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IMF OK

Congress is at it again, pointing fingers and bickering incessantly. The issue is increased loans to the International Monetary Fund, and President Reagan is miffed over the congressional stalling. The IMF needs that funding, Reagan realizes it, and Congress continues to play politics.

Reagan gave a deservedly bitter speech to finance ministers of the 146-country IMF Tuesday, pointing sharp arrows at members of Congress who vow to stall action indefinitely on a bill that would increase the United States' contribution to the organization by \$8.4 billion. Both houses of Congress passed versions of the bill, but joint House/Senate conference committee members refuse action on the bill because of political haggling.

The IMF, formed shortly after the Great Depression, lends funds to developing nations to ensure that they will continue to develop and contribute to the international economy. The IMF now is seeking greatly increased contributions from member countries, funds that will be used to protect nations such as Brazil and Mexico from defaulting on hundreds of billions of dollars in loans.

The threat of default has cast a black pall over the international financial community. Developing countries play a major role in international trade, and should they default on their loans — in effect, go bankrupt — worldwide trade patterns would lie in shambles. Even as the United States pulls out of its latest recession, it would be folly to say we would be only mildly affected by such a collapse. The United States exports more goods than any other country. A crash in the trade market would be catastrophic, not only to the 2 million American workers whose jobs depend directly on export trade, but to the entire U.S. economy.

The American banking system also would be hard hit since billions of dollars loaned to developing nations came directly from large U.S. banks. Therein lies the crux of the political bickering. Many congressmen, including Sen. Jesse Helms, feel adding to the IMF fund would only be bailing out American banks that make risky loans. But teaching the banks a lesson would be irresponsible action in light of the greater danger.

Now many congressional Democrats, most notably House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, want Reagan to apologize to some 20 Democratic congressmen for a letter sent by several extremist Republicans charging that the Democrats were aiding communist nations through IMF support. Until said apology arrives, the bill will remain dormant, O'Neill said Tuesday after Reagan's speech.

Every other participating nation has shown unqualified support for the IMF's fund increase. It's time that Congress put away its teacher's paddle, get over its hurt feelings and address the world's looming financial crisis.

In light of UNC

It's easy enough to take for granted the many distinguished University alumni who have graduated from UNC and become famous — Thomas Wolfe, Charles Kuralt, Roger Mudd, Edwin Yoder. The University, it seems, has graduated famous folks at the rate of about a dime a dozen. Of course, that is one reason we now enjoy such a fine academic reputation. It's also one good reason to occasionally single out and spotlight a deserving graduate who has proven himself worthy of the attention.

Not that Vermont Royster requires further recognition. The retired *Wall Street Journal* editor, now a Kenan professor of journalism at UNC, is recognized worldwide for his insightful commentary and journalistic excellence. He won the Pulitzer prize for editorial writing in 1953, and three years ago he was inducted into the N.C. Journalism Hall of Fame. Even at age 69, Royster continues to write a weekly column for the *Journal*. Today marks the publication of *My Own, My Country's Time*, Royster's autobiography, yet another in a fine list of journalistic accomplishments.

Royster chronicles a career filled with world travel, setting in type his impressions of U.S. presidents, World War II and other, more personal memories, including a description of his years at the *Journal* when it grew into a national newspaper.

As one critic put it, "Vermont Royster has shared his wealth." Members of the University community should be proud and conscious that they benefit from this prominent graduate. The wealth he offers can be invested in the minds, hearts and souls of those willing to learn.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The onlookers disrupted the rally

To the editor:

Regarding the article written by Jim Zook (*DTH*, Sept. 28) concerning the CARP in the Pit, it concerns me that Zook titled the article "Rally degenerates into shouting" but writes the account of the rally in defense of the students who insisted on disrupting the CARP rally.

Zook quotes Richard McGough (CCCA) as saying "The United States is using the KAL incident." After commandeering the microphone, McGough said the U.S. government actually planned the incident. Not that the United States just took advantage of the incident, but that the United States set it up to "support its pro-military" policies. This demonstrates how Zook took McGough's comments and

softened them up in an apparent effort to sway the reader's opinions toward McGough and away from the CARP, who planned the rally to begin with.

