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## True confessions of a Hunger Hut all-star

By DAVID POOLE

Many people are amazed and baffled at the regularity with which I partake of the cuisine at the recently renamed Fast Break, which shall always in my heart be the Hunger Hut, in the Carolina Union.

"How can you eat that greasy junk," they ask, as their faces contort in mock revulsion. Obviously, these people don't know what bad food really is. I admit that the Hunger Hut isn't one of your four-star establishments, but it is by no means as bad as a lot of places where I have eaten.

For example, there was the lunchroom at my elementary school. Talk about bad food; I still have nightmares about the sticky yellow grits they used to serve there. In this dream, I haven't eaten in weeks and I finally stumble into a free, all-you-can-eat restaurant. And all they have is sticky yellow grits. In my weakened condition, I relent and accept the grits. Fortunately, I always wake up before taking the first bite.

I remember once in the second grade when our class was on one of those "Let's All Clean Our Trays at Lunch" campaigns. Everyone in the class got a gold star for eating everything on his or her plate. My column was starless.

My teacher didn't like that and one day she decided that we would have 100 percent clean trays. She made one mistake. She picked a day when the cafeteria served boiled carrots.

All through my childhood, I had been told about the kids starving in India who would love to have the food I was leaving on my plate. I was, and still remain, perfectly willing to have every boiled carrot in captivity shipped to these kids.

But my second-grade teacher was convinced that the preservation of the republic depended upon my consumption of these wretched carrots. She asked me to eat them. I respectfully declined. She insisted. I resisted. She became adamant. I stood firm. She threatened to paddle me, I ate the carrots.

Minutes later, I threw up. That, I felt, would teach my second grade teacher.

The food at every school I ever attended was horrible. But there was always one guy you could depend on. He was the guy who would trade you his cake with chocolate icing for your cold stewed tomatoes. What a prince.



There are other places where the food is awful. Some of those very same people who chastise me for eating at the Hunger Hut will walk downtown and eat quiche. Quiche, my friends, is egg pie. I'd have to be pretty hungry to voluntarily eat egg pie.

These folks just don't seem to comprehend the sensual pleasures of a cheeseburger and onion rings swimming in grease. You haven't lived until you've washed down a meal like that with one of the Hut's typically watery soft drinks.

How can people resist the atmosphere in the Hunger Hut? Around noon, you have about 100 people in line—all of whom have 10 minutes to get their lunch and get to class. The cordial Hunger Hut personnel, always ready with a friendly "Mayihallyu," shuffle these masses in and out with the precision of an ant colony.

And the food. Greasy, cold and without any nutritional value whatsoever. How can they resist?

Those who can't bring themselves to eat Hunger Hut food should think about their arrogance. They can probably cook. I can't. Everyone knows the old joke about burning water, but I have trouble even getting it in the pot. On many occasions, I have cooked a meal, looked at it objectively, thrown it in the garbage and driven in from off-campus to eat at the Hunger Hut. Honestly.

It all boils down (he punned) to this. I'm not in a position to call Hunger Hut food bad. It's a whole lot better than what I can cook and infinitely better than the stuff I ate at school while I was growing up. Mom can't get up here and back home enough to cook for me, so I have to make do.

Besides, I have eaten at the Hunger Hut off and on for three years now, and I've never seen them serve sticky yellow grits.

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## The last chance

On Nov. 4 the people of the United States will elect the next president, a man who will greatly affect the future of this country and the world. Carolina students and *The Daily Tar Heel* will play a role, though a minor one, in the outcome of that all-important decision. *The Daily Tar Heel* will take part simply by covering the events that will ensue during the next five weeks, analyzing and commenting on them. But for Carolina students, including *DTH* staffers, the legitimization of their voice comes Nov. 4 at the ballot box.

Student Government, in keeping with Carolina tradition, is sponsoring a mock election today. The purpose of this mock vote, besides gauging student opinion, is to encourage registration. Not only will presidential candidates be on the ballot, but votes for gubernatorial, senate and lieutenant governor candidates also can be cast.

Students will vote on a transportation tax referendum that, if passed in November could stabilize the bus system in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Official elections for CGC representatives in districts 17 and 19 also will be held.

While this is a mock election, its importance should not be underestimated. Universities across the nation are often opinion leaders, and the voice that emerges out of their ballot boxes will not go unnoticed by newspapers across the state and country. This vote gives today's students the unique opportunity to go on record for posterity's sake. It will, if nothing else, become interesting reading and reference material for future students and *Tar Heel* editors.

For example, in 1952 Carolina students favored Democratic nominee Adlai Stevenson over the man who won, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. The final campus tally gave Stevenson a 631-615 edge. In 1960, John F. Kennedy was the narrow choice of the Carolina constituency. In 1968 Hubert Humphrey won 1,596 votes while Richard Nixon received 1,384. Lyndon B. Johnson was the 1964 favorite, and Sen. George McGovern captured the student vote in 1972, according to a *DTH* poll.

