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Certain to flourish

In addition to electing student leaders, Carolina students will have the opportunity next month to improve and to expand opportunities for intramural and recreational sports at the University. The opportunity comes in the form of a referendum on a proposed \$3.75 per-semester student fee.

The proposal was presented to the Campus Governing Council last week by Student Body President J.B. Kelly, who says he considers the referendum a precedent-setting action destined to enhance student input into major University issues. The CGC voted to authorize the referendum and sent the fee proposal to the Board of Trustees which approved it this week, contingent upon the outcome of the referendum.

At first glance, the benefits the new fee will bring to sports programs at Carolina are attractive. Approximately \$25,000 will be raised from the fee next year for the Sports Club Council to purchase much-needed equipment. The new fee will provide for the creation of a recreational and intramural program (IM-REC) to incorporate the existing intramural, recreational and club-sports programs. And Woolen Gym operating hours will be expanded to accommodate the schedule of almost every fitness buff on campus.

Perhaps equally attractive is the notion of holding a referendum and submitting the fee question directly to the students. Kelly is correct when he says the referendum sets a major precedent and is a breakthrough for students as policymakers.

But voters should pause and think for a moment before deciding to approve the referendum two weeks from today. The Sports Club Council currently is financed by CGC appropriations. If the referendum passes, IM-REC will be funded directly through the University administration. While we see little chance in this situation of conflict between student organizations and University administrators, students should recognize the possibility that such conflict can and does occur when the handling of student fees is removed from control of the student legislature.

Other than the small possibility that the administration of the new fee could provoke a debate as lengthy, tedious and enervating as the recently concluded student health fee controversy, we see no problems with the CGC proposal. And if the referendum is approved, the future of Carolina athletics—and there is much, much more to Carolina athletics than touchdowns in Kenan Stadium and slam dunks in Carmichael Auditorium—seems certain to flourish.

A Republican revival?

William W. Cobey Jr. doesn't believe it; John P. East thinks it's not true. But that there were no available Republican candidates for lieutenant governor or U.S. senator until the appearance of these two political newcomers seems to underscore the notion: the Republican Party in North Carolina, already one of the least-influential in the country, is on its way out as a political power.

Or at least, that's the theory put forward by long-time observers of the political arena in the Tar Heel state. We challenge that theory, and assert that popular and attractive candidates like Cobey, East and a score of hopefuls aspiring for seats in the N.C. General Assembly can win if North Carolinians discard the outdated belief that the only capable candidates are those running under the Democratic Party banner.

North Carolina politics and government long have fit the classic textbook description of a one-party system—a system excluding most Republicans. It seems an accurate statement that only on rare occasions has the Republican Party put forward candidates prominent and knowledgeable enough about the workings of government to give Democrats a run for their money in anything except a few scattered municipal and county races. But with candidates like Cobey and East, we see a definite improvement in the Republican Party's chances for success in district and state elections this year.

At least a few prominent Democratic candidates seem to be responding to what appears to be a Republican revival across North Carolina; in announcing their candidacies for re-election in recent days, Gov. Jim Hunt and Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green both have taken extra pains to point out how their tenures in office have contributed to a more efficient use of taxpayers' dollars. We've heard that before—and are hearing it again—from the Republicans.

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Vanity unfair: women on the battlefield

By JANE MORLEY

This kind of thing always happens to me. When I started drinking coffee a couple of years ago, for instance, the prices went sky-high. When I finally bought a car and had some time to travel, gasoline prices soared. Just about the time I start enjoying something, a fly appears in the ointment. Complications arise.

What was that I wrote about making it in graduate school? Sure, the "graduate school experience" no longer makes me anxious; in fact, I like it here a lot. I've been bitten (or rather harpooned) by the academic bug and have apparently been destined for the life of the mind. But it looks-like I won't be staying in my ivy-covered, ivory tower too much longer. And the life of my mind isn't going to mean very much if I have to go to Afghanistan and get my ass shot off.

