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# The Daily Tar Heel

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## No simple solutions

Every year about this time, there is a wave of protest in suites and halls across campus as dormitory residents are closed out of their room to live by the housing lottery. The system is unfair, people say, but those who are closed out manage to find apartments, old houses, or other places to stay. The protest ebbs, but the lottery remains.

This year, 1,170 people were closed out of their dorms—an increase of 322 from last spring. The reasons why are manifold. Applications for rooms were up 6 percent, due in part to the unusually large freshman class enrolled last year. Costs for alternate housing and utilities continue to rise, as do those for transportation from off campus to on campus. These factors make the lottery necessary for dorms, but no matter where one might prefer to live there is an acute shortage of housing.

The problem will not be solved quickly. Although the last dorm, Hinton James, was completed in 1969, plans for a fifth high rise have been shelved permanently. State laws which require that University housing be self-supporting make expansion of dorm space almost impossible, because of current economic conditions and interest rates. One promising alternative to University housing was a proposed students-only apartment complex to be built on UNC property near University Mall. It would be developed and financed, like Granville Towers, by a private firm. Planning for the complex is completed, but current high interest rates prohibit construction and the prime rate has shown no sign of dropping.

The University's inability, given existing laws, to shelter its students has placed further strain on an already tight situation in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Students are beginning to price the area's lower income families out of the housing market. Attempts to restrict student housing opportunities have taken the form of requests to change apartments to condominiums and to prohibit more than a few "unrelated persons," meaning students, to live in a house together.

A smaller enrollment would alleviate the housing problem, but administrators are anxious to maintain the student body status quo. Moreover, factions in the General Assembly are arguing that UNC is not meeting all of its educational responsibilities and are arguing for an even larger enrollment. Barring a change in state regulations concerning University housing, the present situation is not likely to get better. There are no simple solutions, and it appears that there may be no solutions at all.

## Chapel Thrill '80

The Chapel Thrill '80 committee took a while to decide, but Monday it announced the three main bands Student Government hopes will attract a large and diverse audience come April 19.

The outdoor concert extravaganza, sponsored last year for the first time by Student Government, will feature the Beach Boys, the Atlanta Rhythm Section and Bonnie Raitt. Although these are not the biggest and the best of rock 'n' roll bands, when combined with the April 18 concert with Sister Sledge and Chic, it appears a salable package of quality entertainment.

The reason for Student Government financing a series of concerts is simply to provide an enjoyable weekend for students. But the event serves another purpose as well; it allows Student Government the opportunity to reach out to every student in an attempt to cater to his wants and needs.

The Springfest concert held last year, which included Jimmy Buffett, the Spinners and Nantucket, proved a tremendous success thanks to the work of the Springfest Committee and the enthusiasm of the student body. This year, the potential for a profitable venture and an exciting weekend is even greater. The Chapel Thrill '80 committee, by expanding the event to two concerts, has provided a wide variety of music that offers something for everyone.

But, of course, it would be premature to deem Chapel Thrill '80 a success, for there are numerous details that still must be worked out. We are certain that Chapel Thrill chairman Richard Terrell and those students on the committee will not become lax during the next month. Ironing out details and implementing an efficient promotional campaign are crucial steps that remain to be taken. Still, Springfest has come a long way since the days when Henderson Residence College sponsored on its front lawn an enjoyable, but less elaborate affair. We think it a change for the better.

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## Apathetic Studenticus Voterus:

A large, swift-footed, gutless bird living both on and off campus. This ratite, small-brained fowl will run 30mph when threatened by registration.



## A Noble cause

### Scientists head sperm bank drive

By THOMAS JESSIMAN

They are calling it the most important Happening of the '80s. Already it has compelled me to throw all the novels and literature off my desk and rush to buy the latest texts in chemistry and physics. I tried chemistry a long time ago but gave up when my hands trembled measuring those acids and my stomach knotted up at all those dead cats, but I'll try it one more time—at last I see the pot at the end of the rainbow for those struggling scientists over in Venable and Phillips Halls. They aspire to be Nobel Prize winners in Science, not for the prestige but for the membership in the recently begun sperm bank in California.

In case you haven't heard, Robert K. Graham, a Southern California businessman, has established a sperm bank only for

Nobel laureates in Science. It is obviously a great and noble step forward for mankind. Apparently, Graham keeps the sperm in a deep underground vault and already has the "donations" of five laureates. He claims that three women have already received the bank's sperm and although the women need not be Nobel laureates, they do have to be intelligent—after all the goal of this whole thing is to breed geniuses and nothing less.