Interesting? Telling? Insightful? Perhaps none of these descriptions is totally accurate. At the same time, a 1972 *Washington Post* story revealed that GOP officials encouraged young Republicans to campaign actively before mock elections in an effort to sway public opinion. This attempt at political manipulation may be unfortunate, but it does speak to the power of student opinion.

Independent John Anderson will visit the Carolina campus Tuesday. His appearance only accelerates and intensifies the debate and discussion bound to flow freely and heatedly during the next five weeks.

The U.S. electoral process is a flawed one at times, but it is preferable to that of many countries. So whether students bother to vote on Nov. 4 (the subject of some future editorial to be sure) they should leave that option open by registering today.

## Frank Porter Graham

Most University students know Frank Porter Graham only as the man for whom the Student Union building is named, another in the collection of meaningless commemorations engraved on masonry all over campus. Yet Graham, more than any other man or woman in the history of the state university system, fostered the progressive atmosphere in which we teach and learn.

This year is the 50th anniversary of Graham's appointment as UNC's president, and a symposium was held this weekend at UNC-Greensboro to recall his accomplishments as an educator, legislator and diplomat. There was a lot to remember.

Graham, a 1909 graduate of the University, was its president in the difficult 1930s and '40s. The state and school were mired in the Great Depression, and Graham took cuts in his own salary to keep UNC professors from fleeing to better-paying jobs. In 1931, while UNC-CH was still struggling with financial problems, he undertook the consolidation of UNC, N.C. State and UNC-G, then the State Women's College, into a single university system.

In his 19 years as president, Graham established UNC as an open-minded outpost in the strictly conservative South. He battled legislation that would have banned the teaching of the theory of evolution, spoke out for the editorial freedom of *The Daily Tar Heel* and encouraged visits by controversial speakers. Graham believed that the University was a forum for the exchange of diverse ideas, not simply those approved by the General Assembly.

Graham later served as a senator and diplomat, continuing to work for human rights in this country and abroad. He is best remembered here, however, for his progressive leadership of the University. Graham was close to the students and helped forge the ideas of men like Tom Wicker, now associate editor for *The New York Times*, McNeil Smith, the liberal former state senator, and the late Congressman and human rights activist Allard Lowenstein. Graham was a courageous man in an era of unreasoning fear of different ideas. At the 50th anniversary of his term as president, we can still measure ourselves by the standards that he set.

## The What Report?

Do you know what the Thornton Report is? Do you care? How should the administration and Student Government inform students about the new draft of the report when it is completed? Answer these questions briefly and drop your response into the letters-to-the-editor box in the Carolina Union by Wednesday. We'll let you know what kind of answers we get.

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### Letters to the editor

## Residence hall parking must be protected

To the editor:

The Educational Foundation needs to find 400 parking places for Ram's Club members during Saturday football games. As the residents of Scott College know, requests for these additional reserved parking places have been directed toward the parking lots at residence halls. Scott College has considered and rejected several offers for its lots. Similar offers will be made to Ehringhaus and Morrison residents.

Student Government believes non-student parking lots should be considered. The N.C. Memorial Hospital parking deck and the Manning Drive parking lot will be used by Ram's Club members for parking during basketball games at the new student activity center. What better way to accustom alumni to these alternative parking sites than by having them use these sites during the fall football season?

According to the study done by the University, "A Traffic Access and Parking Study for the Student Activity Center,"

A considerable amount of parking has been built in recent years by the University to serve the North Carolina Memorial Hospital and associated health care facilities. There is an extremely high demand for this parking during the normal working day resulting from the presence of larger numbers of health care employees, patients and visitors. During evening hours and weekends, the demand is much less, resulting in the availability of an exceptionally large amount of parking to serve other events held during those times.

The student body and the alumni of this University need to work together and cooperate to minimize this impossible parking situation on campus. Let's review all existing parking lots on campus, not just those near residence halls.

Bob Saunders  
Student Body President

### Strike up the band

To the editor:

Well, well. Here we are again, just sitting on the balcony at Hinton James, watching the pep rally go to Morrison and Ehringhaus. Sure sounds like fun. A lot of us were up before dawn Wednesday to get good seats for the Maryland game. Even more of us are in bloc seats. Twenty Hinton James residents are on the football team, but the band and cheerleaders never bring the pep rally here.

Last year the same thing was done to us and we had to remind whoever is in charge of pep rallies that there are 1,000 students in Hinton James, that we really do go to school at UNC, and that we are big supporters of all Carolina athletic events.

We realize that we should not have to ask again this year. Bring pep rallies to James while you're out this way. It really is worth the walk.