It is also not fair to say that the rally consisted of the CARP's "arguing with about 20 onlookers." What Zook should have noticed was the reality that the "onlookers" were the ones who were disrupting the rally. Sure, in the United States, people have the right to say what they feel (note this right is protected by the military that McGough wants to do away with), but jeering the rightful speakers is not the way to get an opinion across. By defending the jeering "onlookers," Zook must have buried his head in his personal bias.

Students must be given the correct account of an event if they are to make a judgment of views. Zook should be reprimanded for misrepresenting the incident in a way that attempts to convince the readers of a particular view, here, being that of McGough.

On a final note, McGough says the United States set up the shooting down of

KAL 007. That is the same bull— that Andropov is spouting. Ah, McGough and Andropov: comrades at heart.

Thomas W. Morgan
Bynum

(Editor's note: Staff writers do not write their own headlines.)

What a laugh

To the editor:

Ha ha ha. Oh, excuse me, I should suppress my laughter — Homecoming is a serious event (snicker, snicker). Well, I'll be horseshoggled, fellas, somebody's momma done won Homecoming Queen. Now tell me, when was the last time your momma was the Homecoming queen? It's been a while, huh?

Seriously, though, there could only have been one winner anyway, so why not somebody's momma? But sympathy can only go out to the girl who came in second in the voting, otherwise don't try and solicit sympathy for the "poor senior girls who can never again run for queen." Of all the letters I've read, I've yet to hear any consideration for Yure Nmomma's feelings. Don't you think he would have been just as broken-hearted as the girls who lost? Certainly. Homecoming 30 years ago meant something — tradition and school spirit were at a peak.

Homecoming today? Are you kiddin' — it's just a good excuse for the bunch of stuffed shirts, who come to all the ball-games anyway, to blow off a little more hot air than usual. School spirit? Yahoo, Yippee!! I wanted nothing less than 50-yard-line tickets for William & Mary, the perennial football power from up North, but I settled for end-zone seats. Give us an N.C. State, a Maryland, or a Clemson for the Homecoming game, and you'll see school spirit bustin' loose all over the place. Homecoming queens went

out with the high school prom. I don't mean that in a negative way, but if you present the average college Joe Blow with a list of names for Homecoming queen and he knows none of them, he's definitely going to pick the joke candidate like a Yure Nmomma or a Hugh G. Reckshun. Of all the girls running for Queen, what percentage of the student body has ever met any of the candidates personally?

Everyone speaks of the "memories that could have been" for the girls who lost, well what about the 20,000 or so others who go to this school? For example, can any of you remember off the top of your head who was the Homecoming queen of 1969? Quick now, think. What do you mean you can't remember? Now ask me, or the other 20,000 students who attended school during Homecoming '83, 30 years from now who was the Homecoming queen of 1983, and I guarantee you I'll remember it was someone a bit different from the 200 other ones before or after him.

I'm privileged to say that I've made the acquaintance of the '83 Queen, and he's really a pretty cool guy. And if you didn't notice, he's only a junior — can't wait for Homecoming '84!! Steve, in the words of Mr. Reckshun, "Get off like a big dog." Long live the Bookman Queen!!

Keith Lyall
Granville West

An excuse for sports

To the editor:

Hey, I've got an idea. Since so many people have been hurt by all this Homecoming mess, how about we get rid of Homecoming altogether? And football, yeah, let's get rid of football. Let's not let tradition get in the way of learning or progress. It's such a business, does it really serve the purpose it was intended for? Let's take all the millions given for football and turn it into scholarships, or pay the teachers a reasonable wage, or just use it to get a decent meal service.

Don't get me wrong; I like football; I love football. However, my self-worth does not depend solely on how my college football team does. What a shame not to exist except through someone else's accomplishments. Are we here to learn, or are we here to be entertained? More and more, the two become mutually exclusive. It would be a shame if our University was nothing more than just an excuse for a sports program.

