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No-power politics

Desperation struck the Campus Governing Council last week when it voted almost unanimously to seek a court injunction against the Department of Housing. Perhaps the members felt guilty for having accomplished so little during their term. Perhaps they were tired of ridicule. Whatever their motivations, students had complained about closing the dorms for Fall Break, especially those who had made no prior arrangements to leave, and it was time the CGC did something to support their constituents.

Time? No, it was past time. Students had been informed of the new policy almost a month and a half before; they had complained bitterly, and still their Student Government representatives had done nothing.

In fact it was the Housing department that first responded to the student outburst, a point of commendation for new Director Wayne Kuncil. He decided to open the doors of all South Campus dorms, not only Craige. Still, residents, whether regular or temporary, would have to pay a \$4-per-night fee to foot the cost of staffing those dorms.

Knowing that a full attack on the administration would solve nothing and relying on the advice of a second-year law student, the CGC decided to press only for a retraction of the housing fee. A day after the vote, they learned from a Chapel Hill lawyer that they had no case. Their show of force fizzled.

The CGC action was ill-timed and ill-considered, but the members may have realized that a simple resolution, no matter how adamantly phrased, will produce nothing more than a sidelong glance from the administration. They may know now that they hold little power to change administration policies, especially after the fact; thus, the attempt outside the University to achieve their demands.

Perhaps the CGC will now explore a more effective path as a voice of the students. Instead of acting too late on what they perceive to be students' wishes, the council members should be organizing forums to explore firsthand the needs and wants of the students and the reasons behind administrative restrictions on those needs. They should realize that power must be cultivated through the students, not in lofty resolutions of empty court orders.

Executive privilege

The main fact about President Reagan's surprising appointment of William Clark to secretary of the Interior is that it's really not so surprising. The president has always been prone to favor friendship over experience when it comes to making appointments; the former national security adviser has been a trusted confidant of Reagan's since the late 1960s. But there are limits to using such grounds for making appointments, especially in the case of Clark, who has been accused of knowing less about national parks and endangered species than he did about Angola and Zimbabwe.

It was a combination of that haunting reputation for being ignorant of foreign affairs and Clark's growing frustration with the job that made his move from foreign to domestic policy especially convenient. In addition, Clark's environmental record and philosophy appear completely in tune with the agency's current pro-industry stance. As an associate justice on the California Supreme Court, Clark was known as the most conservative court member, pro-business and an aggressive promoter of development. Environmental groups and other critics already have started to document what they contend is Clark's long record of siding with business and development interests at the expense of stringent wilderness control.

All of this places Clark right in line with his predecessor, James Watt, who gave automatic priority to development over conservation. Besides his terribly common verbal gaffes, Watt's legacy lies mainly in his infamous leasing of enormous amounts of federal lands for coal mining; by pushing out the leases extremely rapidly, in a market that really didn't need them, he drove the government's return on the land lower than ever. Fortunately, the rest of Watt's record includes no other real, irreversible environmental disasters, leaving Clark a nearly clean slate upon which to scrawl.

Ironically, it is this clean record that now has members of Congress, environmental groups and the Interior department itself, worried. Some complain that the appointment indicates a lack of respect for what's already been "accomplished." For department staffers, and the administration as a whole, the only consolation is that, at least, Clark is discreet about what he says.

Watt wasn't. Which is one reason environmental issues in the last couple of years have experienced a huge surge in publicity — and environmental groups a similar surge in membership. In a way, they will miss the controversial Watt. Environmentalists and Democrats want to keep the fire stoked, and they'll do so by using Clark's confirmation hearings to launch a full-scale attack on the administration's environmental policies, a conflict the White House has hoped to avoid by selecting a non-controversial nominee.

That may be the silver lining in this cloud of cabinet juggling. Just as with Watt's inabilities, the hearings may mean continued activism among grass-roots supporters of environmental groups. Better yet, they will mean increased national attention to our nation's most valuable resource — its environment.

