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This land is your land

Just when controversy over the EPA and President Reagan's environmental policies has begun to die down, the administration has again outraged conservationists with a plan to sell off about 6 million acres of national forests — 71,000 in North Carolina.

The purpose? Reagan is hoping to use funds from the sale of the lands to stem the growth of the ballooning national debt. Selling off public lands to make up for fiscal imbalance, however, sets a bad precedent and shows little insight toward preserving public lands for future generations.

The administration has said that all of the lands under consideration were remote, rarely used and hard to manage, factors which the U.S. Department of Agriculture has said would make the lands more useful in private hands. But much of the land being considered for sale in North Carolina is neither remote nor rarely used. Under the USDA plan, about 6 percent of North Carolina's four national forests will be up for sale. That figure includes the sale of 90 percent of the Piedmont's Uwharrie National Forest in Montgomery and Randolph counties. The 46,767-acre forest is a popular hunting and fishing area and serves as a watershed and wildlife preserve. The recreation and conservation land would be reduced to about 4,500 acres.

The Burkhead Mountain land, a part of the Uwharrie Forest, has been designated as wilderness area — lands which Reagan said he would not touch. The USDA has said the lands around the mountain area were for sale because they were riddled with private land parcels, reducing the forest's practical use as either a recreation center or a wildlife sanctuary. But conservationists point out that the lands serve as buffer forest around the mountain, the loss of which would severely harm the wildlife preserve.

Congress still must approve the land sales before they can occur, a move many legislators consider improbable. N.C. Sen. Jesse Helms has said that the Uwharrie Forest would not be sold as long as he was head of the Senate Forestry Committee. The N.C. General Assembly is moving quickly toward resolutions against the sale of the lands.

As the USDA says, much of the public land is both remote and hard to manage, yet these are the only lands still protected from private exploitation. Congress should block the administration's plan, which, if approved, would be a drastic step away from environmental responsibility and would soften the nation's bleak economic picture at the expense of the environment.

Half a step

True, Helen of Troy launched a thousand ships, Joan of Arc ignited the Hundred Years' War and Susan B. Anthony left us a coin. But there is much, much more to the role of women in history than romantic legends suggest.

To recognize the importance of women throughout history, Gov. Jim Hunt has proclaimed March 1983 as Women's History Month in North Carolina. For one month, events throughout the state highlight and draw attention to the often overlooked achievements of women in world, national and state affairs.

Gov. Hunt's proclamation doesn't mean that each resident of this state will begin to acknowledge the still widespread ignorance of the importance of women in the development of all sectors of modern society. But March's celebration does demonstrate a much overdue attempt by the leaders in our society to at least recognize the situation. Women have not spent all their time behind the stove or spinning wheel. This celebration symbolizes the growing realization of the contributions women have made throughout the course of history.

The reasons why it is so important to recognize the history of women are as infinite as the achievements they have made. Women, like so many other groups in both history and contemporary society, have been oppressed for no reason other than superficial distinctions. Their emancipation has been slow. Although they attained the right to vote in 1921, today they occupy only a few of the highest positions in both private business and government. Discrimination against women has been subtle yet persistent, and today it poses a challenge to the forces of equality in our society.

Hunt's proclamation of Women's History Month should be commended for spotlighting the significance of women's contributions. It is important that Hunt and other leaders in our society recognize the achievements of women. It is even more important, however, that this recognition be backed up by stronger efforts to bestow upon women the equal rights they merit.

College: The untold tasteless story

By TODD DAVIS

College is a tasteless experience. You doubt me. You say, "Geel College is a wonderful experience!" Wake up! You're being brainwashed. All that "beautiful campus where distinguished professors mold tomorrow's leaders" rap is nothing more than PR from the admissions office to be played on TV basketball games at halftime. Don't get me wrong. I love them Heels and don't mind getting a liberal arts education so I can be unemployed. I'm just saying that college can be pretty tasteless and should be to prepare us for the real world — where our generation must deal with playing the singles scene, coping with having to cope, and deciding whether our kids should play video games. Perhaps you still don't believe that college is tasteless. Okay. Let's take a little survey. See if you can identify with the following tasteless college experiences.

WARNING: Readers with weak stomachs or those who work in the admissions office may want to stop here and go watch the TV basketball half-time feature on "N.C. State: A Growing And Harvesting Institution."

