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Fanaticism unhealthy and offensive

By JENNIFER KELLER

Finally, the lame excuse of condemning all men is a dangerous generalization, for many women are at fault for perpetuating a still chauvinistic America, a land of golden, but not necessarily equal, opportunity.

The days of flower children and peace signs are gone. A more viable approach to students today, especially with the '80s swing toward conservatism and apathy in the young, is to speak intelligently with fewer raving emotions. Otherwise the two opposite sides, usually five to six die-hards, battle it out while the rest of the Pit population giggles and goes to buy a Tab.

Furthermore, I think I speak for a silent majority, or at least a large segment of students, when I say I am very offended by the "pro-God" evangelists (whatever the religious affiliation) who appear in and around the Pit with disturbing regularity. I consider myself a fairly religious individual who also believes religion is very sacred and very private. I do not need or want anyone with a hoarse voice, red face, and fists flying telling me what I should be and when, how and what I should pray. If a person feels it is his mission to spread the word, that is his choice. But others have a right to a free, unpressured opportunity to develop their beliefs and, ultimately, their faith. Many who are agnostic or practice atheism join the ranks of those who are sick of the pious preaching. People should try leading more exemplary lives, without imposing themselves on others, and in a

gentler way, getting people to come to them. Unfortunately, I have a very low opinion of "born-again," they are too often weak, depressed or misguided individuals who don't want to face reality. Religion becomes an experiment, an escape or a "ticket to heaven." Much has been written about cults, the Moonies, and born-again Christians. It continues to be a scary phenomena. Basically, I'm speaking out against fanaticism in general. Strict ideologies and religious dogma try to reduce complexities through oversimplification. Reality is made to fit into a certain narrow frame of mind, and nothing else is tolerated. Fanaticism is unhealthy at best, and in the case of religion it serves to drive many who may be questioning their beliefs further away from God.

There is room for all groups in this country and on this campus (I even belong to a few): the Democrats, the atheists, the pro-lifers, the feminists, the gay-rights supporters and even the Reaganites. The purpose of speakers, or open microphone forums in the Pit, should be to educate and spark debate of contemporary issues and traditional concerns.

I've probably succeeded in offending all the groups by now; all I'm saying is that there needs to be a middle ground. If not, we'll be hearing the same trite and ineffectual arguments for some genuine causes and crises.

Jennifer Keller, a freshman journalism and political science major from McLean, Va., is a features writer for The Daily Tar Heel.

"They're all lesbians," muttered a blond with a deep tan. He was in the Pit listening to a woman yelling for a revolution to topple male dominance. Many other students seemed ready to laugh or walk away disinterested.

I think it's a shame that the "radicals" and "reactionaries" are so damned dogmatic on this campus. Many of the same groups, often with sincere causes and complaints, try to scream it out; in the end nobody listens to the other person, and it turns into a three-ring circus.

Take the example of women's rights. I am very much in favor of the Equal Right Amendment and it saddens me that many supporters often end up having a detrimental effect on what I believe is a worthy and important concern.

A feminist in the Pit would get a lot more applause if she spoke with hard facts and an earnest plea (such as the myth that equal pay for equal work already exists), instead of coming across as a man-hater.

Negative, unsubstantiated comments only turn off most men and many women; those who don't want to be represented by extreme feminists. It's time not to present ERA, or women's rights in general, as "radical" (reminiscent of the "burning" '60s) but as reasonable and necessary.

David Garrow: In memoriam?

We don't know why David Garrow was fired; we doubt we'll ever know. That's because University personnel matters tend to be confidential, and rightly so. But in the case of Garrow, a political science assistant professor, the keen interest students have taken merits more than the vague, evasive answers the administration has given.

Unclear, of course, is exactly why Garrow was refused reappointment to the faculty. We know why political science department Chairman James W. Prothro says Garrow was fired:

- because an insufficient level of scholarship shown in Garrow's work. Prothro said Garrow's work on the Civil Rights Movement was considered more investigative journalism than scholarly research;
- because of Garrow's failure to make a contribution to the general quality and reputation of the department;
- because Garrow's work was not in the subfield of public law, which Prothro said was an understanding in Garrow's hiring.

