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The zoo

Will Rogers said years ago in reference to the U.S. Congress, "Politicians can do more funny things naturally than I can think of to do purposefully." While the Campus Governing Council is a long way from the Congress, it certainly has taken on some of the same characteristics.

Last week the CGC held its first meeting of this academic year and, to be fair but not bitter, provided a rather amusing show.

A column in *The Daily Tar Heel* Friday refers to the giggles, nudges and blank stares that have become customary at CGC meetings. Simple rules of procedure often are overlooked. Members quibble over minute points. And the business at hand often seems less important than the histrionics of certain members assured of a captive audience.

Still, there was enough material at Tuesday night's meeting for any comedy scriptwriter. Brian Goray of District 19 was named chairman of the Rules and Judiciary Committee, but because he had moved from District 19 was no longer eligible to represent it. No matter. Goray astutely pointed out that he could run for office in District 17, where he moved, because the CGC member there had resigned. Even though he knew nothing about District 17, he felt confident of winning because his roommates would vote for him. And, judging from past voter turnout, that would be enough to elect him.

Greg James, appointed Elections Board chairman Tuesday, said in response to a query about his knowledge of muddled elections laws, "I think I read something about them in the newspaper."

Student Body President Bob Saunders proposed an amendment to one bill to correct the spelling of his name, which had lost an "s" somewhere. We don't know which "s" it was and we don't know where it got lost—perhaps in the confusion of CGC elections laws or in the vacuous minds of some of the council members.

The CGC also found out that \$250 it had taken from WXYC, which had agreed to give up the money thinking it was an illegal "secret fund," actually belonged to a former station manager. But, the money had already been spent by the summer CGC for a party, which probably thrilled the many organizations not funded adequately by CGC last spring. Luckily, Tom Preston, chairman of the CGC Finance Committee, cleared up at least part of the mystery. "We would have had the party without the money from WXYC's account," he said. "However, we couldn't have had nearly as good of a party." Glad that's cleared up.

None of this is meant derisively. The student body can rest assured that all or at least some of this was just unavoidable, part of the government process, if you will. And some might argue that the Congress does funny things all the time. Great—makes us feel like we're shooting ducks in a fish bowl.

Still, we don't ask the CGC not to be funny; after all it comes naturally. And it makes for great fun. And we have little doubt that this year's CGC is just as responsible as past CGCs, which really isn't saying much either. It would be useless and presumptuous to expect the CGC to pay attention during meetings, show concern for its duty and give its constituency a responsible and, if nothing else, sincere attempt at governing. Wouldn't it?

In any case Will Rogers, who always seemed capable of putting things in perspective, had something to say about this kind of thing, too. "Legislatures are...like animals in a zoo. You can't do anything about 'em. All you can do is just stand and watch 'em."

Iran—316 days

Just when most people had managed to forget the whole nasty situation to concentrate on important matters like rush parties and football games, the old ayatollah found a way to bring it all back, freshly and vividly: 52 Americans are still in Iran.

It's not convenient to think of the hostages anymore. Many of us have concluded it's just one of those things that is best pushed aside because nothing can be done. To get angry or mad or upset might encourage action. And action is the farthest thing from the minds of the American people. So the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, along with Iran's newly elected parliament, will decide the fate of the Americans who have now been held hostage for 316 days. On Tuesday, the debates on the fate of these people will begin. Although Iranian President Bani-Sadr opposes a trial, there are indications that extreme religious factions will call for one.

Just how this country will—or should—react to this possibility remains uncertain. President Jimmy Carter has said that he will not tolerate such an event, but the use of military force to prevent it seems unlikely. Surely, the manner in which Iran dispenses its justice will weigh heavily in any final decision. If a mindless propaganda trial is staged, with execution as a potential end, President Carter and the American people will have a difficult and thankless choice to make.

In the meantime, President Carter should take every opportunity to secure the release of the hostages, including striking a compromise or agreement on the most recent list of demands. At the same time President Carter must not hesitate for a moment in letting Iran know that if the lives of the hostages are imperiled, Iran risks peril as well.

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Eleanora Anderson confident about race

'In Quotes'

By BRAD KUTROW

About 150 people had shuffled into the dim cavern of Hamilton 100 Friday afternoon. The crowd had been thinned by trips home and happy hour, but Eleanora Anderson, the eldest daughter of independent presidential candidate John B. Anderson, was undaunted.