Tasteless College Experience No. 1:
The Getting Of Wisdom

You're not doing so hot in a certain class. True. The class is a Bore-O-Rama. The professor's lecture is intended for another solar system. Either the students are geeks who under-

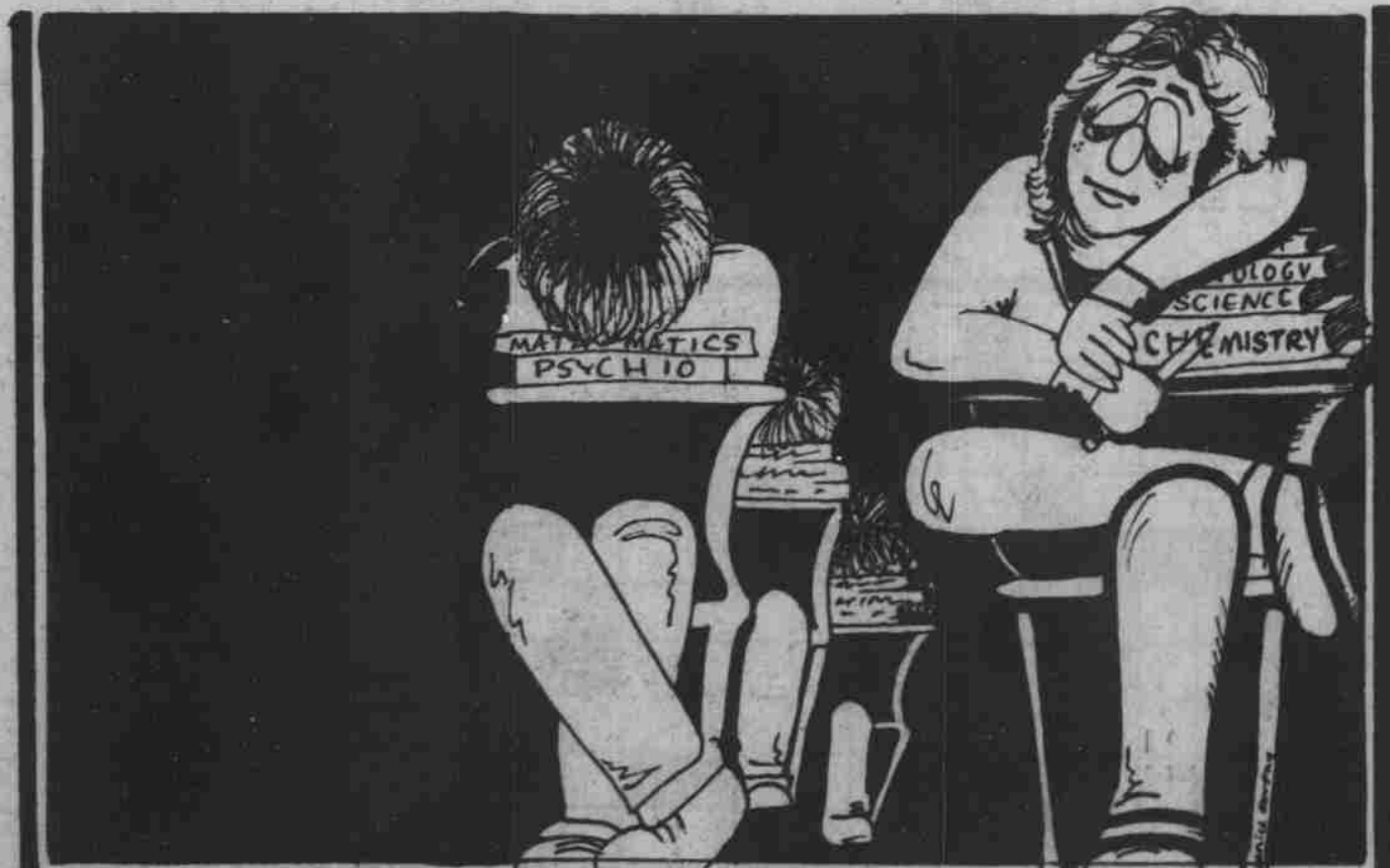
stand theories beyond concepts or are lost like yourself. However, you're not one to make excuses. You take the midterm. You get your grade back. The professor casually remarks that there is no curve. Too late to pass/fail or drop, you know you've bought the farm — an academic POW. What will you do? You've got your pride. You also need to pass. You go crawling on your knees to the professor's office. In front of the professor's desk, you pretend to be friendly and mention to the professor, "Isn't it just a beautiful day?" You comment on how you study a whole lot and that you enjoy the lectures, especially "The Square Root Of The Universe Is Infinity." The professor just nods. Then comes the clincher. You beg the professor to please "reconsider," i.e. change your grade. You swear to do better and show up for class. The professor stops reading, looks up at you, and says, "No."

You want to throttle the professor, but it's against the Honor Code to throttle. Instead, you smile and say, "Thank you very much for your time. Have a nice day."