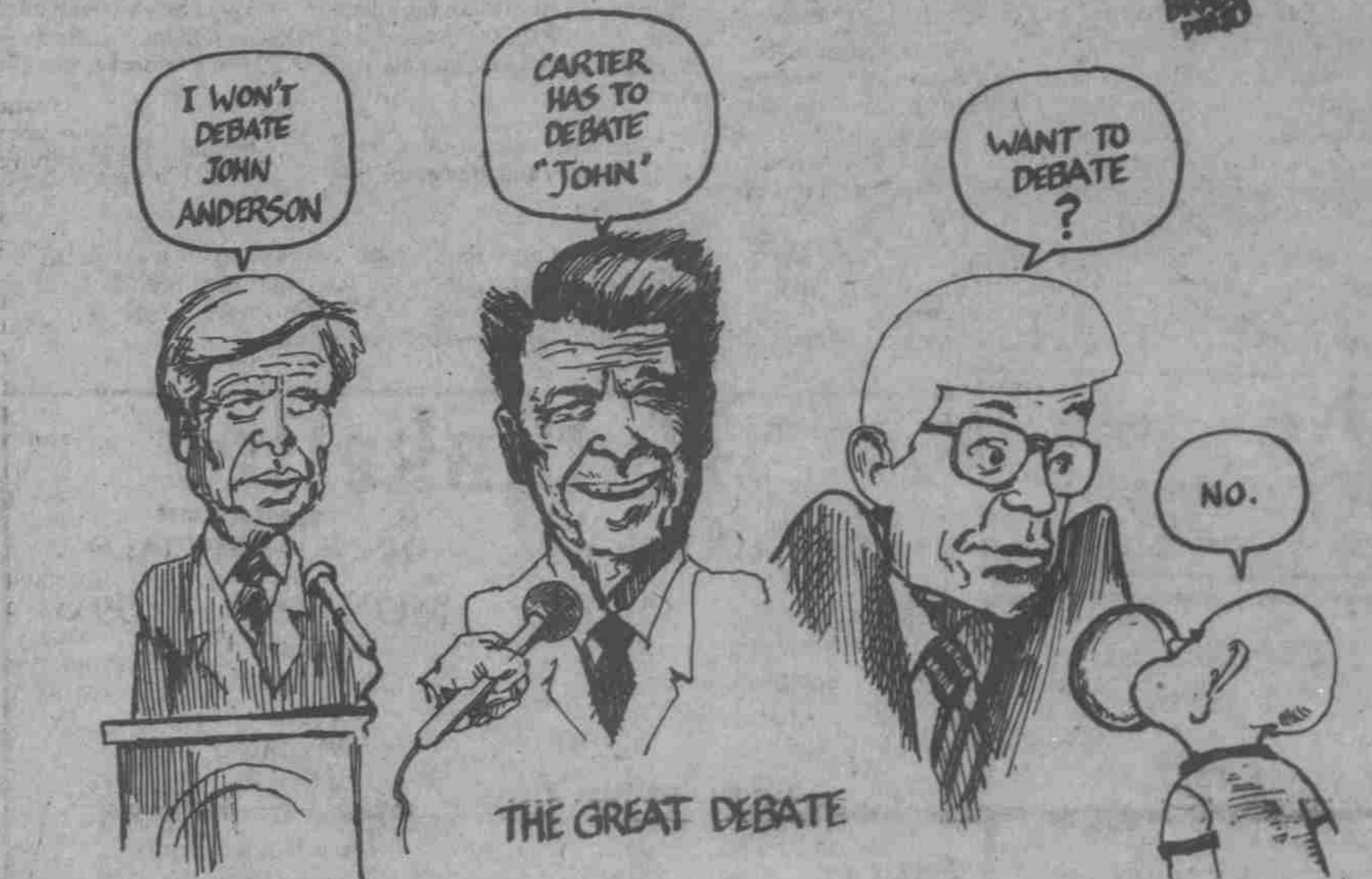
Eli McCullough  
Governor, Hinton James  
and 72 other residents

### Referendum

To the editor:

Student Government currently is considering a referendum that would increase student activities fees.

Each year, undergraduates pay \$23.50 and graduates pay \$21.50 in student activities fees. A percentage of the revenue from these fees goes to the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, *The Daily Tar Heel* and the Carolina Union. The rest, totaling approximately \$185,000, is allocated in the spring to student organizations requesting Student Government funding. Last spring, the Campus Governing Council was faced with approximately \$280,000 in budget requests. Thus, organizations including the Association for Women Students, Student Consumer Action Union, Student Legal Services, Residence Hall Association, *Carolina Quarterly* and Black Student Movement found their budgets severely cut by the CGC. Others were not funded at all. If all 35 organizations requesting funding were



listed, one would clearly see that all students are affected.