She bounded up to the podium and showed some of the optimism that has marked her father's campaign.

"This week has been a lifeboat to the Anderson campaign," she said, citing developments that had buoyed the independent's candidacy. Anderson said the Federal Election Commission's decision to grant Anderson funds provided he gets five percent of the vote in November, the addition of former Wisconsin Gov. Patrick Lucey as a vice presidential candidate and John Anderson's inclusion in the League of Women Voters debate planned for later this fall was evidence of a sound candidacy.

Anderson spoke for roughly 20 minutes, getting in, making her points and getting out with the grace of an experienced stump.

She referred to planks in the Anderson-Lucey platform that college voters would be likely to stand on—proposing a moratorium on construction of nuclear power plants, calling draft registration "purely symbolic" and pointing out her father's co-sponsorship, with Rep. Morris Udall, D-Ariz., of the Alaska lands bill. That measure would set aside millions of acres of land for wildlife, nature and resource conservation.

Again characterizing her father as a man who could work with Democrats, Anderson predicted that a John Anderson-Patrick Lucey administration would draw from Republicans, Democrats and independents. "It would



Eleanora Anderson campaigns for father...says his candidacy is sound

put our country above the petty machinations of party politics," she said, drawing applause.

"John Anderson can win this election," she said in closing. "He offers hope where there is no hope."

She remained onstage for another 10 minutes, fielding questions on the unification of Jerusalem and John Anderson's plan to place a 50 cent tax on each gallon of gasoline. Anderson

was well-informed on her father's position, running out of answers only after the third or fourth followup on details of a specific proposal.

When asked the question that haunts many who would like to support John Anderson—what effect his candidacy will have on President Carter's chances against Ronald Reagan—she referred to the polls that served Anderson so well in his efforts to make the League of

Women Voters debate. "There are various polls, some of which show John Anderson drawing votes from Carter, others of which show him drawing equally from Reagan and Carter."

Referring to polls which ask presidential preference with the stipulation that Anderson has a good chance to win, she said, "If John Anderson is perceived as a credible candidate in October, which he will be, he leads California with 36 percent of the vote." In such polls, she said, her father also leads in the 10 largest northeastern states.

She urged the questioners to vote for Anderson despite the fact that Anderson may draw enough support from Carter to throw the election to Reagan. "To vote for a candidate you don't believe in is to cheat yourself."

She criticized Carter's avoidance of a first debate with Anderson, quoting Carter's campaign manager, Robert Strauss, as saying "It wouldn't do us any good."

"It won't do the American people any good," she said. "I think that's a little bit petty and a little bit selfish."

Most of the audience stood, applauding, as Anderson was hustled out of the hall and upstairs for a small press conference.

The election has thrust her, full-time, into such lecture halls and behind podiums. She is not only John Anderson's daughter; she is 26, married, and trying to finish her first play, which she says is "apolitical."

Correctly, Anderson said a media campaign was essential to her father's candidacy, and to mount a campaign in October would require more money than the independent has. That's her job: to round up support and raise money and, most of all, stay optimistic.

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Bledsoe cannot prosecute Zeta fraternity

By LOUIS BLEDSOE

This letter is in response to the editorial "The Zeta Psi," (*DTH*, Sept. 8). After doing a bit of legal homework on the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, I have discovered that the cover of confidentiality that cloaks cases brought before the office of the student attorney general and the undergraduate court pertains solely to individuals and not to groups. Therefore, I will now elaborate upon the matter of the Zeta Psi fraternity and the extensive investigation by this office of the events of Dec. 2, 1979.

Since the Christmas party occurred late in the semester while the office of the student attorney general was closed for exams and the Christmas break, the matter was brought to the attention of the Division of Student Affairs. When classes resumed in January, then-Student Attorney General Gary Jones and his assistants began an extensive investigation of the incident.

Statements were obtained from all those Alpha Omega Pi sorority members from Duke who were in attendance at the party concerning the activities of the night in question and their reactions to them. The women were very cooperative in gathering this voluminous pile of information. Personal interviews with many of the sorority members followed. Interviews were also conducted with several members of the Zeta Psi fraternity.

After an exhaustive effort to obtain all the material evidence and information pertinent to the case, the student attorney general's office determined that charges would not be brought against the Zeta Psi fraternity as a whole for a group offense under the *Instrument of Student Judicial Governance*. The sisters of Alpha Omega Pi were, and this office still is, supportive of this decision.