One donor is William B. Shockley, 70, of Stanford University and he does not downplay his achievement for a moment. "I welcome this opportunity to be identified with this important cause. But I want to make it clear also that I don't regard myself as a perfect human being or the ideal candidate. I'm not proposing to make supermen." Indeed, Shockley is not trying to father supermen, he only hopes that his offspring will be as brilliant, wonderful and maybe even as outstanding as he, but saying "super" would be too much for such a modest fellow. Almost more amazing is that at Shockley's age he can even participate in the bank. Yet still I would like to congratulate Shockley and his brethren. I have renounced my Tolstoi and Joyce and Shakespeare to begin the long climb up those sparkling stairs to a science laureate and then a sure shot at immortality—the donations can "keep" for years in the bank.

Harvard professor and Nobel laureate George Wald had the indignity to laugh when told of the sperm bank. "Oh, this is a crushing blow, to be left out of the sperm bank. I felt badly enough when I only made it into President Nixon's second enemies list." Scoffers like Wald should be deplored; they must be made to understand the significance of the Happening of the '80s. Wald should consider the possible and very probable success of this wonderful push for humanity. Ignorant reader, ponder a moment where we would be if only we had a

presidential sperm bank—no one could complain about a lack of leadership if for years we had kept impregnating intelligent women with "donations" from Thomas Jefferson and Abe Lincoln. Or better yet, think how happy Dean Smith would be right now if only he had gone to the bench for Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Bill Russel and Bob Cousy look-alikes in the second overtime against Texas A&M. And boxing and Monday night football fans should not despair, maybe even Howard Cosell could be talked into joining a sperm bank. The possibilities are endless, each more exciting than the last.

For some reason, another Harvard professor is a skeptic. Edward O. Wilson writes in his recent book *On Human Nature* that "if genius is to any extent hereditary, it winks on and off through the gene pool in a way that would be difficult to measure or predict." For such a distinguished professor, Wilson shows a

surprising lack of common sense; if two horses make a horse and two fishes make a fish, then obviously a Nobel laureate and an intelligent woman are going to produce a genius.

A surprising and ridiculous criticism has come from the women's camp over the project—apparently they claim that somehow the bank is sexist. But this is another example of women over-reacting about their rights—after all, Shockley and his brethren would be the first to admit that women are essential to the

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project, and they really have it better off because they don't have to be science laureates, they only have to be intelligent. The sparkling staircase to stardom has been mercifully shortened for them. If only women would listen to the wisdom of Apollo in Aeschylus' *The Eumenides*. "The mother is no parent of that which is called her child, but only the nurse of the new-planted seed that grows. The parent is he who mounts." Wow, if only we could talk Apollo into joining the sperm bank. And if women science laureates feel left out in the cold, let them start an ovum bank, but really it would be easier to send an application and resume to Graham and hope for the best—they won't even have to fly to California, the sperm can be shipped parcel post.

Some liberals and communist revolutionaries have complained that having a child grow up under the "terrible strain" of having to be a genius is cruel and unfair. Secretly, I suffer from such myopia. I can see the pot of gold, and I am not afraid or ashamed to stretch out my arms for and reach for glory and immortality. The literature is burning in the fire and dreams of winning the Pulitzer Prize also are shattered. Three centuries from now I don't want my relatives to have to read about me, I want them to be me.

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## Kelly administration: goals accomplished

By LYNN CASEY

Many students have characterized the student body president as a mere campus politico seeking a nice addition to his resume for law school.

But a skinny kid, wearing an oversized army trench coat and purple tennis shoes with green shoe laces, has broken this stereotype—and not just visually.

When Student Body President J. B. Kelly took office a year ago, he described his job as to be an advocate for students, and since that time he and his administration have worked hard and successfully at their job.

"I had two goals this year," Kelly said. "The first was to improve student input on campus and the second was to improve student life by speaking out for their concerns."

The Kelly administration realized that to improve student life, students had to have a voice in all areas of University policy and decision making.

The administration first worked with improving student input in Suite C. Student Government started Action Line—a telephone service which allowed students to call in complaints and problems with academics, athletics, campus activities, university services, housing, financing or transportation.

One of the most controversial issues that the UNC Board of Trustees dealt with this year involved a fee increase for student health services. A \$20 per semester increase was approved and charged to students last fall even though students had voted overwhelmingly that spring against an increase.

By voicing strong opposition to the increase, Kelly and his staff succeeded in getting the trustees to cut the fee for this semester by \$5.

Unfortunately, this victory soon faded when at their last meeting the trustees approved a \$7.50 per semester health fee increase for the 1980-1981 academic year.

Kelly's opposition to the increase again showed his concern for student input. At the trustees' meeting, Kelly told fellow trustees that even though his opposition may seem unreasonable, he would continue to fight against an increase until a survey of students' health needs and wants was conducted.

The most important job Kelly performed this year was serving on the search committee for a new chancellor. This job required Kelly to spend his weekends doing research, meeting with the committee and interviewing candidates seeking the most powerful position on the University. Service on this committee allowed Kelly to argue for a person who would be sensitive to students' needs and opinions.

Kelly also changed the structure of the Suite C



bureaucracy to make it a more efficient organization. By increasing the size of his cabinet, Kelly was able to delegate more specific duties to his staff and cover a wider range of University activities. Kelly's executive branch had 12 departments, whereas his predecessor, Jim Phillips, had only five. Two executive assistants oversaw six department heads each, who in turn supervised nearly 80 executive staff members.

The work done by these departments during the past year exemplifies the influence Student Government was able to have on University policy making. Some major issues and achievements of the past year include:

- Extending the drop period from four weeks to six weeks.
- Soliciting student opinion of the Thornton Report, a recommendation of curriculum changes that would

## letters to the editor

### University must resolve room crunch

To the editor:  
This University's continued avoidance of a solution to the housing crunch is in direct contradiction to its supposedly high ideals for academic excellence. No matter how many libraries it builds or how many changes are made in the curriculum, the University will not be able to attract the highly qualified students it seeks when it cannot give them the assurance that they can choose the sort of housing they prefer, dorm or apartment. The University also ignores its commitment to educate disadvantaged students when it denies them on-campus housing and then they have to leave UNC because they cannot get the funding or the job necessary to live in an apartment. The University must limit its growth until it can provide adequate housing. It is sad when a well-qualified student is forced to leave UNC because of a problem which could be solved so easily.

Karen L. Bowers  
223 James

### Clarification

To the editor:  
Concerning the article "Scholarship to be given" *DTH*, March 10, I would like to clarify a misunderstanding. The point of the article was not to "play down the fact that it was given by the Panhellenic Council," but rather to emphasize that the freshman scholarship is open to all returning freshman women at UNC, whether in a sorority or not. Too many times in the past Greek organizations have been played down in the *DTH* and this was not my intention at all.

Connie Dunkley  
Panhellenic Scholarship Chairman

### Yack defense

To the editor:  
As a member of the 1979 *Yackety Yack*, I know that everything has been done to provide the campus with a truly representative and excellent book this year. I find Ted Kyle's accusations in Monday's *DTH* both petty and uncalled for. He seems to have forgotten that last year his book was also late in spite of the fact that it was 150 pages shorter than this year's issue. His impatient clamors for the book are only complicating an already sensitive situation.

I am sorry Kyle could not have his book before Christmas. The deadlines in the *Yackety Yack* contract are flexible and according to the deadlines set and met by our staff, the book should have been delivered to campus by Oct. 31, 1979. The annuals were not finished until the week of exams last semester which made delivery before Christmas vacation impossible.

I believe that Chrisann Ohler has acted in the students' best interests throughout her term in office and I admire her courage in defending the quality for which our staff has worked so hard to achieve.

Heather Ryon  
Staff Manager  
1979 *Yackety Yack*

toughen General College course requirements.

- Organizing impetus and support of a centralized internship program on the UNC Campus. This program has been approved and will be implemented fall 1980.
- Securing the approval by the Housing Advisory Board to increase the rent rebate to students forced to live in tripled rooms.
- Organizing opposition to proposals by the Chapel Hill Town Council which would restrict and limit housing for students.
- Re-establishing a reading day before final exams next fall.
- Allowing exam schedules to be made available to students before they register.
- Kelly also advocated student input not only on campus but in state and national affairs. In January the student body presidents from schools in the UNC system met with U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare officials to discuss the desegregation dispute between UNC and HEW. The purpose of the meeting, which was proposed by Kelly, was to inform the presidents and allow them to express their concerns and views to the governmental officials.

Although he is mild-mannered, Kelly has been vocal and active in all areas of University life. One Campus Governing Council member attributed the activity of this administration to the fact that "its president can't walk by a podium without stopping."

Earlier in the year Kelly was criticized for his use of the real-world media. And Kelly did make appearances on local radio and television stations. At one point Kelly even went so far as to call a press conference last fall to read a statement concerning the health fee increase.

But even though such tactics were questionable, the motivation behind them was sincere.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Donald A. Boulton agreed that Kelly has been vocal. "I think he has pointed out problems in his own way and he had legitimate concerns."

"He definitely has worked for the betterment of the University and in a limited time. Whenever he came up for air to say something or do something he had to go back down as soon as he was finished."

But when he spoke most administrators listened and respected what he had to say, said former UNC Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor, because he did his homework and was always well-informed.

Although Kelly's future plans may include law school, the hard work put forth by him and his staff proves the office of student body president can be more than something you add to your resume.

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