Especially key are the first two reasons — Garrow was going to do little to bolster his department's national reputation, and that's the bottom line. Clearly, in the realm of national prestige, research and publication outweigh teaching, so Garrow's subsequent claims to superior instruction carried little or no weight with those who count — his colleagues in the political science department. Those

claims only convinced 2,500 students to sign a petition last April protesting the firing.

Despite national acclaim for Garrow's books, they are not the stuff upon which a department's academic reputation is built. In political science lingo, that's saved for books filled with "quantitative analysis," content foreign to a layperson. Anyone, on the other hand, could read one of Garrow's books about the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

In addition, Garrow's colleagues consider him a "humanist," as opposed to a "statistician." There are both humanists and statisticians in the political science department here, but it's the latter's work that tends to garner academic recognition. Not surprisingly, most tenured professors in the department probably would be classified statisticians, and again not surprising, ours is one of the nation's highest-ranking political science departments. No wonder they're reluctant to keep on a brash, young assistant professor — who also happens to be a writer, a humanist.

Situations like these breed ruthless, politicized infighting. Real priorities become apparent, and personality conflict stands the unfortunate chance of becoming an "intangible" in hiring-firing decisions. To add to those potential obstacles, Garrow may simply have had too much success too soon. And if that's the case, politics got the better of Garrow, permitting a talented instructor to fall between the cracks.

The future of El Salvador

Can democracy hatch safely in a snake pit? After about 48,000 political murders and four-and-a-half years of civil war, voters in El Salvador will have a chance this Sunday to choose a president. With the exception of leftist guerrillas still hiding in the jungles, all of the Central American nation's political groups have agreed to participate. Two of the eight candidates in the field have a solid chance for victory: Jose Napoleon Duarte of the moderate Christian Democrats and Roberto D'Aubuisson of the far-right Nationalist Republican Alliance. Should D'Aubuisson win the election, the United States should give him only two weeks to clean up his act before severing all aid to that country.

The elections may not produce a democratically elected president at all. There is risk of a military coup in the weeks before the expected runoff. The fairness of the elections may be compromised by the difficulty in preparing election rolls when twenty percent of the country's population is in exile and another five percent has been dislocated by war. Fair and peaceful elections would be a surprise; even less likely is the possibility that the elections will prove a turning-point in the war.

President Reagan has argued that we must support El Salvador not only to retain the trust of other friendly regimes but

also because the human rights abuses under a right-wing authoritarian government are always less serious than those under a left-wing totalitarian regime. But this argument should not be extended to giving guns to every anti-communist thug. D'Aubuisson is such a thug. He bears the nickname of "blowtorch," in some quarters his alleged favorite instrument of torture. He is said to be the mastermind of Salvadoran death squads.

In contrast, Duarte is a candidate the United States could support. He is a moderate. He has introduced land reforms. He is one man whose election could start compromise and negotiations. Moreover Guillermo Ungo, head of the guerilla's political arm, is a former deputy of Duarte and might be willing to bargain with him.

We cannot tell the people of El Salvador for whom they should vote. But we can pick what kind of leaders we choose to support with our tax-paid military aid. Our limited strategic interests in the area are not sufficient to justify our helping a suspected mass-murderer elected by a populace desperate for peace at any cost. If D'Aubuisson is elected, the United States should give him one month to turn over a new leaf before severing all aid to El Salvador.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Speak on CGC funding

To the editor:

I would like to express to my fellow students the significance of the upcoming budget hearings. Each year the Campus Governing Council budgets approximately \$200,000 to programs of University-recognized organizations. This money comes from the student fees you pay at the beginning of each semester. So as you will note, it is your money that supports these organizations.

Each University-recognized organization has the opportunity to

request funding and each year the CGC receives over 30 requests. The CGC in turn looks over each request qualitatively and quantitatively to determine if and to what extent a program should be funded. Again, I note the CGC funds programs, and not organizations themselves.

This Friday and Saturday, the Rules and Judiciary Committee and the Student Affairs Committee will be holding subcommittee hearings to determine the qualitative aspect of each program. They will evaluate

each program outlined in the organization's budget request and rank its importance according to the other programs from that organization. The committees will also consider the general value of the program to the University as outlined by a 1982 policy statement for funding.

