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92nd year of editorial freedom

A new kind of rush

UNC prides itself on being an all-around university — one with a healthy mix of academics and social activities. Too often, of course, the social side manages to command greater attention. While this may make for a more exciting stay at the University, academics suffer. That's why recent changes in sorority rush, while sure to be considered as insignificant by many, come as such a welcome addition to the University scene.

For the first time, sorority rush this year has been held only on weekends. Whereas in the past rush events took place during school days and drastically cut into the studying of both the rushees and the sisters, the new procedure allows more time during the week for studies. This frees up the weekend for its best purpose anyway — social activities.

Considering that the majority of rushees are freshmen, the elimination of rush activities during the week is especially welcome. As the newcomers are just learning about studies at the collegiate level, these first few weeks deserve to be as academically oriented

as possible.

Credit for the new plan, devised last spring, goes to the UNC administration and the Panhellenic Council for recognizing and attacking the problem. Their changes have made for a more sensible sorority rush, one which strikes a finer balance between the two disparate sides of college life.

Besides allowing for additional study time, the new format appears to allow women a more relaxed atmosphere for getting acquainted. As Panhellenic Rush Chairman Margie Benbow put it, "The stress is on getting to know the girls, rather than spending as much time on skits, decorations and songs." Also, given that they no longer must choose between rushing and studying, the format allows more women to explore UNC's Greek system.

Sounds like a good deal all around. The sororities are happy, the administration is happy and the rushees are happy. So as rush comes to an end Sunday night, we hope its positive example of balancing academics and social life will make its mark on the rest of the University community.

More than just petty theft

The theft of the Carolina Gay Association's banner from the Pit Tuesday night comes as disturbing news for a couple of reasons. First, the action, whether made in jest or as a serious statement about the organization, shows little respect for the rights of individuals, be they gay or straight. The banner cost little in monetary terms, but it was a valuable tool used by the CGA to publicize its organization.

Perhaps that was too abhorrent for the person or persons who stole the banner. As CGA outreach coordinator Jerry Salak put it, "They see us advertising something big and blatant, and it's just infuriates them and scares them."

That may explain the motives, but that doesn't excuse the violation of the CGA's right to freedom of expression. Just because gays choose to pursue a lifestyle that is not in accordance with most people's, that does not mean they forfeit those rights afforded others.

Second, and perhaps more important, the theft of the CGA's banner is

unsettling because it appears to be a manifestation of an attitude that is incongruous with that which should exist on a college campus.

College is more than classes, sporting events and parties. It's supposed to be a liberalizing experience — a place where students learn of new ideas and philosophies, a time in which people gain greater awareness of lifestyles and views different from their own.

Apparently some people haven't learned the lesson.

While no one is asking everyone to tolerate gays completely, we should expect more rational behavior. If someone wants to challenge the CGA, there are legitimate channels for doing so. Each year, the CGA must go before the Campus Governing Council for funds, and each year there are those who attend to let their objections be known. If those people who tore down the banner feel the need to protest, they should voice their opposition in a fashion more constructive than immaturely destroying property.

variety of tree that grows in the West African nation of Cameroon.

During four years of experiments, the drug has been shown to produce intense sexual arousal and performance in rats. Rats involved in the test sought sexual encounters twice as often as rats not receiving the drug.

Dr. Julian M. Davidson, a professor of physiology at Stanford Medical School, said the research could lead to the development of a drug to treat sexual dysfunction.



Davidson said the results with the male rats were important because rats are a good model for certain biological aspects of human sexual behavior, including sex drive.

Humans participating in the experiment have been advised not to stay up too late studying.

Ah, the sacrifices we make for the sake of learning.

And that's the bottom line.

The Bottom Line

Surprise, surprise. The UNC Student Activities Center is sold out. Not just for the first basketball game Nov. 30, 1985, but for every game from then on out. Unless you're a UNC student or a Rams Club contributor, chances are very good you'll never see the Tar Heels live at UNC ever again.

