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Last chance

With only 10 months left before the June 30, 1982, deadline for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, supporters have pledged a final campaign to push the amendment through the N.C. General Assembly. Although many view the amendment as a dead issue, the General Assembly and public should take a final objective look at the ERA before banishing it for posterity.

North Carolina is one of 15 states that has not ratified the ERA and one of only five or six that national women's rights leaders feel might do so. As only three more states are needed to ratify the amendment, North Carolina has become a battleground for proponents and opponents of the amendment.

Much of the controversy surrounding the legislation in North Carolina has not centered on the bill itself but the slick maneuvering of state politicians. The ERA was first placed in check by a legislative maneuver that sought to kill the bill in the Senate's anti-ERA Judiciary Committee. Last spring, Senate leaders signed an agreement not to discuss, debate or vote on the issue throughout the remainder of the 1981-1982 session of the General Assembly, a move designed to put ERA to rest as painlessly as possible.

Rather than seeking means to escape responsibility for a controversial issue, politicians as well as citizens should be willing to debate and judge the ERA on the basis of its own merits. Contrary to what several state representatives believe, ERA will not signal the end of girls' athletics or the girl scouts.

The Equal Rights Amendment simply ensures equality of rights under the law to members of both sexes. While there have been federal and state laws banning discriminatory practices based on sex, this has not and will not guarantee against discrimination. A constitutional amendment with the authority to override any discriminatory laws or practices is the only way to ensure equality.

The ERA will benefit men as well as women. Just as women have been the victims of discriminatory hiring practices and property laws, men have been at a disadvantage in insurance practices and divorce proceedings. An August Gallup poll found that 63 percent of the nation favors the ERA. It would be a shame if political games and the acquiescence of the public allow a misinformed minority to defeat an amendment that will guarantee the basic right of equality.

Rape prevention

Since it was started in February 1980, the Rape Assault and Prevention Escort service has provided protection for hundreds of women who have had to walk across campus after dark.

The founders of RAPE established the program after many people expressed concern over the increasing number of sexual assaults in the area, some of which involved UNC students.

Over the last 18 months, the escort service has expanded, now using 300 volunteers from the seven Olde Campus men's dorms and providing an escort for anyone who requests protection.

Although the program has been successful, there are still many women who do not know about the service or who hesitate to use it. This year's director, Steve White, said many women were reluctant to request an escort because they thought it would inconvenience the men on call.

It is important for UNC students to be aware of the escort service and not be afraid to use it. The RAPE office is in Mangum Residence Hall and operates from 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, 7-11 p.m. Fridays and 7-9 p.m. on Saturday.

Escorts have to go through a three-stage screening process to be chosen as participants and work on one-hour shifts.

The service is a welcome relief to many women who have to walk long distances to get back to their dorms at night. The Orange County Rape Crisis Center had recorded more than 40 reported rapes so far this year, compared to 37 for 1980. And while many of the assaults involved someone the woman knew, the cases of attacks in the Arboretum and other poorly-lit places on campus are increasing.

It is unfortunate that Chapel Hill is no longer immune from violent crimes, but programs like the escort service are helping to prevent sexual assaults. Only by recognizing the value of such a program and not being hesitant to use it will UNC students be able to combat a problem that can no longer be ignored.

The Bottom Line

Jackie's junque

A jolted Jackie Onassis took off her dark sunglasses and did a double take last week after she found out that a New York City sanitation worker had carted 17 of her apartment's priceless paintings off to the dump. A porter saw some cardboard boxes outside Jackie O's apartment and assumed he was just doing his job when he started to bury them under tons of refuse from other Fifth Avenue apartment buildings.

Luckily, the paintings were one of the last things the truck had collected and they had not yet been subjected to a trash compactor when Mrs. O's frantic maid alerted the Sanitation department.

So now the paintings which were bought in India during the presidency of JFK are framed and hanging in the Beautiful Bouvier's boudoir high above Manhattan. Proving, once again, that time-tried adage, "even into a life filled with cucumber sandwiches, limousines and yachts, some rain must fall."

Designer sweatshirts

The opening of the Fetzer Gymnasium in August was met with cheers from many sports-minded Tar Heels

anxious to use the new facilities. But the new gym has added more than just new athletic facilities. The opening of the new gym means there now is a new addition to the standard campus wardrobe, which includes, of course, gray gym sweatshirts.