Jay Dominick
Chapel Hill

Beach music not slipping

To the editor:

I would like to point out to Robin Fullilove ("Outside the ivory tower," *DTH*, Sept. 27) that the expression of concern over the Homecoming court issue does not mean that 49,000 offended people have lost their senses of priorities. No one denies the existence of many world crises (thanks for the update, just the same). Personally, I am interested in the affairs of the University as well as those outside the ivory tower. Doc Droze, Jim Swofford, Kevin Monroe and others merely expressed their feelings on a

campus-oriented controversy — isn't that allowed on the editorial page?

Incidentally, did you see the Embers in Woolen Gym? If not, I suggest a road trip to Crazy Zack's in Raleigh for Happy Hour. This will allay any fears that beach music is slipping as a "bastion of tradition." If the situation becomes critical, however, rest assured that I will voice my concern.

Frederick A. Smith III
D.J., Crazy Zack's, Durham

Letters?

The *Daily Tar Heel* welcomes letters to the editor and contributions to columns for the editorial page. Such contributions should be typed, triple spaced, on a 60-space line, and are subject to editing. Contributions

must be submitted by noon the day before publication. Column writers should include their majors and hometown; each letter should include the writer's name, address and telephone number.

Outlaw humor?

To the editor:

In order to assure a bona fide female, correctly named Homecoming queen, we suggest that:

- All candidates use their legal names;
- The election be held under tightly supervised, highly regulated conditions, preferably in a hermetically sealed sound-proofed room;
- Homecoming be scheduled later so that (as Latham pointed out) students can get over their hangovers from the first two weeks of partying long enough to be able to think about Homecoming for more than one or two weeks. After all, Homecoming

is a complex and challenging intellectual exercise.

This would help assure that Homecoming be taken as the serious and important thing it is. It would also help to keep our student body president, Kevin Monroe, from having to look for humor. Perhaps the election board could outlaw the humor from the Homecoming election.

Martin Gonzalez
Hillview Street
Margaret Bocking
Smith Level Road



One you'll remember

To the editor:

You seem to be missing the point. The point is not that a sacred University institution has been violated or that any one person or residence hall is making fun of the Homecoming tradition. The point is, boys and girls, that this is probably the only Homecoming queen you (or anyone else for that matter) are going to remember. So what's the big deal?

It was a fair election. There have been no cries of ballot-box stuffing or unfair politicking, and no one was

forced to vote. In fact, the only cries we hear are the cries coming from some of the losers and poor sports.

Yure Nmomma was elected by his (or is it her?) peers, fair and square, in the finest democratic tradition. The public has spoken. If the student body didn't want Yure Nmomma, it wouldn't have asked for her.

Margot Lester
Townhouse Apartments
Becky Radisch
Pritchard Avenue Ext.

Too much coverage

To the editor:

Hurrah for Robin Fullilove's letter to the editor, "Outside the Ivory Tower" (*DTH*, Sept. 28). True, Yure Nmomma's election as Homecoming queen was a worthy issue when it occurred, and it did deserve some press coverage. However, there are more pressing issues at hand. Should we not be more concerned about our national economy, the nuclear arms race, social injustices, and even the cost of food in the Pine Room?

We have all been grossly overexposed to the various points of view of the incident: "Yure Nmomma proved a point by break-

ing tradition," "It was a disgrace to the University," "Baxter is a jerk," "Latham is a jerk."

It is up to each individual how to judge this instance, and I hope you all have made your own judgement. But whatever opinion you have formed, you can rest assured it has been well-represented in the *DTH*. Please, let us get our priorities in order and put an end to this simple re-gurgitation of opinion.

Philip Lee
Grimes

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Lebanon, the biggest dilemma

By KYLE MARSHALL

What's the president to do about Lebanon?

Congress got the chance to have a say in President Reagan's plan to leave U.S. Marines in the war-torn nation. By approving a compromise worked out with the White House Wednesday, the House authorized Reagan to keep Marines there for as long as 18 months.

And in the Senate Thursday, a Democratic proposal requiring Reagan to call the Marines home was defeated. The defeat paves the way for the president to sign the compromise resolution, following the expected Senate passage of the compromise.