Pretty dramatic stuff if you happen to be John Q. Public with a fetish for rooting on our beloved basketball team. The Rams Club contributors were allocated a total of 9,452 seats (students got the rest), and the largest contributors have the right to will their seats upon their death.

That last little bit spells utter despair for just about anybody (aside from the "elite" donors) hoping to see the Heels in action at the SAC anytime soon. But, this will business isn't exactly sitting well with everybody.

Joseph Ferrel, a professor at the Institute of Government, called the practice "absolutely repugnant." He argues that since the SAC is a state facility the public should have a reasonable access.

He's probably right — sounds like a compromise is in order here — but ticket hungry fans shouldn't hold their breath. Considering the Rams Club came up with \$38.57 million in private contributions it'll be pretty hard for anyone to say "Thanks for all the trouble, now get lost."

Libido for learning

Lust for knowledge is apparently burning at Stanford University. Researchers there have been inundated by men who want to probe the frontiers of science.

About 300 men volunteered to participate in the testing of a drug that has proven to be a powerful aphrodisiac in laboratory animals. About 40 of the applicants were selected to participate in the test on the drug, yohimbine hydrochloride, which is produced by a

Veggie soup, sunny days and sickos

By STUART TONKINSON

Thank God for vegetable soup. For less than two quarters, you can just zip it under the electric can opener, pour it in one of Mom's old pots, heat the baby until the bubbles burst from under the alphabet letters and head for your congested nose, swirl in a bowl, add crackers and presto! Instant health food. Mmm-mmm-good.

I paid my homage to the soup deity this past weekend. While some lucky souls got to go to the beach and forget all about school, I was, like many others, stuck in Chapel Hill. Sick.

Friends consoled me by saying that sicknesses spread quickly when groups of people from one area, like the coast, introduce their live-in germs to those from another area, like the mountains. While the kids party it up during Orientation week, the germs are having even more fun in all those sinial passages. And drop/add! And freshmen convocation! Whew! By the time the first class rolls around, the little critters are exhausted. But they're multiplying like, well, like germs, I guess.

That type of consolation did me little good. I sat in my bed trying to think of who gave me the unwanted guests. Was it that girl at Purdy's who sneezed in my Coke? Was it that chick at Linda's who I walked back to the sorority house with? Or was it Charlie, now as sick as me? He would do something like this.

It's hard to be around friends when you're sick. If you came down with the cold first, you feel guilty about spreading germs, and you're mad as hell if he's sick around you. There's something akin to paranoia if you're the only student in a 150-odd class that doesn't have to cough or reach for a tattered Kleenex every five minutes. It's kind of like the feeling in *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, only this time it's just a plain Invasion of the Body. This is a country where individual rights are respected, eh? So we all have the right not to be surrounded by a bunch of wheezing sickos, don't we?

Well, now I'm one of those sickos, and the healthies make those inevitable helpful suggestions, the ones that make you cringe. There she is, perfectly healthy and tan, without a care in



the world, telling you how to take care of yourself. It's more of a dare, really, a dare to the germs that brought you down so easily to try their stuff on harder flesh. Come on, infect me. Go ahead, make my day.

Ugh. There are things, survival aids, you remember when you get sick. Things like:

- The closest object on campus to tissues is the toilet paper in Davis Library and the napkins in the Pine Room. Never, not in a million years, use the paper towels in the Carolina Union, no matter how much your nose burns — that stuff has scarred people for life.

- Even though it's full of vitamin C, drinking orange juice right before or after brushing your teeth is one of the most unpleasant feelings you'll ever experience.

- Any germ with an ounce of energy has doubtless worked up a perfect immunity to all those Sudafed capsules I OD'd on the first time I noticed the warning signs.

- And the only salvation lies in vegetable soup,

for that is rest and peace to those who worship it. To sip it is our end.