For years it's been stylish to wear a "WG" sweatshirt from Woolen Gym over a knit shirt. Worn by preppies with the Izod shirt hanging out the back or worn by punkies with the shirt collar turned up, "WG" shirts have been the rage of the campus.

But it looks as if the "WG" shirts may have met their match. Slowly but surely, a few "FG" shirts from Fetzer are making their appearance on the most chic students on campus. Designers in New York and Paris are praising the new sweatshirts, calling them a welcome addition to the prep and punk wardrobe. The sweatshirts are even scheduled to appear in the October issue of *GQ*, the men's fashion magazine, a sure sign that the sweatshirts have hit the big-time.

But don't fret if you're worried that your old "WG" sweatshirt is outdated. As your mom would tell you, you can still wear it anyway. And remember, styles change. In 20 years, "WG" shirts may again be the craze. What the heck, they sure didn't cost much.

And that's the bottom line.

Men are also victims of sexual stereotypes

By JONATHAN RICH

During the past several decades this country has undergone enormous changes in many of its basic values and goals. The Civil Rights movement, the counter culture generation and the women's liberation movement all have torn at society's fabric, replacing traditional customs with often radically different attitudes and lifestyles. Of these, the women's movement and the subsequent revolution in traditional sex roles and attitudes have been the most far-reaching and influential factors shaping American society.

While intense scrutiny and publicity have been accorded to women's changing roles, the condition of men has been generally neglected. Much is known about women's efforts toward fitting themselves into more career-oriented lives in a male-dominated world. But what of men's desires to fit marriage and parenthood into their work, to intrude into the traditionally feminine side of society?

In an attempt to address these and other related questions, UNC History Professor Peter Filene has recently published a book titled *Men in the Middle*. An expert on women's history and the development of sex roles, Filene believes that men as well as women have changed considerably in their view of themselves, work and family.

Filene said that most middle class men had a different history than lower class men, who are more tied to traditional values of work and masculine independence. He divided the middle class into two general age sectors: those above and those below age 30.

"Men above the age of 30 tend to be struggling to escape old roles of masculinity and the masculine mystique," Filene said. "They know they should be willing

to ask directions when they are lost, but they still won't do it. His mastery threatened, a middle class man is threatened by feelings of weakness and insecurity that he doesn't know how to share, especially with other men."

The younger generation, however, does not have this problem, Filene said. "Is it because these students are too young and naive, or more likely, that they are in fact more open to a variety of roles and more expressive of their feelings? Younger men are not so consumed with personal success; they are more accepting of genuine sharing."

Filene claimed that younger men have clearly set different priorities than their fathers and grandfathers. "There is not the old drive — they want other things, such as being happy. To a lot more young men, having children is quite important, almost more so than to women. They are engaging in the other side of life."

"It now seems questionable that work is still a primary force. Young workers are not going to fulfill the old expectations of putting everything second to a job — they are not so willing to make the sacrifice."

'In Quotes'

The past decade has witnessed a re-evaluation of men's roles, with the emergence of greater equality in male-female relationships, Filene said. "First names are used now rather than pet names, like honey and darling — there is greater respect and love. Women can no longer be the emotional crutch they used to be; they will no longer mother men on all their fears and inadequacies. More people are



Peter Filene

practicing a 50-50 emotional distribution in their relationship."

But this new equality has also produced some new problems with which married couples must cope. Who is earning more money is not the problem, Filene said. "It's more basic: who is going somewhere in their career? There is a problem if one is stagnating, especially if it is the man. She always has the out of being a mother, but the man doesn't have that excuse. Expressing a desire to be a housewife would open him to ridicule. But, the whole point of the sex-roles revolution is to allow people choices."

Filene pointed to the emergence of a men's movement, much more subtle and ill-defined than its female counterpart, to combat men's continuing victimization by old masculine stereotypes and to define new roles.

"I think there is a men's movement."

But around here (UNC) there is very little sense of a men's or women's movement. In other campuses and places, there are more newsletters and men's groups, other than homosexual ones.

"One thing I would ask readers to think about is if there is an unsaid need among them to express similar concerns. Women have self-help groups. But unless one is gay, someone in real trouble tries to resolve it himself or seek professional help. Men often feel it's their fault," Filene said.

"Women are so much more adept at getting comfort and understanding from each other. I'm really envious of women — we men have never learned this."

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Letters to the editor

Local group should research Nixon years

To the editor:

Despite the opposition of students, alumni, faculty and board members, Duke's president and those trustees who remain have seen fit to continue negotiations for the Nixon archives. This is less than surprising, in light of current political directions. However, I would like to suggest a constructive project which might provide a focus for the energy, money and expertise of those so endowed and so inclined.

The Nixon years, 1969-1974, as well as the years immediately preceding and following, were a period in which the political views and personal values of large segments of the population differed dramatically from the policies of the administration. Many of us still hold those views and values, which we considered verified by the events which led to Nixon's resignation. We would like to see a more objective treatment of those years than is likely to be presented by the Nixon archives.

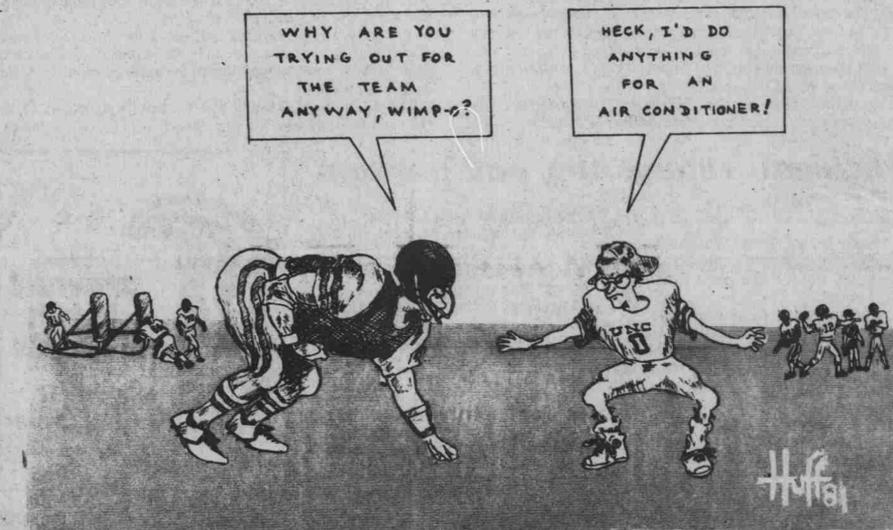
Perhaps there exists in the Durham-Chapel Hill community sufficient professional expertise, interest, and financial capacity to establish a non-profit research organization dedicated to the objective presentation of the events of the Nixon years. This would provide visitors to our community with another view of that turbulent and problematic period, the accurate and unbiased understanding of which seems particularly vital at the present time.

Joan Walsh
Raleigh

Support needed

To the editor:

I am a Carolina graduate and like Steve Streater, I am the victim of a spinal injury,



being paralyzed at the shoulders. New medical evidence indicates that there might be a chance for paralytics to walk again if medical research is stepped up in the next year or so.

Several million dollars is needed to continue this research. So, if you would like to help Steve and me and the thousands of others in wheelchairs by engaging in a

letter writing campaign to persuade poli-

ticians and big business to raise the medical funds, please write me: Steve Lail, Spinal Cord Research, 192 25th St., NW, Hickory, North Carolina 28601.

We can turn this, the International Year of the Disabled, into a near-future International Year of the Cure for Spinal Cord Injuries. This effort will cost you no money.

Steve Lail
UNC Class of 1967

Blackout

To the editor:

I would like to point out that my priorities as a desk attendant rest upon my responsibilities to the dorm Joyner. This does not specifically include watching guys walk back and forth as Friday's article "Blackout" (DTH, Sept. 4), seemed to imply.

Brenda Newman
105 Joyner

Will the real UNC please step forward?

By CINDY CRANFORD

Carolina. UNC-CH. Home of the 1981 ACC champs. Home of the Marching Tar Heels. That grand old University, actually the first state university, situated in the beer-drinking capital of the world.

Everyone knows about Carolina, Dean Smith, Amos Lawrence and all the others. At least, I once thought everyone knew about Carolina.

During the summer, I slaved away in a Winston-Salem tobacco factory and the

regular employees made it clear that Chapel Hill is by no means the center of everyone's universe.

"Where are you going to school?" a little old man asked, pausing between his words as he enjoyed his chewing tobacco. "Carolina," I answered.

A glint of recognition flickered in his eyes. "Oh, you mean East Carolina. Yeh, my nephew's been there a while."

After a discussion about his nephew's career as an ECU student, I went back to my job, dazed by the man's mistake.

"And where are you starting school at?" a mechanic asked.

I ignored his assumption that I was a freshman and answered, "Carolina."

"Oh, my daughter's in nursing at that place. Do you like Greensboro?"

We discussed the merits of Greensboro, although I only knew where the coliseum was, and he left, handing me his daughter's phone number in case I got lonely during my first few months away from home.

In the rest room, the lady wearing an "Elvis the King" T-shirt approached me.

"Honey, where do you go to school?"

"Chapel Hill," I replied.

She nodded. "Is that anywhere near Boone? My son goes to school there in the mountains. Chapel Hill sounds like it's in the mountains. Are you sure you don't know him?"

She showed me the pictures of Stan in his childhood baseball uniforms and ended with his prom picture. "Oh, he doesn't date her anymore, and he's looking for a nice girl." After ignoring several hints at a match between Stan and me, I headed back to my job, wondering why no one knew where the real Carolina was.

My supervisor stopped by to chat, and I was sure he'd know the Carolina. "So you go to Carolina. That's the little place down the road from Duke, isn't it?"

As I cringed behind my machine, he gave me the merits of Gene Banks and Kenny Dennard. I began to look forward to heading home where my Dad cheers Carolina to victory in front of the TV, where my nieces and nephews sport UNC jerseys and where my sister displays her UNC diploma. At least my circle of friends and family knew the Carolina.

As I sat in the dentist's chair with my mouth propped open, the dental hygienist checked my records. At the top of the

sheet, my vital statistics are recorded, and UNC-CH Student is emblazoned in the corner.

"So, you go to UNC at Charlotte," she exclaimed, and I noticed the Central Piedmont pin on her uniform.

"I went to Central Piedmont in Charlotte. I just love Charlotte, don't you?" she asked as she put mint-flavored fluoride on my teeth.

I was disheartened. I thought everyone knew about Carolina. Sure, there are other schools, and good schools, too, masquerading under a Carolina title, but there's only one true Carolina. Hadn't they ever heard of Carolina Fever or seen all those thousands of light-blue and white stickers on car bumpers?

In the mall at the jewelry boutique, my faith in mankind was restored. A young guy standing at the counter making time with the sales clerk remarked about my class ring. "Is that a college ring?"

"Yes, from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill," I replied.

He grinned. "That's great. Carolina's great." He turned so I could see his UNC Tar Heels T-shirt. "What year are you?" he asked.

"A senior. Are you at Carolina?"

He blushed. "No, I'm still in high school, but I plan on going there." He stared at me a while. "A senior. You don't look like one."

I thanked him and as I began to leave, he turned back to the sales clerk. "Gee, I hope I look that good when I'm that old." Well, at least he knew about Carolina.

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Legal advice

Shoplifting a misdemeanor

Editor's note: This advice is prepared by Student Legal Services which maintains an office in Suite A of the Carolina Union. UNC students have prepaid for this service and may obtain advice at no additional charge.

No matter how high the costs of college or how tempting the goods, a "five-finger discount" is no bargain. Under North Carolina Statutes, shoplifting is a misdemeanor, punishable upon conviction by a fine of not more than \$100 and/or by imprisonment for not more than six months.

To be convicted under the statute it only has to be proven that you concealed goods that you had not purchased while still in the store. It doesn't matter if you were only putting groceries into your backpack until you got to the checkout

counter; the crime occurs at the moment of concealment, not when you walk out with the goods.

In addition, if you're tempted to lift something from the Student Stores, be forewarned that stealing from the University is a Campus Code violation. Campus Code violations are tried before the Undergraduate Court, and if found guilty, you could face suspension.

Advice for the day: (1) Never conceal anything while in a store. (2) Food in the stomach is concealed — don't eat your way through the grocery store. (3) Remember that the majority of local merchants hire police officers or use two-way mirrors to aid them in prosecuting offenders. (4) If arrested, remember you have the right to remain silent. Seek legal advice as soon as possible.