Each organization will be given a certain amount of time to present its case. After that, three people wishing to speak against the funding of that particular organization's programs will be given one-half the time that the organization is allowed for its opening statement. Next, there will be a question-answer session in which the subcommittee will permit organizations to answer qualitative questions. The final step will be for the subcommittee to determine its rankings. All parties will be allowed to sit in on the final deliberations.

A report from each subcommittee will be presented to the Finance Committee outlining the program rankings and recommendations for funding. During the quantitative hearings, the Finance Committee cuts and eliminates requests based on the subcommittee and its own evaluations. The Finance Committee will prepare a budget that will be presented to the full council for approval on April 14.

If anyone would like to speak against the funding of an organization's programs, they must contact the CGC office between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. this Friday. Again, three people will be allowed to speak against. If there are more than three, a drawing will be held.

Reggie Holley
Speaker, Campus Governing Council

Doctoring the deficit

To the editor:

Arthur Benavie's column "Looking beyond the deficit," (DTH, March 20) which exposes the benign nature of the current and projected federal deficit has truly provided a much needed new perspective on the subject. The most appealing of his assertions regarding this deceptively simple problem was his statement that the deficit can be paid for, without inflationary results, simply by printing more money. What I had been taught about this type of thing (devaluing the currency) is obviously a remnant of an outdated monetary system, in which printed money had no intrinsic value of its own.

Benavie advises that inflation is caused by excessive spending, not by deficits financed by new money. I had been under the impression that "deficit" was short for "deficit spending."

Apparently, my information was wrong. The good doctor also assures us that "hyperinflation and bankruptcy are not dangers for the United States." I am certainly relieved to know that exponential increases in government expenditures relative to increases in national income are no cause for concern. If only more people had access to this kind of information, we could, at this very moment, be enjoying unparalleled prosperity comparable to that of the Weimar republic.

As one person remarked after reading Benavie's cogent assessment, "Why bother to have taxes? The government should just print up the money it needs to meet its budget."

Allen Howard
Chapel Hill



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Participation in either organization requires commitment and a loyalty to the UNC Honor System. Making decisions which affect other students is not something everyone takes very seriously.

Although the jobs are challenging, the rewards and the potential for personal growth are enormous. We hope that any interested student will pick up an application and a copy of *The Instrument of Student Judicial Governance*, the document which outlines the UNC judicial system. Copies of the *Instrument* are available at the Union desk or in Suite C of the Union. Read through the *Instrument*, consider the application questions and spend some time thinking about our Honor System.

Ollie Ames
Undergraduate Court Vice-Chairman

For love of honor

To the editor:

We would like to encourage all freshmen, sophomores and juniors to apply for the Undergraduate Honor Court or for the Attorney General's Staff. Applications for both organizations are available at the Union desk or in Suite C of the Union. The 30 students in each organization represent the UNC Honor System and the students who are suspected of violating the Honor Code and Campus Code.

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DTH editorials this week

Monday: The DTH's 92nd birthday marks the beginning of a new crop of writers, as well as new ideas in layout content and design.

Tuesday: Glenn's withdrawal from the race for the Democratic nomination reflects the maturity of the American voter to differentiate between Glenn's past accomplishments and his potential abilities.

Wednesday: Single-floor housing integration would enable blacks and whites to live and learn together and would be a logical step toward improving long-term race relations.

Thursday: The agreement of the CGC and the UNC administration to share responsibility for funding the *Carolina Course Review* recognizes the publication's importance to both students and professors and must be commended.

Friday: Reagan's policy of quiet diplomacy in South Africa has been a mistake, allowing that country to bully its black-ruled neighbors into unequal peace treaties.

It is the responsibility of the media when covering rape cases to withhold the victim's name due to the personal nature of the crime.

Saturday: In order to improve public education, a salary increase is crucial to lure the best qualified people into teaching positions.

Both Hunt and Helms have received campaign contributions from out of state which may make it difficult to serve interests of the state when faced with the nation's problems.

National

"The debate has just begun.... I have a long way to go before I'm nominated."

— Walter Mondale, forerunner in the Democratic nomination for president. Mondale emerged as victor in the Illinois primary on Tuesday.