The debate over Reagan's plan to keep Marines in Lebanon has been the subject of legislative maneuvering for the past two weeks. As House Democrats and Reagan seemed polarized early this week, House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill prompted the compromise by appealing for bipartisan action to keep the forces in Lebanon, thus helping to bring stability to the country. An agreement would help avoid a constitutional battle over terms of the 1973 War Powers Act, O'Neill said. But many House Democrats, fearful of a Vietnam-type escalation of fighting in Lebanon, rejected O'Neill's appeal until Wednesday, when they were defeated in their efforts to invoke a 60-day deadline for withdrawing the Marines.

As the squabbling over the War Powers Act in Congress continued, a cease fire Monday in Lebanon resulted in a reduction in fighting. Reports said that the cease-fire was holding well compared with similar Mideast accords in the past.

Druse militia on Wednesday apparently shelled a Lebanese army position south of Beirut in the day's only major violation of the cease-fire.

Two Lebanese soldiers were reported killed Monday as the army battled snipers in the central mountains and Beirut suburbs. And on Tuesday, an Italian member of the peacekeeping force was wounded in an exchange of gunfire.

Deficits and debts

Problems in the financial world, both at home and abroad, surfaced this week. The International Monetary Fund, facing a severe shortage of funds, put a hold on negotiations with would-be-borrowing countries for major new loans.

President Reagan has stepped up his lobbying efforts in Congress to get lawmakers to approve the already-committed \$8.4 billion U.S. contribution. The U.S. pledge was made in January as part of a general agreement by all 146 members to increase contributions.

One of the more interesting comments at the annual IMF meeting this week came from Treasury Secretary Donald Regan. Led by the strength of the U.S. recovery, nations around the world are experiencing growth, Regan said. "The global recession is over," he said. Those remarks weren't seconded by many delegates, who said the prospects for recovery are still "less than optimistic."

And it wasn't a good week for two major U.S. airlines.

Continental Airlines filed for reorganizational bankruptcy last Saturday, sought protection from creditors and laid off 65 percent of its work force. The airline reopened Monday with limited flight schedules and lower fares — the unheard-of rate of \$49 for all nonstop flights.

Meanwhile, many of Continental's credits say they'll go to court to try to stop the airline's new low-cost operations.

At Eastern Airlines, the situation is not much better. President Frank Borman has warned employees that Eastern — the nation's largest air carrier — would be forced to file for protection under the bankruptcy laws if machinist and flight attendant unions don't agree to 15 percent wage and benefit cuts.

Union leaders say the wage cuts aren't possible. Furthermore, they say Borman no longer has any credibility.

On the simplest level, it seems Borman is left

with no other choice but to demand the cuts, as increase wage costs have helped contribute to an operating loss of \$50.1 million for the year ending June 30.

Watt to do?

The big question in Washington these days is, "What will happen to Watt?" Interior Secretary James Watt is still reeling from the effects of his recent comment that one of his study commissions includes a "cripple," among others. After being placed on the spot, the White House finally endorsed Watt's struggle to keep his job.

Watt faces considerable opposition from both sides of the fence in Congress. But the issue has been constructive only in that it has given the folks in our nation's capital something else to bicker about. Watt's personality and character have become the central issues. Had it been any other public official, the remarks would have been forgotten after a public apology, but with Watt, his detractors have again risen to the surface.

Reagan's belated endorsement, for now, was the right move. Still, the president will face mounting pressure to oust Watt. Such a decision must be based first on Watt's policies as interior secretary, and second on his conduct in public.

DWI

Local law enforcement officials this week prepared to keep an eye on University students' conduct in public. The long-awaited Safe Roads Act takes effect Saturday, raising the state's drinking age to 19 and making it harder for drunk-driving defendants to get off the hook.

Students are expected to ring out the old laws with massive parties tonight. But then again, students are always expected to hold massive parties on Friday nights.

Homecoming

In the wake of the continuing flap over Homecoming — perhaps the biggest story on campus this semester — the less said, the better.

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PSST, GOOD NEWS... WATT'S ON THE ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST.