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Rude reception

Last month, when Jeanne J. Kirkpatrick arrived at the University of California to deliver a speech, protestors greeted her with signs and slogans. They were upset with President Reagan's foreign policy. Outside the building where Kirkpatrick, the chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations, was to speak, they chanted loudly and incessantly. Inside, Kirkpatrick struggled to make herself heard above the din. She tried unsuccessfully to address her audience for 30 minutes, then she gave up and stepped down.

Kirkpatrick in recent months has been prevented from speaking several times or has been forced to do so under difficult conditions. Such rude receptions have been typical lately not only for Kirkpatrick, but for other speakers at campuses around the nation as well.

In response, a group of organizations representing college presidents, faculty members and students, has issued a joint statement, "Invited Speakers and Academic Freedom — A Call to Action." As reported in the *Raleigh News and Observer* Sunday, the statement urges the academic community to "respect the right of others to listen to those who have been invited to speak on campus."

The group is concerned with the ability of colleges to maintain an open forum, a problem that in the past has seldom been associated with UNC. Because of a low number of highly controversial speakers at the University, disruptive audiences have not really been a problem. In the mid-60s, controversy surrounded a Communist speaker at the University, but the focus was more upon a now-defunct speaker ban law prohibiting Communist speakers on campus. Three years ago, a screaming crowd prevented a member of the Ku Klux Klan, who was invited here to speak, from addressing UNC students. Last year, at the Carolina Symposium, a heckler repeatedly interrupted speaker Maynard Jackson.

Heckling speakers is a violation of the UNC Code of Student Conduct. According to this code, students cannot engage in "conduct which, because of its violent, threatening, intimidating or disruptive nature or because it improperly restrains freedom of speech or assembly." As Betty Landsberger, president of the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors, an organization endorsing the statement, says, "When a speaker is disrupted, it inhibits the university community's point of view."

Speakers here, as well as at other campuses, should be given a chance to express an opinion. No one has to agree with what a speaker says, but to deny that freedom of speech exhibits unacceptable close-mindedness. Hisses and boos are acceptable as brief expressions of opposition. However, as the statement says, when the hisses and boos "become instruments to silence those with whom one disagrees, (they) are inappropriate at any public gathering . . . especially in places of higher learning."

Pack power

At the buzzer, it was missed-shot-turned-dunk, a 54-52 lead and an N.C. State national championship. Houston players collapsed on the floor, their hands over their faces. N.C. State players climbed to the top of the basketball goal. Coach Jim Valvano ran out of one-liners.

It was State's second basketball championship in nine years; the second in a row for North Carolina teams. Last year it was a UNC last-second shot and a Chapel Hill celebration. This year, it was red paint in Raleigh.

They were the Cardiac pack. And despite the red paint and the Raleigh home address, you couldn't cheer against them. They had a coach who, after watching Houston play a semi-final game, argued on national television that dunks should only count as one point; a coach who ran across the floor of the Albuquerque Pit after Monday night's game, looking for his team.

They had the players who fought back from 9-7 at midseason to baffle opponents' defense strategies and defy commentators' predictions. According to the experts, State should have lost to Virginia in the ACC tournament finals. They didn't. Two weeks later, they beat Virginia again, eliminating Ralph Sampson's chance at a national championship. To the fans, the Wolfpack became the team of destiny; to critics they were still underdogs, an NCAA championship was an impossible dream for them.

But as Valvano said later, the team never gave up. At halftime he told the players they were only moments away. "You'll never forget it as long as you live, so play, play to win," he said. And for the next 20 minutes they did.

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DUI: The offender's anguish

I am a drunk driver.

These words may conjure up thoughts of a red-faced sot who pulls himself behind the wheel of his beat-up Ford and, with one swerve into the other lane, wipes out a whole family; he walks away, bleary-eyed and dazed, yet unscathed.

It is quite common to categorize drunk drivers as killers on our roads. However, for me and others with similar DUI convictions, being labeled a "killer" is just rubbing salt into an already agonizing wound. The drunk driver suffers punishment, shame and tremendous mental anguish.

When I read my morning newspaper over a bowl of cereal, listen to the car radio on my way to work or watch television at the end of my day, I am continually and painfully reminded of my worst mistake.