"To those who spend time focusing on the flaws of our friends — and they are far from perfect — let me just say we are all concerned about human rights. But I believe it is being either naive or downright phony to express concern for human rights while pursuing policies that lead to the overthrow of less-than-perfect democracies by Marxist dictatorships which systematically crush all human beings.... If we don't give friends so close to home the means to defend themselves, who will trust us anywhere in the world, especially in the faraway Middle East and Europe?"

— President Reagan, lobbying Monday for Senate approval of a \$93 million aid package for El Salvador.

"The continuation of this matter only hurts people's confidence in their own government."

— Senator Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, regarding the hearings on the nomination of Edwin Meese III as Attorney General of the United States.

"I'm not willing to let Vice President Mondale or anyone else in this

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country gauge my commitment to civil rights. I think it's as deep as his."

— Sen Gary Hart, Democratic presidential contender, upon Mondale's charge during last Sunday's Chicago debate that Hart lacked a long-standing interest in civil rights issues.

"Like those of ancient Israel who cried out to their oppressors, 'Let my people go,' those of us who are oppressed by our political leadership today are also crying for them to let us go."

—The Rev. Jerry Falwell, president of the Moral Majority, in a statement of both his support for prayer in public school and warning to U.S. senators who voted against the proposed prayer amendment.

State

"I can't help looking out the window and see the trees bending right now."

—Former State House Speaker Carl J. Stewart Jr., referring to the risks of flying in the wind. Charles H. Smith, key Edminister aide in the State Attorney's campaign for governor of North Carolina, had died in a plane crash earlier that day (Wednesday).

Campus

"No investment is allowed which would reduce the cash position of SG below \$10,000.00. The combined funds of SG in cash at SAFO and in the investments shall never fall below \$40,000."

—UNC Treasury Laws Article VIII Investment of General Surplus, Section 2 the UNC Student Code.

"We were concerned about their adjustment in the dormitories and participation in the orientation activities. Also, we wanted academics to be their top priority."

—Julie Beaver, president of the Panhellenic Council, on why some of the proposals for changes in sorority rush would exclude freshman from the process.

"I am pleased that the defendant has pleaded guilty to these crimes."

—District Attorney Wade Barber on the announcement that Danny Allison pleaded guilty to 11 charges stemming from a series of sexual assaults on five UNC women during the first half of 1983.

"I'm hoping that the (housing) pattern we've seen in the past will change. I know that's wishful thinking."

—William T. Small, chair of the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Minorities and Disadvantaged, on the future of integration of on-campus residence halls at UNC.

Sports

"If it doesn't embarrass them, it doesn't embarrass me. I'm not upset. I can only play them. I can't play them. Yogi says its spring training and that's good enough for me."

—George Steinbrenner, owner of the New York Yankees referring to how the Yankees are progressing with spring training under their manager Yogi Berra.

Etc.

"I am not shocked. Well, maybe I'm a little excited. With all of this, I've missed my soap opera today."

—Lula Aaron, a New York City grandmother, upon winning a \$10 million New York State Lottery prize — the largest unshared lottery prize in U.S. history.

Compiled by Susan Gaddy and Keith Bradsher.

Opinions from New York Times

Sunday: President's Reagan's agreement to cut back proposed military spending and further raise taxes reflected a "welcome and overdue" change of course. Although the damage of the largest federal budget deficits in history is far from undone, the President's actions seem to finally acknowledge his acceptance of the responsibility for reducing that deficit.

Monday: Whereas a woman's vote was not too long ago perceived the corollary of her husband's, the female factor in today's national elections is one that must be seriously considered, and courted, by any politician with a winning game plan.

Tuesday: As disclosures about Edwin Meese's financial affairs continued last week, it became increasingly clear that Meese's past record in observing the law shows no promise that he will be able to enforce them. Meese, President Reagan's nominee for Attorney General, failed to report an interest-free loan and rightly endangered his chances for confirmation as Attorney General by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Wednesday: The Senate's rejection of the amendment to allow organized, spoken prayer in the nation's public schools "vindicates constitutional values that are no less moral" than the values held by religions. Praise to Senator Lowell Weicker, Connecticut Republican, for leadership of opposition to the amendment. Government neutrality toward the topic of religion is the best possible way to guarantee all citizens in this country religious liberty.