This should not be taken as support for the actions that occurred on the night of Dec. 2. They were morally repulsive and disgusting and cannot be condoned. However, though our sense of decency is shocked by these actions, we must not allow our

emotions to run rampant and deny due process of law to any individual or group in our society. The simple fact of the matter is that there was no jurisdiction for this office to charge the group as a whole with an offense.

The *Instrument* provides that "Societies, clubs or similar organized groups in or recognized by the University are subject to the same standards as are individuals in the University." With this in mind, the office felt that three individual offenses could possibly apply to Zeta Psi as a group. These are:

- (Item 11.D.1.d.) Physical abuse or hazing of any member or guest of the University community on institutional premises or in University-related activities.
- (Item 11.D.1.e.) Intentionally inflicting physical injury upon a person or intentionally placing a person in fear of imminent physical injury or danger.
- (Item 11.D.2.a.) Disorderly or obscene conduct on institutional premises or at University-sponsored functions.

Response

On the surface, each of these charges appears to be applicable to Zeta Psi. However, certain conditions do exist to remove them all from consideration.

The last offense listed, Item 11.D.2.a., was immediately discarded as an option because Zeta Psi fraternity is not on institutional premises and this fraternity party was not a University-sponsored event. The alumni of the fraternity, not the University, own the fraternity house and the land upon which it sits.

This leaves us with two other charges which may apply. Item 11.D.1.e., the second charge listed, is not

limited to institutional premises or University-sponsored functions. However, the evidence simply did not exist to charge the entire fraternity for "intentionally inflicting serious injury upon a person or intentionally placing a person in fear of imminent physical injury or danger." I am not at liberty to discuss whether this charge could be applied to certain individual members of Zeta Psi for their actions though it clearly was an option.

This leaves us with Item 11.D.1.d. As in Item 11.D.1.e., there is absolutely no evidence to support a charge against the group, this time for physical abuse. However, again I am not at liberty to discuss whether this charge was applicable to certain individuals, though, it again clearly was an option. The other aspects of the charge, that the physical abuse or hazing occur on institutional premises or in University-related activities also need to be addressed. As stated earlier, the alumni, not the University, own the fraternity house and the land upon which it sits, and this fraternity party was not considered to be a "University-related activity."

For the reasons previously stated, no charges were brought against the Zeta Psi fraternity. This decision may disappoint, frustrate or even outrage students, faculty and administrators in this University. The actions of various fraternity members that night are despicable and loathsome, and have brought shame to our University. However, it is easy to let emotion dictate our actions in this morally repulsive situation. We must not let our emotional reactions cloud our quest for the pursuit of truth and the dispensation of justice. The *DTH* correctly quoted my letter to the incoming freshmen; yes, you do deserve a fair and honorable system, and yes, you should demand it.

Louis Bledsoe, a senior history major from Charlotte, is student attorney general.

Editor's note: Bledsoe comments on the prosecution of individual members of Zeta Psi in a story on page 1 of today's *Daily Tar Heel*.