On March 29, 1982, the night of the NCAA basketball championship, I tried to drive a car on Franklin Street — through the middle of 35,000 people. The thing is, I don't remember. I was drunk. I never thought I would be accused of driving under the influence.

My tale, though somewhat different, is a typical drunk driving story. The financial punishment has been incredible. So far, I've spent in excess of \$2,000 in legal fees. The figure could reach over \$4,000.

Yet the real punishment is the mental anguish and embarrassment, the fear that I could have seriously hurt someone, the anxiety of what could have happened, but, thank God, didn't.

The trial in itself was draining; to hear policemen say things about you that you can't remember, to have to testify in front of a courtroom full of people, including your parents, that you got so drunk you don't know what you did. I cried so much that day it hurt.

To think that the mental anguish disappears with the final bang of the gavel is a mistake. I look back in disgust to a night that for many was the most joyous of their college days. Every time I see the replay of Michael Jordan's winning shot, my stomach turns, my eyes tear.

I am not asking for sympathy or a shoulder to cry on. I am certainly not defending what I did. I just do not want to be labeled or put into a category. I am different from Joe Wino who has been convicted of driving under the influence seven times.

I was formerly one of those who thought, "It will never happen to me." The situation, which has proven to be far more punishing than any of my expectations, has taught me a valuable lesson: I know that it will never happen again. I could not handle the anguish.

Yet I feel that the real cause of this situation is the alcohol. It sickens me to think that I consumed enough alcohol to alter my behavior in such a way that I could

perform an act contrary to everything I've been taught. But in our society, for some frightful reason, to celebrate means to drink alcohol. Most of the time it means to drink too much alcohol.

The painful reality of my situation is that my story is the typical drunk driving story. I have something frightfully similar to Joe Wino — a drunk driving conviction.

"It is just as dangerous for someone of high status to get drunk and drive as it is for someone of low status," said Wade Barber, Orange County district attorney.

Barber, a member of the Governor's Task Force on Drunken Drivers, became concerned about driving under the influence after reviewing statistics in Orange County which showed that drunk drivers were killing more people than murderers.

"The drunk driver is, without question, the biggest criminal," Barber said.

In North Carolina, 700 people are killed every year by drunk drivers, and another 20,000 are injured in alcohol related accidents.

Nationally, about three Americans are killed and 80 are injured by drunk drivers every hour every day. Drunk driving accounts for fully half of all auto fatalities, and kills far more Americans each year than other accidents. Safety experts say that one out of two Americans will be victimized by a drunk driver in his lifetime. For Betty Aiken of Butner, these estimates are more than just numbers.

On a Sunday afternoon in November 1977, Aiken, her husband and two of their neighbor's children were returning home after seeing her daughter off to college. As the Aikens' car rounded a curve, it was hit head-on by a car driven by a 19-year-old drunk driver.

The driver, who was to have appeared in court the following Wednesday on a drunk driving charge, was killed instantly. Mr. Aiken and the neighbor's nine-month-old baby were also killed. The other child was in intensive care for several days; Ms. Aiken was hospitalized for a month and confined to a wheelchair for eight months.

After five years, Aiken and her daughter, Debra, still feel the trauma of this experience.

"It sort of ripped our family apart," Aiken said. Aiken said she does not feel remorse or anger toward the drunk driver who caused the accident. Yet, she added, "If he had lived, my feelings would be different."

For Aiken and those like her who have been victimized by drunk drivers, the loss is real and painful. On the other side of the road is the drunk driver who must live with the mental anguish and embarrassment. It is a no-win situation.

The question becomes, why do people drink and drive? Why, in North Carolina, in 1981, were there 29,556 first

offenders charged with driving under the influence?

"Alcohol has just gotten out of proportion in the daily life of the American people," said Dr. Fred G. Patterson of Chapel Hill. "Alcohol is an established part of daily life and social life."

Patterson, a family practitioner, is also a member of the Governor's Task Force. Since 1967, he has worked with the North Carolina Department of Transportation to devise standards for screening drivers' license applicants on the basis of physical and mental suitability. He considers drivers under the influence of alcohol to be handicapped.

"Drinking and driving is detrimental to good health and to safety on the highways," he said.

Patterson feels there are two categories of drunk drivers: the alcoholic who continues to drink and continues to drive, and the "over-socializers," who drink too much too frequently while at a party or with friends.