Since it is the student who pays the fee, the CGC Finance Committee will be holding hearings to seek student input on the possibility of offering the students a referendum increasing activity fees. These hearings will be held Sept. 29 and Oct. 1 and 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Carolina Union. The Sept. 29 hearing will be held in Room 207, while the other hearings will be in Room 204. Letters will be sent to all organizations which requested Student Government funding this past spring.

A fee increase referendum affects all students. The quality of any CGC action on such a referendum depends upon the involvement of its constituencies. Thus, Student Government cordially invites each and every student to be heard by attending at least one of these hearings.

Bob Saunders  
Student Body President

Tom Preston  
CGC Finance Committee  
Representative, District 6

Bernard Bell  
CGC Finance Committee  
Minority Representative

### Abortion

To the editor:

Your editorial, "A step backward," (*DTH*, Sept. 19) concerning the recent Supreme Court decision on abortion was so irresponsible that I feel compelled to dispute it. You make several totally unsubstantiated claims.

First you imply that only the wealthy will be able to afford abortions unless the federal government pays for them. But what does an abortion cost?

About the price of a good television set. Have you ever seen a tenement that does not have one? Second, "back-alley butchers" will not thrive, since they, in the days before legal abortions, charged even more than a good hospital charges now. The risk brought the price up. What we will see, given the conditions under which a woman may now get federal funds for an abortion, is an increase in "rape and incest among such women, with the collusion of some, but not all, doctors."

Third, you ignore the fact that the causes of pregnancy, and therefore its prevention, are well-known. If a woman chooses not to exercise preventive measures, should you and I be obligated to foot the bill? I realize that children so born will probably end up on welfare, and the total costs of their lives will be much greater than the cost of the abortion. However, this is an individual choice, one in which the government must have no say.

Finally, there is a substantial minority who believe that abortion is akin to murder, and do not want to subsidize it

with their tax money. While I do not belong to this minority, I believe their rights are just as real as those of the minorities who bear most of the illegitimate children in this country. (My own belief is that, since the soul does not enter the body until birth or shortly thereafter, the fetus is not "living" in the real sense of the word. However, the

purpose of this letter is not metaphysical exposition.)

This is such an emotionally charged issue for most people that I will not belabor the point. Please stick to responsible journalism from now on.

All Walker  
Chapel Hill

## Drug bust coverage, 'DTH' ethics debated

To the editor:

I feel forced to take issue with a letter that appeared in Friday's *DTH* that said, in part, "It is neither the duty nor the right of the paper" to print the names of the persons involved in last week's drug arrests. Just the opposite is true: Your paper would have shirked its responsibilities by not printing them.

It is both the right, and the duty, of a newspaper to inform its readers of the news. In this case, the first major drug bust involving students in quite some time, the story was of such importance as to warrant the attention it received on the front page—names included.

I know one of the people arrested. It makes me sick to see his name and photograph circulated throughout Chapel Hill. It makes me sad to think this may somehow affect his future. And I question the motivations of the Chapel Hill Police Department for inflicting such an ordeal on someone who committed such an unimportant offense.

I know the people on the *DTH* staff, too—the ones who struggled with the decision to print the names and photos, the ones who took the abusive phone calls, the ones who heard threatening statements made against the staff writers who wrote the first story.

The names of the persons arrested are on the public record in the police department and the office of the Orange County clerk of court. To call the public's access to matters of public record "irresponsibility and indecency" belies a fundamental lack of knowledge about how the First Amendment works.

A newspaper gets no satisfaction from sharing in someone else's misery. As a former *DTH* staffer and a professional reporter, I've had to do it for years. It's the hardest part of the business—but to shirk it would be even worse.

Howard Trosler\*  
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To the editor:

I am a concerned resident of Morrison Residence College, and I wish to protest the treatment of one individual in the article "Drug bust nets 7 UNC students," (*DTH*, Sept. 25). My concern is not so much with the article but with the printed picture and the specific information about his employment.

Your treatment of Charlie Ellis implies that he was the main offender in the arrests. Concentrating on Ellis was not fair. There were six other UNC students arrested, but you failed to print their pictures or give any information on them. You should treat each one equally. Even on televised news programs, they give the offenders a chance to cover their faces from the cameras; in your treatment of Charlie, you only prove that the *DTH* will capitalize on any public image. Of all the people arrested, Ellis is the most recognizable because of his jobs with the radio stations.

The printing of the picture was ridiculous. I hope that in the future, the *DTH* will have a little forethought before they blunder like this again.

Greg Willis  
413 Morrison

Editor's Note: Ellis was identified in the story as a student and as active in a student organization. Also, he had previously allowed his picture to be taken for *DTH* files, and the *DTH* used its file photos to accompany the story. Ellis' involvement in a student organization was as important to his identification as were the occupations of the non-students arrested. The *Daily Tar Heel* will continue to identify all students mentioned in stories as clearly and accurately as possible.