I remember growing up during the 1960s. Vietnam. The draft. Conscientious objectors. Women drafted? Never. I remember seeing photographs of the young women serving in the Israeli Army, fully decked out in battle garb, complete with helmets and rifles. My father said that would never happen in this country. Now it seems a distinct possibility that women may not only have to register for the draft, but indeed may be drafted.

What about student deferments? If we have a full-scale war, there probably won't be any, so a lot of us, not just men and not just non-students, will get to serve our country in some capacity. "Some capacity" might just be a foxhole on the Afghanistan-Russian frontier. But hey...I like it here... let me stay...I look terrible in Army green...I can't do pullups...

Recently, a male friend of mine said, "Now all you women will find out how demeaning Army physicals are." He's obviously never been to Student Health Services to get on the pill. Not only is that pretty embarrassing the first time you go, but you invariably



run into at least one man you happen to be seeing at the time, leaving him with a glint of eager anticipation in his eyes.

And what about boot camp? Like I said, I can't even do a pullup, and I doubt they would adjust the mess menu to compensate for my vegetarian, high-protein-low-carbohydrate diet. Well, I do have perfect vision, so maybe I could get the Air Force to teach me to fly.

You know, there's no hot running water on the battlefield. There are six people in my house who all shower in the morning; we each get three minutes of hot water and it's gone by 6:30 a.m. But there is no hot water at the front line on the Afghanistan border. After three

years of faithfully Erno Lazslo-izing my face and finally getting rid of my zits, I can kiss my peaches-and-cream complexion goodbye. I could never put makeup on my face unless I had just rinsed 30 times with hot water. Hot, not cold. And I simply couldn't concentrate on cleaning my rifle unless my hair was rolled, either—but there are no electrical outlets on battlefields for blow dryers and electric rollers.

Seriously, though, the egalitarian in me says that drafting women is ok. If men are drafted, why not women? My adventuresome nature is roused on a very base level by the prospect of experiencing a side of life—perhaps the most profoundly real side—that has traditionally been revealed only to men. But the coward in me says, "Oh my God, they'll send me to some strange country and I'll get my head blown off."

Ah, the rub, as Hamlet would say, it's not the draft, per se, that bothers me or anyone else I've talked to, so much as it is the more significant issue of war. War, with its harsh realities of death, hardship and physical and emotional suffering, not to mention the looming threat of nuclear confrontation, offends my sensitivities far more than the possibility of the reinstatement of the draft and the drafting of women.

Why war? Isn't there an easier solution to the problems at hand? I can't believe I overheard someone say yesterday that perhaps a war would alleviate some of our economic problems in much the same way World War II was good for the American economy. Are people actually thinking these kinds of things? What happened to the idea of a new world order that the post-Vietnam era sought to formulate and make a reality?

Suddenly my own physical and emotional comforts seem secondary when I think of the millions, if not billions, who would suffer should the situation arise in which many of us would be forced to sacrifice our easy, comfortable lives to go fight a war.

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letters to the editor

Chi Psi candidates favored by 'DTH'?

To the editor:

During Student Government elections, I am particularly aware of the many Chi Psi brothers that are active in Student Government, as well as other organizations such as *The Daily Tar Heel*. This is certainly a positive reflection on the fraternity, and something of which they should be proud. However, a situation such as this can raise some ethical questions, especially during elections, in the relationship between the *DTH* editor and candidates running for office. This seems to be the case this year, as in previous years.

The *DTH* can certainly have a powerful influence on shaping readers' attitudes toward candidates. For many readers, the *DTH* is their only source of information on the candidates running for office. They have the right to unbiased coverage of all candidates—a right which seems to have been violated in the past.

There is particular cause for my concern. In writing a paper for a journalism class on press-government relations, I decided to examine the coverage of candidates in last year's election under *DTH* editor Lou Bilonis, who was a member of Chi Psi. I reviewed coverage of the campaigns from the time the first candidate announced his intention to run until the day after election night. In lines of coverage received by all the candidates, I found that J.B. Kelly, who was the only Chi Psi member running and is now student body president, received 741 column lines; Chris Mackie, 573 lines; Richard Kliminkiewicz, 492 lines; and Harold Schmuck, 445 lines.