Patterson says the "over-socializers" comprise the biggest proportion of drunk drivers.

"Most drunk drivers are not alcoholics but a lot of alcoholics are drunk drivers," he said.

Patterson feels the problem of drinking and driving will continue to exist as long as the public holds its present attitude toward socializing.

"Our social life today has been included," he said.

"When people socialize they drink, and when they drink they get drunk. If we want to decrease drunk driving, we have got to put alcohol back into the proper perspective."

According to Patterson, the way to put alcohol back into its proper perspective is to start in the home and in the way we educate our children with respect to alcohol.

"If little Willy sees Dad come home after work and have a couple of beers, little Willy will come to view this as the natural thing to do," he said.

In North Carolina, in 1981, of the 35,741 people referred from courts to the alcohol and drug education traffic schools, 42 percent were under the age of 25. Next year, I will be included in those statistics.

The statistics are numerous and they do not lie. A lot of drunk drivers are on our roads, and these drunk drivers kill a lot of innocent people.

I can find a little solace in knowing that on March 29, 1982, I did not seriously injure or kill anyone. However, I often ask myself, regardless of all the statistics, would I feel as strongly against drunk driving if it had not happened to me? Statistics can give us the cold, hard facts, but the painful experience, the anguish, the embarrassment will make them real.

Editor's note: The author's name was withheld upon request.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Decision absurd and unfounded

To the editor:

The political science department's decision not to rehire David Garrow left me shocked as well as outraged! In light of the criteria employed by Garrow's colleagues (teaching, research and service to the department and academic community), I find their decision both absurd and unfounded.

In his letter to Garrow, Political Science Department Chairman James Prothro concedes that Garrow's teaching "was assessed quite favorably." Yet Prothro and the department maintain Garrow's work "does not represent a sufficiently high level of scholarship and that it is not in the subfield of public law." This assessment is unfair and wrong. Garrow's scholarly ability is revealed in his publication, *Protest at Selma . . .*, the 1978 Chastain Award winner as the best analysis of

politics in the South. In addition, while at UNC, Garrow has had published *The FBI and Martin Luther King, Jr.: From Solo to Memphis*, an analysis of the FBI's investigations of King.

The granting of political freedoms and civil liberties to all Americans, which the movement and King sought to gain, is the most fundamental aspect of public law to be explored in the latter half of the century. Garrow's pioneering work on the subject matter certainly cannot be rejected as "not in the subfield of public law" as the department attempts to assert. The nature of Garrow's work necessitates a certain degree of investigative journalism. It is, however, inappropriate to label Garrow's work as "closer to investigative journalism than to basic scholarship" considering the lengthy analysis Garrow delivers in the aforementioned publica-

tions concerning the FBI's motivations for investigating King and suppressing the movement. Garrow's work should be viewed not only as a service to his department and UNC, but as an invaluable addition to this nation's struggle to make King's dream a reality.

In closing, I ask that Prothro and David Moreau, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, reconsider the department's decision not to reappoint Garrow

to the political science faculty. Failure to reconsider will not only serve as an injustice to Garrow but will deny future students the opportunity and privilege to explore these constitutional and political issues that I enjoyed under the insightful direction of Garrow.

Steve Tilley
Chapel Hill

Other reasons for non-reappointment

To the editor:

I feel the decision not to rehire David Garrow to the political science faculty is a grave injustice to him, his students and the interests of the University.

In my four years at Carolina, Garrow was one of the best teachers I had. He cares about his students. It makes a difference to him that his students learn. It seems as though some of Garrow's unnamed critics have forgotten that one of the prime duties of a university and its faculty is to give students an education, rather than whatever it is they consider a "high level of scholarship" for their own edification.

On that point, I may be barking up the wrong tree, because Garrow's teaching "was assessed quite favorably." The charge that his work is "not in the subfield of public law" is really hard to believe. If civil rights and questionable conduct of the FBI for political ends is not political science, then I really don't know what is. I also find the "distinction" that Garrow's writing is "closer to investigative journalism than to basic scholarship" an incredibly convenient one to make in trying to find a reason to get rid of someone. It

seems that whoever made that charge is more interested in esoteric theorizing rather than something that has to do with the real world.