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A political hopeful?

By KELLY SIMMONS

Six months. That's about how long Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green will have to campaign for the gubernatorial primary — if he's acquitted.

Green goes on trial in Wake County Superior Court this week.

The 21-month investigation that eventually led the FBI to Green was code-named Colcor. During this time, the FBI followed tips it received about state politicians who accepted bribes to ensure their constituents requests. One by one the tips led investigators up the ladder of government officials.

Officials were also found offering operators of illegal gambling establishments "protection" in exchange for large sums of money. Undercover agents Robert Drdak and Bradley Hoferkamp moved in on the case.

In March 1981, Judge J. Wilton Hunt Sr. became the first state judge ever to be convicted of federal racketeering charges.

During the racketeering investigation, the name of Sen. R.C. Soles Jr., D-Columbus, turned up. Drdak set Soles up for a bribe in June 1981. Evidence to convict him didn't hold up, though, and he was acquitted two months ago.

Then the stakes got even higher. In investigating Soles, Green's name turned up. Drdak met with Green in a Raleigh restaurant Feb. 15, 1982 posing as "Doc" Ryan, and discussed ways of passing money to Green without it being traced. The conversation was taped and portions were released this summer through *The Fayetteville Observer*.

Green is now charged with conspiring to secure bribes with Drdak with intent to manipulate and influence state alcohol, revenue and law-enforcement agencies. He also is charged with agreeing to accept three payments of \$10,000 from Drdak on Jan. 7, March 23 and April 10 of 1982 and of accepting a check for \$2,000 in April 1982.

He's got a lot to face before he can concern himself with "politicking" again.

While other Democratic hopefuls have been busily working on their campaigns since early last summer, Green has been able to do nothing but prepare his defense for the trial. Lauch Faircloth gave up his title of Secretary of Commerce and Tom Gilmore left his nursery business to his family — both have hit the campaign trail full time. And, in their spare time, Charlotte Mayor Eddie Knox and Attorney General Rufus Edmisten have been trying to build up political support (whether eating barbecue or not).

But Green has been able to do nothing — no "Green for Governor" buttons and bumper stickers are available — and because of this, some political observers have already written him off the '84 ticket.

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He's looking at the proverbial "silver lining" behind the gray clouds, though. His campaign managers said that starting the campaign as late as the beginning of the year would leave him enough time to work up a successful campaign. Green himself admitted that the money he's saved thus far would benefit him later, if and when he does become an active candidate.

He and his staff are sure their support for the governor's race is, and will, still be there. But UNC political science professor Thad Beyle doesn't echo Green's optimism. A lot of people have had a chance to look around and find another candidate they really like, Beyle said last week. He added that the negative publicity Green has gotten from the investigation has probably hurt Green's chances even if he is acquitted.

But Green said he doesn't think many people have become concerned with the governor's race yet. And he

knows he has the name recognition needed for this one, and he's counting on that. Name recognition will play a major role in the 1984 election because of the wide selection of Democratic candidates — especially those who seem to be coming from out of the woodwork — and also because of the attention the predicted Hunt-Helms Senate race will draw away from the gubernatorial election.

Green's supporters are depending on trial coverage to benefit him if he is acquitted. "T.V. is everything in politics," said Sen. Charles Hips, D-Haywood. "Any way you figure it, he's going to get a lot of attention. If he comes out of this unscarred, there will be a tremendous surge. People love an underdog."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Filibuster had good effect

To the editor:

One must obtain all the pertinent facts in order to fully grasp any given issue. The above definitely applies to Jesse Helms' recent Senate filibuster concerning a national holiday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Although his filibuster was definitely—in part—motivated by his opposition to the King holiday, Sen. Helms utilized the filibuster to exert pressure upon the legislative body allowing the introduction of a bill important to North Carolina.