Tasteless College Experience No. 2:
The Fine Art Of Discourse
According to legend, today's customary greeting began about 200 years ago at Carolina. One day in 1794, Hinton James, UNC's first student, was late for class when he happened to see the only other student — Reginald Carmichael Morehead Patterson Kenan, Esq. Unfortunately, Hinton didn't know even one of Reginald's names nor cared to in the slightest. To avoid any embarrassment, Hinton invented a

new way of greeting people. History was about to be made. As the two students passed on the only brick sidewalk, Hinton casually remarked, "Hey! How are you doing?" Now Reginald neither knew Hinton nor had the time to find out. Thus, to save face, Reginald boldly replied, "Fine. How are you?" The ball was back in Hinton's court. Being a sporting gent, Hinton had to reply but wanted to end the conversation on friendly if uninformative terms. With a keen wit, Hinton swiftly answered, "Fine." That was that. Hinton and Reginald went their separate ways, but for the next four years used the same greeting. Little did those pioneer students know that to this day Carolina students observe Hinton's Greeting Etiquette a million times each day out of respect and a total lack of memory, time or concern.

Tasteless College Experience No. 3:
The Time Of Your Life
Ah, college! Magazine articles and movies proclaim that you're supposed to be having "The Time Of Your Life!" Well, you're not and you feel guilty. In college you're supposed to be carefree, wild, popular, dating and drinking your life away. Well, at least you drink — a lot. Why do you drink a lot? Because you feel guilty. Why do you feel guilty? Because you drink a lot. Yes. Trying to have "The Time Of Your Life" can be a vicious circle where there is no cure. Still, when you're an alum 20 years from now walking past the Old Well, you'll reminisce about your four years at UNC and think, "Hey! I really did have the time of my life!" In fact, you'll be so choked up



that you'll go to a bar and start feeling guilty again. What can you, the reader, do about tasteless college experiences? Not much. When you graduate, those tasteless college experiences will just turn into tasteless life experiences. Is there any hope? I don't know. I'm too busy watching the TV half-time feature on "My Life: A Growing And Meaningless Existence."

Todd Davis, a senior RTVMP major from Around, N.C., is a staff writer for The Daily Tar Heel who believes a good time is tasteful but bad taste is timeless.

To fee, or not to fee?

For

Against

To the editor:

The students of UNC once again get a chance to decide on an increase of \$1.25. As with many issues, there are valid points on both sides. Brent Clark, student body treasurer, has told us that the fee increase is not needed because if we include the \$100,000 spent that is expected to return from the spring concert (provided it breaks even), there will be a reserve of about \$170,000. Impressive, but we must realize that figures can be made to show us anything we want. Therefore, I find it a must to look at the "bottom line" when debating this issue. Finance Committee Chairperson Doc Droze has reported that to date \$354,840 has been requested. If we were to include unspent money that is expected to be returned and \$20,000 from the general reserve we have a grand total of about \$250,000. It does not take much to see that there is a difference of about \$100,000. As it stands now, this amount will be slashed from 34 organizations' budgets. The fee increase would generate about \$25,000 for these programs and would go a long way in reducing the financial strain of everyone involved.

Ron Everett
Student Affairs Committee Chairperson
CGC, District 13

Students' money

To the editor:

The proposed increase in the Student Activity Fee has received a great deal of press coverage lately and it should. No one should minimize the importance of a fee increase merely on the basis of amount. It is student money and students should spend it as they see fit.

I am a student and chairman of the CGC Finance Committee. In the past weeks, I have spent many hours evaluating financial reports, studying budget requests, and compiling revenue estimates. I have no great wisdom to shower down from Suite C, merely an informed opinion.