In elementary school, (junior high? senior high? last semester?) we thought to ourselves, if only I could get sick, nothing major, just bad enough so I won't have to finish that paper tonight or take that test tomorrow or go out with Sealey Sally Saturday.

But there I was on Labor Day, with the sun shining and no classes to miss, and I didn't even have to write anything for *The Daily Tar Heel*. Nothing on television except some movie about mutant roaches, and WQDR was playing Bonnie Raitt and Mike Cross. I was ready to transfer to any university south of here — maybe one on a small Caribbean island.

And the germs just laughed. Sniffle, sniffle.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New rules make the game fairer

To the editor:

I don't know who wrote the editorial "Taking their ball home" (DTH, Sept. 4), but I seriously doubt he was at the Campus Governing Council meeting Aug. 29. If the writer had been there, I am sure the editorial would not have been written. Sure, we thought about how close the last referendum for a fee increase came to passing, but the vote was not the issue. The issue was how to make the passing of any type of referendum a fairer decision.

We did not harp on the past and how the new rule would have changed the referendum's outcome. Instead, our goal was to provide the students the fairest

chance to express their views in a campus referendum. If the writer had been at the meeting, he might have heard several members discuss how this new ruling could make it easier for the passing of a student activity fee decrease!

I must admit that I am for deletion of the 20 percent requirement. As "The right way to fee" (DTH, Apr. 12,) stated, "While a 20 percent requirement would ensure that a fee increase would be representative of the student body, the requirement can also be used as a negative incentive toward voting. A person who is against the fee increase has dual avenues of protest: the ability to abstain from voting and guarantee the requirement not be met and the

ability to register a negative note." The removal of this requirement is the fairest possible compromise I can see, but this is not my decision alone.

I have two recommendations. First, the writer of the editorial, should come to the next CGC meeting before criticizing our work, and not get all his information from a DTH article or co-worker. Please concentrate on the real issue of how to make the passing of any referendum the fairest possible for all students. Second, students should determine how they want the requirements to be set. Students should call their CGC representatives and let them know where they stand. It is the representative's responsibility to let

the student, but it is equally responsibility to let your CGC representative know how you feel about the issues. Call Student Government (962-5201) if you do not know how to reach your representative. The decisions the CGC makes affect us all.

Dawn Peters
CGC District 9

Editor's note: The Campus Governing Council voted to amend legislation regarding passage of an increase in the Student Activities Fee. The bill did not address procedures for amending the Student Constitution or approving other referendums. Thus, the action did not make it easier to pass all referendums.

Racism: A ghost of elections past

By JOHN HINTON



Jesse Helms: Up to old tricks?

History does repeat itself in North Carolina politics.

Racism and mudslinging were injected into the legendary race between Sen. Frank Porter Graham and Raleigh attorney Willis Smith during a special election in 1950.

Now, racism and gutter politics are evident in the Senate contest between Gov. Jim Hunt and incumbent Sen. Jesse Helms.

Smith's campaign workers, one of whom was Helms, wrote and distributed racist campaign literature on the eve of the June Democratic runoff primary. In his book, "Frank Porter Graham, a Southern Liberal," Warren Ashby described the attack on Graham, a former UNC president.

"White people, wake up before it is too late. You may not have another chance. Do you want Negroes working beside you, your wife and your daughters in your mills and factories? Negroes sleeping in the same hotels and rooming houses? Negroes using your toilet facilities? Frank Graham favors mingling of the races?"

That was the message the Smith campaign cried after the first primary when Graham defeated Smith and former Senator Robert Reynolds. Graham prevailed despite charges that he belonged to the Communist Party because he was a member of the Civil Rights Committee in the Senate.

Graham received 303,605 votes, but was 11,269 short of a clear majority. Smith had received 250,222 votes and Reynolds, 58,752. Gov. Kerr Scott had appointed Graham to the Senate after the death of J. Melville Broughton died in 1949.

