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Liberal fishwrap

'DTH' seen as excluding conservatives' viewpoint

By JIM HUMMEL

Conservatives, beware. This column is for all of you out there who are convinced that your local campus fishwrap is run by bleeding-heart liberals...

'message' they promote never varies. It is always ANTI-PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, ANTI-NATIONAL DEFENSE, and ANTI-JUDEO-CHRISTIAN VALUES.

never been any plot in my four years here to deny conservatives access to the paper; rather, it is more a case of conservatives rarely working their way up through the ranks.

It goes on to state the newspaper's purpose and list a board of directors that would make William F. Buckley and even of Jesse Helms proud.

Apparently the situation has gotten so bad that a group of conservative people on campus, frustrated that they are being forced to subsidize with student fees a point of view they do not share, has decided to start its own newspaper.

All this criticism is not so surprising—a newspaper should expect to be on the firing line every day. What is funny is the perception of the way the DTH operates, at least as expressed in the letter.

It's time for liberal and conservatives alike to realize that they're not going to secure the so-called positions of power on campus by some stroke of luck.

Perhaps the most ironic thing is that Ray Warren first approached me about a job when he came to Chapel Hill as a first-year law student, wanting to write regularly for the editorial page.

I wish Warren and Co. well in their new venture. Anybody who knows the costs of trying to start a new publication knows that the conservative group will need a lot of luck and support for the project to survive.

This is not to deny that The Daily Tar Heel traditionally has been a liberal newspaper.

Filling a newspaper like the DTH five times a week is not an easy venture. For the benefit of us and anyone else who believes in freedom of expression, let us hear from you; conservative or liberal, black or white.

I am probably more conservative than many of the DTH's editors the past 10 years, but that never seemed to be an issue when I was running for editor last year.

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Migrant problem

The conviction of two men Friday in Raleigh for conspiring to hold migrant workers as slaves in an incident that resulted in the death of one worker only brings to public attention a problem that has existed for a long time.

The case against Dennis Warren and John Lester Harris described how those men kidnapped migrant workers and prevented them from leaving their labor camp.

The conviction of Warren and Harris, while the first involving the death of a migrant worker, fell short of meeting the source of the problem.

Part of the problem is also political. The migrant worker population is large but its political influence does not match its numbers.

Little short of a dramatic shift of social relations in areas with migrant populations will bring about improvement in their lives.

The problem of migrant workers is particularly pertinent to North Carolina, which has one of the largest migrant populations in the nation.

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The whole tone implies that editors down here sit around and plot our every move against those wretched conservatives, just waiting to receive a letter to the editor so that we can throw it in a trash can designed specifically for that purpose.

In a letter dated Jan. 5 that begins 'Dear Fellow conservative,' the editor of the publication, Ray Warren, documents the extreme liberalism of Orange County.

'Professors, subsidized 'student' newspapers ... all preach the liberal message,' the letter reads.

Letters to the editor

Cheap construction only breeds problems

Dean Foust and the DTH deserve credit for presenting well the issues of a very serious problem—aluminum wiring in apartment complexes.

As someone who worked for 18 months for a luxury complex in Carrboro, I saw many abuses of good sense in the policies of the management.

The problem with aluminum wiring was really no problem to the complex. Like a problem of raw sewage flowing into a local stream, not enough complaints were heard and not enough outlets were scorched.

There were other worries of mine that were different stories at this particular complex: uncertain water quality in the pools, poor wall and ceiling insulation, recurring flooding in some apartments.



plex and had the potential for ruining the life of someone living there. The management of the complex was understanding and generally sincere to both residents and employees, but the real problem is with hidden economics.

Slightly irregular letters from a few readers

Normally I use this space for hilarious satire. But this week my social conscience was bothering me, so I decided to donate this space to print some concerned readers' letters that we didn't have room for under 'Letters to the Editor.'



THE Daily Crossword by Herbert E. Smith

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