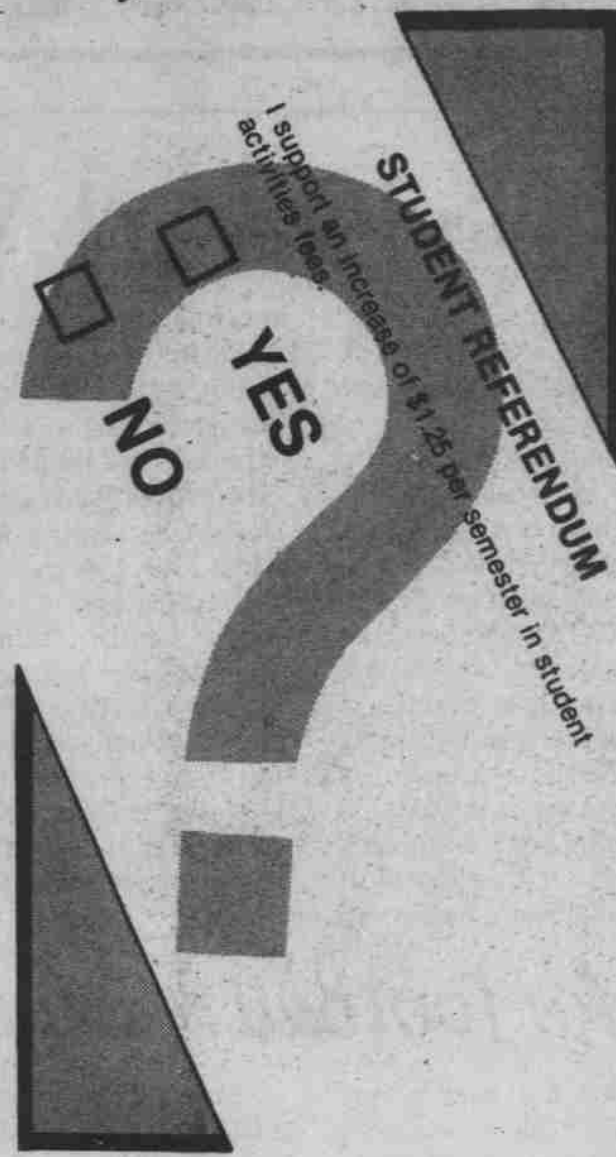
Some facts speak for themselves. There has been no fee increase since 1977. Thirty-four campus groups have come before the CGC requesting over \$350,000 in appropriations. Expected revenue for 1983-84 stands at \$215,000. Approximately \$15,000 will revert to the General Reserve on May 15. Total available income without a General Reserve supplement is \$230,000. The General Reserve currently holds \$53,000.

Confused? There is good reason. These figures represent different things to whoever reads them. To opponents of the fee increase, they reflect a great deal of unspent money. To proponents, they reveal a shocking \$90,000 in budget cuts facing 34 campus organizations. How can both opinions be correct? That is the magic of numbers.

My recommendation to the student body is to approach the question through absolutes. If students feel that past benefits are sufficient, do not support an increase. But if students wish to maintain current standards or possibly improve them, support the increase.

I will not be able to hear the immediate results of today's election. The Finance Committee will have begun to budget the money available to it. Campus organizations will be speaking for themselves tonight, and hoping the student body has spoken for them.

William M. "Doc" Droze
Finance Committee Chairperson



Why now?

To the editor:

The question before us as we think about today's referendum is not "Should we have a fee increase?" but rather "Why are we even considering it now?" The fact is that we have enough money in the general surplus to meet the needs of student organizations. Two years ago student groups were overallocated to the tune of \$40,000, and this year it is estimated that \$14,000 will be returned at the end of the year. Even if we put aside \$100,000 for the spring concert, we will have at least \$75,000 extra this year.

Before we talk about raising student fees in a year of the lowest inflation rate in some time — let's pull all that idle money (which we have already paid) to work. Organizations that need and deserve more funds (like The Daily Tar Heel) should come before a Campus Governing Council already committed to not sitting on the student's money and ask for money to support their worthy programs and eight-page papers without huge editor's notes on the front page.

Next spring, after the now-wasted money in our surplus has been utilized, I would vote in a regular election for a fee increase. But for today, I will vote no. We simply don't need a fee increase now.

Darrell Payne
CGC, District 17

To the editor:

I hope the title to this letter is "The Fallacy of Fees and Four-Page Papers." However, I feel that The Daily Tar Heel will make this passage as obscure as possible because I'm going to expose the big cover-up which has been perpetrated for the past few years by a handful of student politicians. The student body has been deceived and now the student activity fee surplus has soared to almost a fifth of a million dollars in the recent past. Yes, there has been almost a \$200,000 surplus, so why do we need an increase? We don't!

My argument is twofold. First, student government has plenty of money. Secondly, the DTH need not print four-page papers. They could print much larger papers every day if they wanted to. All they have to do is pursue the money in the surplus.

Why does the Campus Governing Council want to increase student fees? During the recent campus elections I heard several campus candidates campaign on the platform of more money for the Black Student Movement, ECOS and other campus organizations. Truth is, last year these organizations (BSM, ECOS) received more money from the CGC than ever before. Last year, I was a Finance Committee member and I saw first-hand the large amount of money that passes through the CGC.

For example, we bought WXYC a \$7,000 radar dish, gave Chapel Thrill '82 more than \$150,000, paid for numerous dinners and banquets; often the costs were hundreds of dollars. There are numerous other examples of big money used unnecessarily.