Smith decided to call a runoff primary, and his forces stepped up their character assassination of Graham calling him a "Communist" and a "nigger-lover."

Ashby wrote that the Smith's "Know the Truth Committee," had reprinted 100,000 copies of the front page of the *Carolina Times*, a black newspaper in Durham, showing a picture of Graham with the headline, "Negro Press Endorses Graham," and a claim that more than 100,000 blacks had registered to vote.

The material was mailed to whites with this information, "Notice, too, that the Negro newspaper carried editorials, reproduced on the back page of the enclosures, advocating intermarriage of the races and the admission of Negroes to the state's white institutions of learning. Do you want these things to come to pass?"

That and similar dirty tactics worked and Smith defeated Graham in a close election. Smith had 281,114 votes to Graham's 261,789.

After serving three years, Smith died in 1953. President Harry Truman appointed Graham to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission and later to United Nations as an ambassador. Graham died in 1972 in Chapel Hill.

What was Helms' role in Smith campaign? "The Senator was only a volunteer in the Smith campaign," said Claude Allen, Helms' black campaign press secretary. "He has also said that he never wrote any of the campaign material."

Some blacks in Raleigh tell a different tale. This summer when I was working with *The Carolinian*, a black weekly newspaper, I talked to people about the Graham-Smith contest and Helms' role in the campaign.

"Jesse was the architect behind the whole campaign," said John Winters Sr., a Raleigh developer and former state senator. "He might have not wrote that racist stuff, but he masterminded the whole thing."

Former Raleigh Mayor Clarence Lightner agreed with Winters. "I have been in politics for 30 years," he said in July. "We were fighting Jesse Helms even then."

Following the bitter campaign, Smith appointed Helms as an administrative assistant to his Washington staff.

Thirty-four years have passed since the Smith-Graham race. Helms has since switched parties. But similar racist tactics are still being used.

In early August, David Flaherty, chairman of the state Republican Party, mailed 45,000 envelopes with bumper stickers plugging the candidacy of President Reagan, Vice President Bush, Helms and gubernatorial candidate Jim Martin in an effort to raise funds.

Flaherty warned his fellow Republicans that increased black registration in North Carolina may spell defeat for the Republican ticket in the state. "Your vote may be canceled because radical Jesse Jackson has already registered enough liberal Democrat voters in North Carolina to cancel your vote for President Reagan and our Republican candidates," he said.

In 1980, Reagan won North Carolina by only 39,383 votes, Flaherty wrote, adding that Jackson's Democratic presidential candidacy inspired 77,020 blacks to register.

"That's almost twice as many new anti-Reagan voters as the Democrats need to wipe out the Reagan victory margin in North Carolina," he said.

Figures compiled by the state Board of Elections in April showed there were more than 565,000 registered black voters in the state.

"Jesse Jackson is registering millions of new minority voters in a new and frightening racist campaign against President Reagan," Flaherty said. "And North Carolina is Jackson's number one target. Here in our state he and his liberal allies hope to beat President Reagan and at the same time win back control of the U.S. Senate by defeating Sen. Jesse Helms."

Responding to the letter, the Democrats said that the Republicans had written off the black vote. Martin, who is courting the black vote in the gubernatorial race against Attorney General Rufus Edmisten, repudiated the letter.

Blacks across the state were screaming, charging that Flaherty was using racist tactics to ensure victory for the Republican ticket.

Controversy over the letter has spurred comparisons between the 1950 and 1984 races.

Even though it was the Republicans caught this time and not the Democrats, these sleazy racist tactics demonstrate that many state politicians will do or say anything to maintain political power.

These are examples of hardball politics in North Carolina. I hope the people of the state have woken up and will not allow these good ol' boys to return North Carolina to a state of backwardness where politicians can still use racism to be elected.

The November elections will give voters the chance to turn back this new tide of racial prejudice. The ball is your court, Tar Heels, don't fumble it.

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