before.

The University is embarking on a new and critical phase of its existence. A host of problems, of varying scope and dimension, loom—perhaps ominously—in its future. Student leaders will not be able to pass these problems on to successive administrations; issues now facing the University are characterized by their immediacy.

Those gaining majorities on Feb. 13 or in the following runoff election on Feb. 20 will be pressed to deal with volatile problems like race relations, curriculum reform and University growth. Other less critical but equally vexing issues also will beg attention: visitation, funding for non-revenue producing sports, fee increases and ticket distribution.

And defining the University's departure from the past will be, of course, the selection of the new chancellor. The opportunities that future student leaders will have in dealing with seemingly insoluble problems will be by and large dictated by the person who becomes chancellor.

In the next few weeks it is critical that students make a commitment to acquaint themselves not only with the smiling faces beaming from posters decorating University walls, but also with the issues that the people behind these faces must confront. Carolina students owe it to the University—and themselves—to become an informed electorate capable of making wise and discerning choices on Feb. 13.

## The Bottom Line

### Hang on a sec, Jimmy

Noon on Sundays is not usually considered prime time for most television stations around the country, unless you have an undying interest in politics or can't get out of the house and want to tune in on your favorite religious show.

Last Sunday, however, viewers in the Triangle area had their pick of several interesting programs—not award-winning stuff, mind you—but different from the usual weekday fare. In addition to blockbusters like "Road to Moscow" and "Hospitality House," viewers just getting out of church (or out of bed, as the case may be), had the chance to see two presidential candidates. The catch was that they were on different channels.

Sen. Edward Kennedy was the guest on ABC's "Issues and Answers," while President Jimmy Carter was scheduled to make an address concerning American foreign policy on NBC's "Meet the Press."

When the appointed time rolled around, however, WPTF-TV, the area's NBC affiliate, said it would delay "Meet the Press" until 5:30 p.m. so the station could bring us our favorite program "The Carolina Basketball Show" with your host and mine, Woody Durham.

Why the change in lineup? "We did it because the UNC-Maryland game started at 12:30 and felt the coach's show was very important for our viewers," said Sally Krantz, program director for WPTF-TV.

But what about the possibility of running Woody at 11:30 and Jimmy at 12:00? Pretty smart, huh? Not according to TV-28.

"There is no way we could have juggled our schedule," Krantz said. "We're locked into a 52-week contract with our advertisers for the morning time slots." So like it or not, last Sunday we got "Missionaries in Action," followed by Woody and all the boys.

For Tar Heel fans who watched the UNC-Maryland game, maybe it was just as well to see the victory highlights of games with State and Georgia Tech earlier in the week. Who wants to hear about Afghanistan anyway?

Perhaps when President Carter decides to make his next appearance on "Meet the Press" we could ask him to delay it until 5:30 so we could watch it live with the rest of the nation. But by then it will probably be time for "The Carolina Football Show," and the choice will be easier.

And that, boob-tubers, is the bottom line.

## letters to the editor

# Women players don't have what it takes

To the editor:

I agree with Emily Seelbinder ("Carolina fever?" *DTH*, Jan. 22) that the shortage of fan support, rather than the shortage of money, is the real problem facing women's athletics, particularly women's basketball. I do not feel that this problem stems from poor publicity. All of the women's basketball games are adequately publicized in *The Daily Tar Heel*, and I listened to the scores from the women's London tournament on Channel 2 news the day of each game.

Nobody goes to women's basketball games because they are boring. This is not just my opinion but that of many other hoop fans who have a hard time enjoying the women's unvarying array of layups and set shots as much as a John Virgil dunk. The athletic department could spend thousands of dollars each year on women's basketball, but it would never draw well because people enjoy basketball players and their abilities more than the game itself. Women are physically incapable of playing an exciting game of basketball. Sure, State, Clemson and Maryland draw more fans than we do, but their support is not overwhelming.

I propose a stronger emphasis on the more interesting women's sports such as volleyball, gymnastics, soccer and field hockey. These sports are not as dependent on awesome physical ability to be enjoyable to the spectator, and they also are more suited to women's physical capabilities.

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### A matter of choice

To the editor:

The idea that life begins at the moment of conception "Abortion not a matter of minutes," (*DTH*, Jan. 18) is not a scientific fact, but simply a theoretical belief of certain religious groups and

others who would try to impose their moral views on everyone else. In fact, the fetus is totally dependent on the life support system of the woman. It is an extension of the woman with the potential for life, not a separate being. Abortions are not performed after the fetus is capable of living independently, outside the woman's body.

Public opinion polls taken in 1976 and 1977 show that Americans overwhelmingly believe that a woman should have the right to choose to terminate a pregnancy if she desires, rather than carry to term an unwanted child. It seems apparent, then, that most people do not believe that life begins at

conception and do not equate abortion with murder. Those views are held only by a minority of vociferous so-called pro-lifers. These people do not care about the quality of life. They don't care that, if they had their way, many more children would be born unwanted, unloved and potentially abused. All they care about is saving the fetus at all costs, even if that means the life or well-being of the mother.

Another false argument that anti-choice people like to use against abortion is that with so many contraceptives available, there should be no need for abortions. Many women cannot take birth control pills, and there is much disagreement as to whether they are safe. The IUD can cause severe cramping and heavier menstrual periods for some women. No other method is completely effective. As long as there is no 100 percent effective, totally safe contraceptive, there will be a need for abortions.

Pro-choice people are not forcing anyone to have an abortion against their will. We are asking only that the choice be left up to each individual whether or not to bear a child.

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### Renwick roast

To the editor:

Tonight the University community has the chance to commend a campus administrator who refused to shut up.

Because Hayden B. Renwick, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, refused to keep quiet, the admissions office here is doing an improved job in keeping to the University's commitment to increase its minority enrollment.

For those of you who aren't up on campus events, Renwick charged in a column published in *The Chapel Hill Newspaper*, Sept. 17, 1978, that the University was rejecting qualified black students. The charge was carefully studied and confirmed by a committee selected by the chancellor.

The Long Committee report made recommendations that can lead to admissions policies more in line with the University's announced commitment.

For black students, it has quite accurately been stated that without the good dean, many of us would not be here today.

Friends and colleagues of Renwick will good-naturedly grill him in "A Roasting of Dean H. B. Renwick" in the Great Hall tonight. Admission to the Kappa Alpha Psi- and Kappa Court-sponsored event is \$4.

The entire University community should come out and support a man who put his job on the line to make the University a better place for all of us to live in.

David Squires  
553 James

## Spectators claim Worthy slipped on piece of ice

To the editor:

The spirits of all Carolina basketball fans were shattered Sunday afternoon with the home game loss to Maryland. Even more disheartening was the loss of freshman standout James Worthy for the remainder of the season.

On Jan. 22, after seven hours of surgery the previous night, team physician Dr. Joe DeWalt spoke to my anatomy class concerning Worthy's injury. According to DeWalt, Worthy fractured the two major bones of his lower leg when he slipped on a piece of ice thrown by some "fan." This irate fan, possibly upset by a referee's call, caused a wet spot suddenly ended the star's chance at rookie-of-the-year honors as well as a spot on the 1980 Olympic team.

Although Worthy's injury was not the intention of the irate fan, he is responsible for the incident.

Fellow students, let us keep our enthusiasm within the boundaries of good sportsmanship and retain the level of class and respect that Carolina fans are known for.

Garry Glaub  
32 Old East

To the editor:

Carmichael Auditorium has the reputation of being the safest place to play in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Carolina basketball fans have been hailed as the good sports of our prestigious conference.

Everyone knows what happened in Sunday's game with Maryland. James Worthy was driving in for a score and turned his ankle, breaking it. Right? Wrong!

James Worthy slid on a slick spot on the court, caused by a piece of ice undoubtedly thrown by an irate fan.

Who knows whether this fan was a proud Tar Heel or one of the Maryland fans? It does not really matter. It happened in our gym, and



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we must not let it happen again. We cannot let one foolish idiot ruin our reputation as good sports. More important, we cannot allow anyone to jeopardize the safety of any athlete who happens to be playing in our gym.

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### Israel's folly

To the editor:

In his letter on the United Jewish Appeal campaign, "Campus Campaign," (*DTH*, Jan. 21), Kenny Fleishman refers to the "500,000 Jews who wish to emigrate (from the Soviet Union) but have been denied the right to their own destiny." One can draw an effortless parallel to a considerable number of Palestinians who are being denied the same right by Israel's repressive, violent and stubborn policies.

American Jewish identity ought not to be defined solely in terms of the unquestioning support of Israeli government policy. If those who truly care about Israel will not stand up to protest her folly and reaction, all the action will be in the court of those who don't.

Michael Beckerman  
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### Resource sacrifice

To the editor:

In the shadow of former Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, I feel the calling of the wild. A great defender of our natural resources, Douglas suggested in 1972 that natural resources should have the right to sue the federal courts. If his opinion had passed, I'm sure North Carolina's Great Smokey Mountains would submit a complaint to the

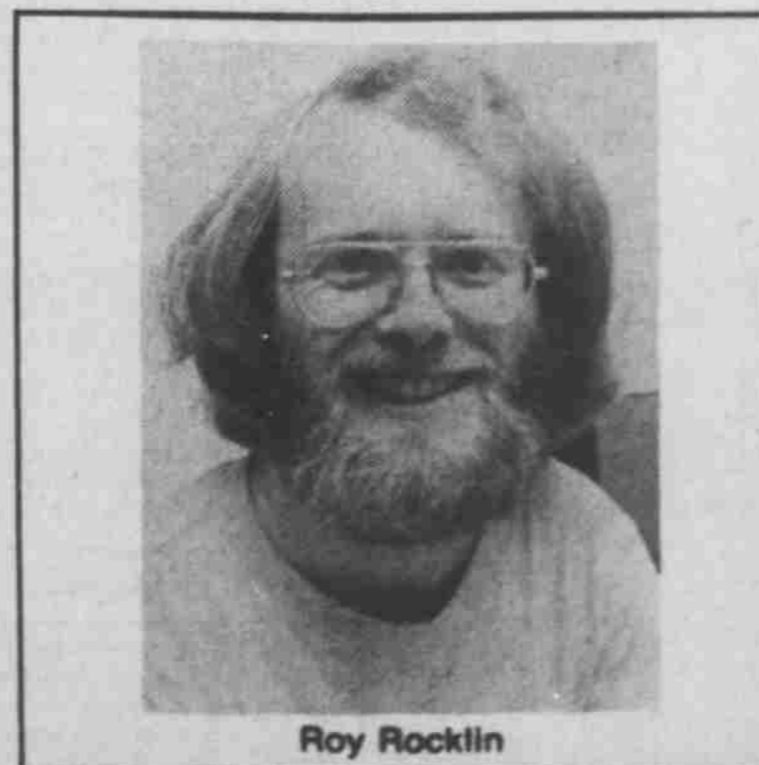
# Government offices open for grad students

By ROY D. ROCKLIN

Intelligent and creative people are needed to fill seven positions in Student Government. Patience and perseverance are desirable qualities for the jobs. The positions of president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation and six seats on the Campus Governing Council, the legislative branch of Student Government, are available to graduate or professional students. The pay is low, but the hours are short. For applications, see the Elections Board in Suite C of the Carolina Union.

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Why would you, a graduate student, already overloaded with work, want to work in student government? To serve your fellow students, of course! Actually, there are many personal reasons why it is worthwhile for you to hold a student government office. First of all, it looks good on your resume. Leadership and an ability to get along with others are highly prized attributes. I have found that companies who have been



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interviewing me have been very interested in my outside activities in Student Government. Second, it's very good experience. Perhaps you want to gain experience in speaking to a group, or learn how to get other people to accept your ideas. Are you considering getting involved in politics in the

near future? Maybe you're just dissatisfied with the way graduate and professional students are treated at UNC, and you want to be able to influence events more to your liking. These are all worthwhile reasons to get involved.

It is essential that graduate and professional students be properly represented in Student Government. The CGC administers \$125,000 of our student activity fee money (not always to our liking), decides who gets priority for parking spaces and makes many other decisions that directly affect graduate and professional students. An important cause of our inability to receive adequate funding from the CGC has been a lack of effective representation. When districts remain empty, or when elected representatives fail to attend meetings, it is not surprising that CGC decisions often don't go our way.

This is why I hope you'll decide to run for one of these offices. With effective leadership, the interests of graduate and professional students can be protected.

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