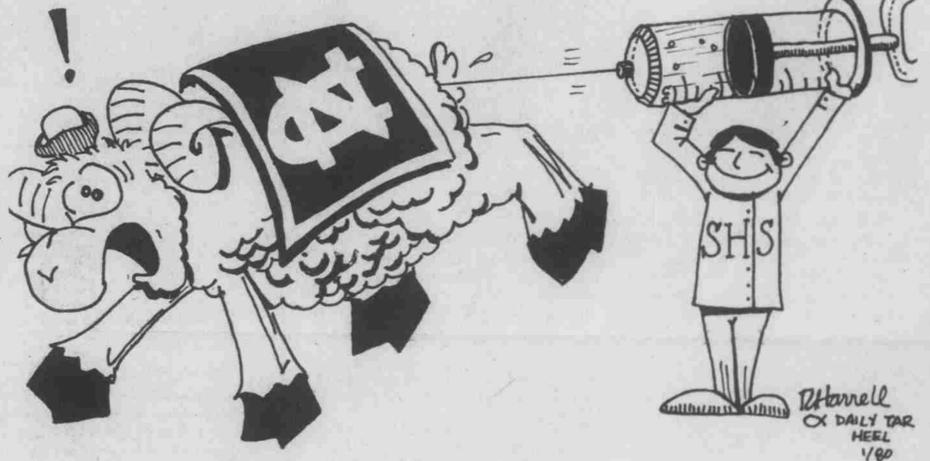
At the beginning of campaign coverage, two candidates running for offices, Kliminkiewicz and Ricky May, candidate for Carolina Athletic Association president, both expressed concern over the number of Chi Psi brothers in Student Government as well as in other campus organizations. However, no mention was made in the *DTH* campaign coverage that Bilonis or Kelly were members of the fraternity until after Kelly's victory had been announced. Surprisingly, a staff report on the election night began, "Just what I needed." Yes, it's the title of a song by the Cars—a song of which Chi Psis have always been especially fond...It took special meaning for J. B. Kelly, his campaign workers and fraternity brothers...

For this to have been printed seems to flaunt Kelly's victory as a victory for the brothers of Chi Psi—including Bilonis. Bilonis certainly had the right to use his editorial column to make a legitimate endorsement of Kelly, which he did on Feb. 13, 1979. However, his editorial column the following day concentrated on the importance of voting. At the end of this seemingly neutral commentary, he put in a final plug for Kelly, which I thought was in poor ethical taste.

Kelly also received the support of the Black Student Movement, which was announced at the beginning of a 174-column line article on all the candidates—a prominent spot sure to be seen by most readers, black and white.

Although a similar situation exists this year between David Stacks and candidate Kevin Garrity, hopefully the *DTH* is trying to give balanced coverage to all the candidates. However, I noticed that Kevin Garrity, as a member of the Health Service board, was interviewed in an article on Student Health Service, "Trustees to consider increase in health fee." (*DTH*, Jan. 28). Was there special significance that he, over other members of the board, was sought out for an interview?

Extra publicity such as this gives Garrity an unfair advantage over the other candidates. The support of the *DTH* is certainly a powerful advantage for any candidate when considering its statistics—18,500 circulation and an



estimated readership of 96 percent of the 21,000 students on campus. In light of last year's election coverage, I urge the *DTH* to recognize its responsibility to cover the campaigns as fairly as possible.

Arlene Aycock
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Editor's note: Neither Lou Bilonis nor David Stacks has ever been a member of Chi Psi or any other fraternity.

Out in the cold

To the editor:

I wish to further clarify the situation encountered by those living in Granville Towers who were caught off guard by the underhanded change of policy enacted by Melvyn Rinfret.