I also find the charge that Garrow has not made a contribution to "the general quality and reputation of the department" laughable. His works have been quite well received as far as I can tell, which would seem to give the department a good reputation outside the University; his teaching would seem to give a good reputation to the department inside the University, so I wonder what they are talking about. Garrow is the type of person the University should be trying to recruit rather than run off. I think this whole business is a bunch of garbage. I also suspect, rightly or wrongly, that there might be reasons other than those given by Garrow's unnamed critics that have nothing to do with his qualifications, especially since his is the first case where there has been a recommendation of non-reappointment.

Lindsey Taylor
Everett

The I-don't-give-a-damn syndrome

By CARLOS MARTIN-GAEBLER

This column is not intended to praise our wonderful basketball team, the beautiful spring at the Hill, or UNC's reputation as an educational institution. Things like these are on every Tar Heel's mind. I am a Spanish citizen who has lived in the United States for the past three years and, as an outsider, would like to contribute my political insight to what is going on in this country. Even though I was somewhat reticent at first, I finally decided to write these words out of encouragement from my politically motivated American friends.

It is a shame, though, that this column may not fall into the hands of the people to whom it is addressed, since they don't usually read anyway, but spend their time watching soap operas, drinking beer or playing video games. In their apathy, they believe that this is what college is all about. After all, who cares anyway? In Europe, we call it the new American I-don't-give-a-damn syndrome!

I would like to remind those people, those Americans from Redneckville, U.S.A., that in this state women still don't have equal rights; people are still arrested for protesting United States intervention in El Salvador; gay people are still verbally and physically harassed every day, everywhere (in fact, homosexuality is still considered a "crime against nature" punishable with up to 10 years imprisonment in North Carolina); blacks and leftists are still discriminated against and even assassinated by the Ku Klux Klan, and, what's more, their arrested members are

acquitted after a "trial" in which a video, showing the killings, has not been considered sufficient proof. The list could go on and on, but let's stop here.

In other words, this is not the southern part of any heaven, because nowadays there can be no heaven on a planet which can be blown up in a matter of seconds by either of the nuclear empires.

Now, here comes a little piece of well-intentioned advice: when you leave this country, try to be a little more humble and less presumptuous. Why don't you just let the Russians be the only imperialists, 'say in Afghanistan, Poland . . . ? But, please let the rest of the world live in peace, free of nuclear threats, military build-ups. Most urgently, don't let this administration, which only 25 percent of the eligible American voters have elected, mess with the red buttons. One never knows when they will push the wrong one. And that is all it would take. President Reagan would like to play cowboys again, but this time with no fake revolvers in front of the camera, but with real MX, Pershing II and cruise missiles and *Star Wars* technology, the latest style in military "fashion," with a European scenario.

Some of us non-U.S. citizens feel that this administration should not talk so much about "American interests abroad" (a ridiculous euphemism standing for blatant imperialist intervention), but should implement and fund more social programs and student aid for its citizens at home.

Also, in 1984, remember that not only other fellow Americans would be grateful if an end would be put to this reactionary-quasi-fascist-Reagan-Weinberger-

Kirkpatrick-Helms crowd that seems so much "in charge" these days, but also we Europeans, and others in every corner of this Earth, would breathe in relief if the people of America for once would mind their own business and would not let the McCarthy pupils at the Pentagon and/or the Moral Majority TV politics interfere. How about keeping state and church separate? How about making an attempt to overcome the "Red Scare" paranoia that is so damaging to international detente?

Finally, one last message for those American students going on exchanges or on vacation to Europe or anywhere in the free world: try to keep in mind the responsibility you carry with you of regaining your country's reputable image as that of a leader in human rights and democratic principles that used to exist not so long ago, and in which most allies used to believe. Put down that superiority complex which has so seriously harmed your great country's credibility abroad. Enjoy different people, different lifestyles, and learn to be citizens of the world!

As far as I am concerned, before things get any worse and the Reagan administration decides to pull the trigger in Central America, I have made up my mind to leave this country and, by so doing, avoid an unbearable feeling of complicity which I don't believe I have to put up with.

Since a great number of Americans lack a minimal amount of self-criticism, I just thought that by providing a foreign perspective, I would wake them up and for once be critical of and for them.

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