Helms' filibuster of the King issue was not concerned with whether the bill should be passed but, instead, was simply concerned with setting a date for the actual vote on the bill. After Helms ended his filibuster on Oct. 5, the issue in question passed by unanimous vote. As is often the practice in government, in return for Helms' "go-ahead" vote, Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker, by prior arrangement, agreed to introduce a bill concerning crucial price supports for tobacco and dairy products.

Anyone can see the importance of such a bill to North Carolina.

Politics is a game of give and take where, in order to ensure the speedy passage of bills imperative to the welfare of one's constituency, one has to apply pressure to the legislative machine. In this case, the required pressure was a filibuster of the voting schedule. In an Associated Press news story, Helms is quoted as saying in an interview: "Sure, I had the arrangement with the majority leader that the farm bill would be called up if we got unanimous consent. It happens all the time around this place."

Once again, it is clear that Helms is definitely opposed to making King's birth-

day a national holiday; nevertheless, the bill is virtually ensured of passage whether Helms voted for or against it on Oct. 19. As things stand, however, let's not cloud the fact that Helms' responsibility to the people of North Carolina allowed him to make a rational decision that not only allowed him to voice his feelings on the King issue but also proved beneficial to the people of his state in the introduction of an important farm bill.

J. Clay Revels

J. Rob Roney

John W. Williams

Old West

Helms' magic fails

To the editor:

When all else fails, Jesse ... give up! The American people have finally realized that the time is past due to recognize Martin Luther King. During the 1960s, King led a non-violent struggle by American blacks to achieve their goal of a meaningful and well-deserved position in American society. The result of the uncompromising but humanistic attitude held by King during this movement allowed for social progress without violence.

Jesse Helms would like for the American people to forget King's contributions. Helms is so protective of his image of being a strong-willed conservative that he has forgotten the basic ideas of American society. The American people are proud to recognize our citizens who have donated their time, genius, money or efforts to better our nation. King donated all of these qualities plus his life.

King changed the course of American history for the better. To American

blacks, King brought justice. To American whites, King brought an understanding. King gave an untapped resource to American social, political and economic institutions...blacks.

Without Dr. King's accomplishments, it is probable that I would not be writing this letter, because it is probable that I would not be at UNC. I have a stake in Dr. King's birthday becoming a holiday. I have a need to honor the man who changed my life before I was born. I have a need to express my gratitude for a man who opened the floodgates of opportunity for not only blacks, but all minorities.

Jesse Helms is of a dying breed of magicians who try to reduce a star into a stone, a mountain into a molehill, a saint into a traitor ... a King into a Commie. Helms' cheap tricks won't work. The American people are too smart. When all else fails, Jesse...please, give up.

Kenneth Harris

Northampton Apartments

Pining away

To the editor:

I've had it with the Pine Room! After eating for two years at UNC-G's cafeteria, I thought I'd seen everything. Oh, no. The Pine Room's over-priced, poor-quality food, matched with slow service and snotty employees, is more than one should pay for.

First off, let me explain what I am comparing the Pine Room to. At UNC-G, every dorm student is required to buy a meal plan. (He may sell it later if he wishes.) A 14-meal-per-week plan is offered for \$465 (there is also a 21-meal plan). With this plan, every time I went into that cafeteria, if I wanted to, I could have eaten seven salads, 10 entrees, 37 ice cream cones, and drunk 18 glasses of milk for one price! (\$2.65) At the Pine Room, a main entree, salad, tall glass of milk and a yogurt costs around \$5.

UNC-G, with four separate cafeterias within one building, can crank those lines out with less than five minutes waiting time. There is even a special place to go for second helpings. At the Pine Room, you wait in endless lines, struggle through a couple of hundred people, and get ripped off at the checkout by an expressionless face that does not know what the words "thank you" mean.

Fortunately, there is one exception to this pitiful service. (Service?) The two ladies who work at the Butcher Block during lunch are very efficient, and they always take the time to say "hello" and "thank-you" with a smile. Chalk up one point for the Pine Room!

Still, I hope more students will realize what an overall "shaft" University Dining Services is and help to do something about it.