In previous years those who chose to live in Granville Towers were assured that if they re-applied within a reasonable, pre-announced time period, they would be able to live there the following school year. The situation was similar for those in University Housing. If they re-applied on time, they could expect to be re-admitted to their dorm.

Suddenly, Granville management decided that they would give no consideration to those already living in Granville who wanted to live there next year. Also, they did not put forth an effort to make it evident to the ones affected that they were changing their policy. Instead, there was a vague reference in the letter accompanying the applications to the fact that it had taken about a month for all the spaces in Granville to be filled last year. There was no reason to believe that there was cause for a panicked rush to submit the applications. Also, there was no date given as a deadline in the letter, posted anywhere in West building where I live, or, to my knowledge, announced orally.

However, before noon of the third business day after the letters and applications were received, the openings in Granville were filled. A waiting list was then started, on which there were more than 125 names by the next business day, Jan. 21. Then Rinfret told the *DTH* that there had been a deadline, and picked the curious date of Sunday, Jan. 20. This was certainly an unusual deadline, since it was not made known to those who had to meet it until it had already passed, and also because no one is in the Granville offices on Sunday or Saturday who could accept the applications.

Now those who find themselves on the waiting list for contracts at Granville are in a very difficult situation. These students may well not get into Granville next year, and their chances of getting into University Housing through the lottery are slim. There is no guarantee that these students can find an apartment for next year, and such a move might not be practical anyway because of sky rocketing apartment rent.

These students now find their prospects of a college education and chances of attaining their goals after college seriously endangered because of the capricious quirks of policy of the Granville management. It is thus not a matter merely of principle which needs to be resolved here, though the actions by the Granville management might easily and with reason be denounced on that basis. Rather, it is a very material issue which is at hand: What can these students do who suddenly find they have no place to live next year?

Gary DeVal
 1926 West Granville

One-year anxiety

To the editor:

Beginning this week, thousands of students on this campus will begin the one-month-fight for University housing. Overshadowing the hassles of choosing a specific roommate and special room is the uncertainty and anxiety built into the lottery selection—who will actually win a room for next year? Seeing that the lottery is three weeks away, I feel this is an appropriate time to request that the University's housing department revise a few unfair policies concerning the housing selection system.

I'll admit that a lottery is a fair way to decide who will suffer, but what about fairness after the lottery? What happens if a student, who after losing in a dorm lottery and after resorting to living off campus for a year, wants to try to get back into his old dorm? The results—his name goes at the end of the waiting list, below all person draws out that year. This means off-campus students have last priority when attempting to move into University housing.

If a student had chosen to live off campus, he should have lower priority than those who wanted to stay on campus but were denied that privilege by the lottery. However, once a student has

served his one-year sentence, he should automatically be allowed to re-enter his dorm for the next year, letting others take a turn. Because the housing department has been rather inactive in trying to remedy the housing crunch, shouldn't they distribute the burden?

I have also seen several students lose in the lottery one February, live in anxiety through spring and summer while on a waiting list, receive a room or temporary study-room assignment as late as a week before fall registration and finally settle into and enjoy a different dorm that fall, only to re-enter the lottery again in February and lose! I know one student who waited through three waiting lists after losing in three dorm drawings and one all-campus drawing over a period of three years. Clearly, such anxiety should only be forced on a student for one year. The only fair policy is to exempt those students who previously lost in a dorm lottery from all future drawings.

James Womble
 209 Graham

Bored space cowboy

To the editor:

I've never read as boring a critique of a dance performance in my life as "Laura Dean show boring," (*DTH*, Jan. 28). I fell asleep three times while trying to read through it.

Perhaps the dance critic could use an extended vacation from the drudgery of observing original as well as invigorating modern dance performances. As for myself, I totally "got off on" and enjoyed the performance and the music composed by Laura Dean which blended in nicely with the dancing. I guess I was among the few "space cowboys" in the audience.

Jeffrey Gaynor
 Chapel Hill

Letters?

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