Many claim we need a fee increase because the Finance Committee cut many organizations' budgets during the 1982 "inquisition" (CGC budget hearings). But the truth is most organizations pad their budget requests tremendously, and then, when the committee finishes cutting, they smile, knowing they got what they really wanted. Organizations will argue that this isn't so; but look at the fact that each year many campus organizations return money that remained unspent.

Proponents of the fee increase claim that there hasn't been a fee increase since 1977 and to not raise them is to actually decrease them because inflation has risen. This may be true. However, the surplus can easily take care of the inflation for years to come. If you doubt this, go talk to our student body treasurer in Suite C of the Carolina Union who denies that an increase is needed. He, without a doubt, knows our money situation better than any other student.

Concerning the DTH, Editor Kerry DeRochi claims they are strapped for money and good stories go unprinted because of space limitations. This is true but unnecessary. Constitutionally, the DTH could get up to approximately \$63,000 more a year, or about \$500 more per issue! The DTH agrees that it could ask for additional appropriations aside from the automatic 16 percent cut it already receives from the student fees. However, they never ask for more money. Why? Perhaps they don't wish to come under the watchful eye of the CGC. Without a doubt, the DTH could get more money from the CGC surplus than it could from a fee increase.

I know the big bucks are there. If the DTH wants them, all they have to do is come and get them. As the new CGC sheds its old coat of conservatism, it will not be a hard task for the DTH.

I hope students will exercise their right to vote today and vote "No" to the \$1.25 fee increase per semester! Hopefully, students will loudly proclaim, "We will not pay more!"

Dan Bryson
Chapel Hill

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Homosexuality from a biblical standpoint

To the editor:

I noticed in The Daily Tar Heel ("CGA pushes awareness," DTH, March 18) that as part of its Gay Awareness Week, the Carolina Gay Association is sponsoring a speaker who will talk about "Spirituality and Homosexuality." I would like to address the issue from a Biblical standpoint.

From Genesis through Revelation, God's plan for our sexuality can be seen, from Adam and Eve (not Adam and Steve) to the Bride of Christ. So how do we account for homosexuality? Jesus

said, "Truly, truly, I say to you everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin," (John 8:34). And Paul says the same thing in Romans 6:16, "When you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one who you obey; either of sin resulting in death or obedience resulting in righteousness."

The issue of homosexuality is addressed many times in the Bible: in the Old Testament in Sodom and Gomorrah where it was judged, as well as Romans 1:26, where it calls homosexuality degrading, unnatural, and indecent. It is

addressed most clearly in 1 Corinthians 6:9 where it says, "Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers shall inherit the kingdom of God."

God judges homosexuality just like any other sin. God will not excuse sin, but He will forgive it. He is not unjust. If any man is willing to repent from his sin and turn to God, God will forgive him and

break the power of sin in that person's life, and he will no longer be enslaved to it. God can set the homosexual free from sin. It is not God's will that any man should perish, but that all should come to the knowledge of the truth.

God hates sin, but loves sinners. I've seen God set many homosexuals free to lead a natural life. The Bible is clear on the issue; let no man tell you any different.

Tracey St. Pierre
Chapel Hill

No divestment?

To the editor:

Thursday, at 5 p.m. in the Carolina Inn, the Board of Trustees will hold a special joint session to consider the Feb. 8 resolution urging the University to divest its holdings in companies that do business with or in South Africa.

If Thursday's meeting truly represents a sincere attempt by the Board of Trustees to debate the merits of divestment, then why are all but the trustees and their advisers excluded from the meeting? Requests were made by concerned students to attend this meeting.

Perhaps it is because the Board of Trustees has no intention of divesting and is holding this meeting to better invent reasons for its continued investment in a country that is an international pariah.

We call upon all concerned students, faculty and staff to come to a rally at the Cameron Avenue entrance of the Carolina Inn at 4:15 p.m. on Thursday.

Harvey Jenkins
David Harach
Chapel Hill

Finance hearings today

To the editor:

The Finance Committee begins today its quantitative analysis of the budgets of campus organizations. All groups should have received a schedule of the hearings and be aware of the time they are to appear. Meetings will be held in 104 Howell Hall, the journalism building. Any group that filed a budget request and did not receive a schedule should come by the Campus Governing Council office in Suite C of the Carolina Union.

All hearings are open to the public, and interested students are encouraged to attend. However, discussion will be limited to members of the Finance Committee and the treasurer of the organization involved. Any person who wishes to speak on behalf of, or against funding for, a group must sign a speaker sheet in the CGC office.

William M. "Doc" Droze
Finance Committee Chairperson
CGC District 22