Tom Imbus

Connor

Nannies for rent in Britain

By MARLENE CLEGG

Walking down Old Brompton Road in Earl's Court, London, I checked my watch. It was 7:45 p.m. I quickened my pace. I had to be prompt, which in this business meant 10 minutes early. Making my way through groups of well-dressed youngsters headed for a night on the town, I reached No. 64 Redcliffe Gardens. It was the usual: a cream-colored town house with a brightly painted door, just one of many lining the street of a fashionable London neighborhood.

I rang the buzzer behind the front door and waited. A voice, obviously that of a well-bred Briton, came over the intercom in answer. I was led up thickly carpeted stairs to a spacious rose-colored room that sparkled with polished wood, glass and the chrome touches of modern furnishings. Two young children looked up from the television as a slim, dark-haired woman in a black leather miniskirt introduced us. Fifteen minutes later, the miniskirted beauty and the man of the house left for a party. And so began a typical evening for me as a babysitter for London's elite.

This past summer was full of dirty diapers, juice-stained shirts and late nights waiting up for parents. But I was paid quite well for it — not so much in dollars, or maybe I should say pounds, but with the chance to spend my Saturday afternoons people-watching in Trafalgar Square, examining artifacts in the British Museum or shopping in Harrods. Joining the Work in Britain program, sponsored by the Council on International Educational Exchange, allowed me to take a lifelong dream of visiting England come true.

To the editor:

I Zimbra! Once in a Lifetime, like Love, I went to a Building on Fire that figuratively was a House in Motion Burning Down. It was Heaven!

Psycho Killers, from a Life During Wartime, and Slippery People trying to find a City to live in. The Genius of Love took me to a River through a Swamp, Cross-eyed and Painless, looking for Moon Rocks. I Got Wild as did Gravity itself, but my Girlfriend Was Better. Oh!

Gone to pot

To the editor:

I don't know what your sources are, but there were between 1,000 and 1,200 supporters at the Jim Hunt fundraiser on Sunday — not 400 as your article ("Hunt says campaign to be open, positive," *DTH*, Oct. 17) stated. Also, you omitted the name of

the Secretary of the Department of Administration, Jane S. Patterson. Seriously, *DTH*'ers, do your reporting, then take the bong hits!

Susan Gaddy

Townhouse Apartments

Heavenly Heads

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What A Day That Was. This Must Be the Place full of Naive Melodies — all in the Book I Read.

To the Carolina Union, the Concert Committee, and whatever other powers that be, thank you for bringing us Talking Heads. Please keep the concerts coming!

Kevin Hiscock

and other WXYC jox

and he had such a sweet face!

Perhaps the most frustrating incidents were my encounters with screaming infants. In each case, something was wrong, but no amount of feeding, changing or cuddling could make it all better. Those babies could tell I wasn't really Mommy and they were upset. Fortunately, the long, arduous days were outnumbered by pleasant afternoons spent caring for well-behaved children or evenings virtually being paid to watch television or read while my charges slept. And, as a bonus, I was always invited to help myself to whatever was in the kitchen. (Too bad the kitchen usually offered only Perrier and some basics like bread and fresh vegetables. I suppose the rich don't consider a supply of Oreos a necessity of life.)

Regardless of whether I enjoyed my form of work, I was allowed to see British life, or at least one facet of it, from the inside. I did not remain a tourist after my first few days of frenzied sight-seeing. I entered the world of a working Londoner: riding the underground, shopping for groceries in neighborhood stores and enjoying a picnic of Kentucky Fried Chicken (believe it or not!) in Hyde Park on a summer day. My pay was low, but my purpose in working in London was not to live well, but to learn about British culture as well as my own.

If you're Charles and Di fanatic, or if you're just fond of Shetland wool and Twinings tea, perhaps an adventure such as this appeals to you. Go by the International Center in the Carolina Union for details on the Work in Britain program. And be sure to pack your umbrella.

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