Letters to the editor

Religion plays important role in politics

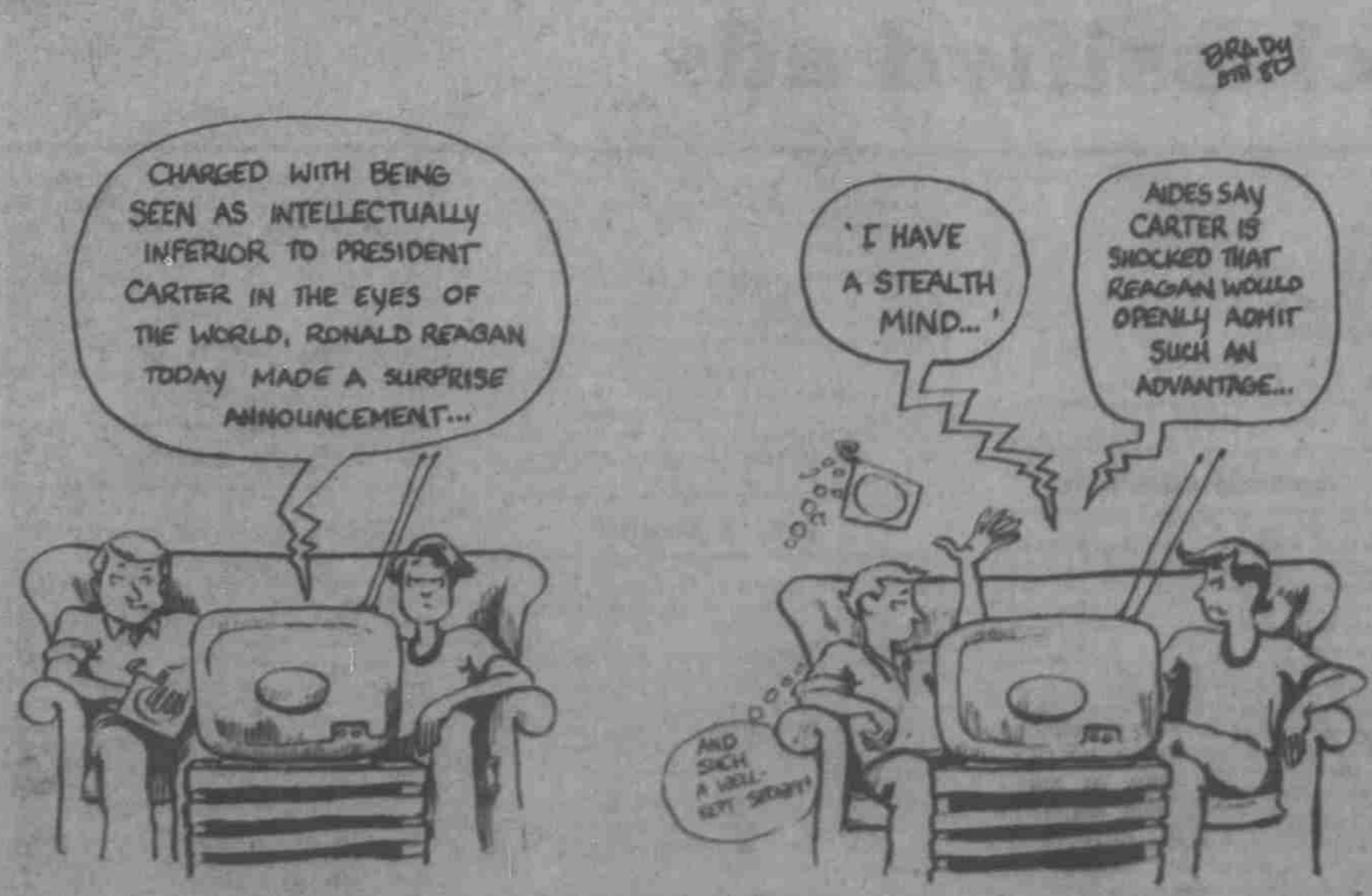
To the editor:

Angie Dorman's "Politics in the Pulpit," (*DTH*, Sept. 11), article raised some very interesting issues. Lest *DTH* readers experience an inordinate fear that a Khomeni-style revolution is upon us, it would be wise to explore the history of American religion in politics.

During the first half of the 19th century opposition to slavery was led by Quaker laymen and Congregationalist ministers. Likewise, the attack on segregation was led by a Baptist minister with the active cooperation of Rabbis and nuns. Even today there isn't an urban politician worth his salt who doesn't seek the endorsement of his city's black ministers or attempt to meet with the local Catholic bishop. The president himself is no stranger to church halls.

As for the rather hysterical charges by the pastor of University Methodist Church that fundamentalists are akin to the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, one should point out that his own denomination is no stranger to politics. It has, for example, been active in financing and promoting ERA ratification and legal abortion. (The women's division even sued to require federal abortion funding). Perhaps the good reverend has forgotten the biblical injunctions against hypocrisy and judging others.

On issues of public policy and moral concern, Christians cannot pretend their faith is irrelevant. Religious people have spoken out on both sides of most modern moral issues. It is unfair, after years of liberal Christian activism, to tell



conservative (not necessarily "ultraconservative") Christians to confine their faith to one hour each Sunday in the privacy of their churches.

Ray Warren
Chapel Hill

More religion

To the editor:

I would like to make a further comment on "Politics and the Pulpit," (*DTH*, Sept. 11). There seems to be a Reagan movement on campus called "The Students for Moral Majority" or

some such sacrilegious nonsense. I am not against a Reagan movement even though I am an Anderson fan, but I don't believe in veiling it with a seemingly Christian name. I can only draw one conclusion: vote Republican or you will be denied entrance to heaven.

Scott Nicholson