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The Daily Tar Heel

92nd year of editorial freedom

Quite a crowd for Carter

We'd like to take this opportunity to extend a *Daily Tar Heel* welcome, if somewhat belated, to President Jimmy Carter and his daughter, Amy, who visited campus yesterday.

President Carter delivered a candid, invigorating talk to a packed house in Memorial Hall last night. We're sure the campus and the community are all the more enlightened because of it.

Before taking questions from the audience, Carter delivered a short speech on American Citizenship, the thrust of which was his perception of the "dormancy" on college campuses. Only in college can you express the sentiments of your heart, he explained. In high school the principal could act as censor, and in the future the senior law partner, or whatever, can do the same. "Now is the time," he said.

We would encourage UNC students

to ask of themselves the very question Carter posed: "What can I do to make sure I'm not already old — at the age of 20?"

The former president had much else good to say about peace ("Let's not have obstacles in the White House — let's make sure all of the obstacles are in the Kremlin."), about affairs of the Middle East and Central America, about religion in politics and about American arrogance.

Our only complaint is that hundreds who came to hear Carter, arguably the "biggest" speaker here in four years, were turned away from the jammed, relatively small confines of Memorial.

Otherwise, those who managed to hear by hanging from the rafters, from trees outside, and by sitting in Memorial's large window sills, seemed justifiably delighted with President Carter's talk.

Integration of ideas

There's something going on here that's been a long time in coming.

Black fraternity representatives sat down last night for a rap session with Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. It was the second stop in a series of meetings that, we hope, will eventually encompass the entire Greek system.

The format for these meetings is open, and it should further break down the barriers between these two coexisting organizations of a like origin. Essentially, they sit down together and talk about their differences and their reason for being. As Chi Psi President Justin Gottlieb has said, "What we want to do is to ask ourselves what we can do from their side to make things better."

Integration — but not in the physical sense. Not just yet, at least. There remains much to be worked out between the two largely diverse fraternity systems, not to mention the races themselves, on campus before such an understanding can be reached at a broad level. For example, black Greeks are more service-oriented, while white

fraternities are more social in nature. As George Perry, executive assistant of minority relations for the Interfraternity Council, puts it, "There must be an integration of the mind before there is an integration of the body."

But it's clear that steps are being taken in the right direction.

We're pleased to hear that six other fraternities — Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Tau Epsilon Phi, Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Alpha and Delta Kappa Epsilon — have already signed up for the sessions. But that still leaves 19 of you. Ideally, the whole fraternity system will benefit from the full cooperation of its members. Ideally and realistically.

UNC is a progressive school, one of the most modern-thinking in the South. It's come too far to live with outdated ideas of separate but equal — fraternities or otherwise. Change is due to come; the sooner the better.

We applaud the efforts of those participating in this exchange of ideas — and encourage those no-shows to step forward and be heard.

They can't take a joke

Some people don't know when they're beat.

There are some Southerners who claim the Rebels never lost the Civil War. They say they've got Jefferson Davis hid out in a cave and that they're just waiting for supplies.

Similarly, there are those State students who claim they won a major victory last week. No, we're not talking about the State-UNC clash in Kenan on Saturday; even Wolfpack fans know how to read a scoreboard. We're talking about a lesser known but equally emotional fight: The Battle of the Brickyard.

A handful of *Daily Tar Heel* staffers, mindful of the Israelis at Entebbe, conducted a daring pre-dawn (well, sort of) raid on the State campus last Friday, bearing delightful spoofs of N.C. State's newspaper, *Technician* (an appropriate name for a newspaper put out by sharecroppers and auto mechanics).

Our mission of dispersing literacy at Raleigh Community College was briefly slowed by *Technician* staffers bearing shaving cream. The contest also had great symbolic value: the English language vs. childish implements of war. Not able to produce their own creative satire, the Techies even attempted to steal a few of our papers, but we could not be deterred from putting newspapers into the eager hands of deprived students thirsting for complete sentences. Our sources tell us that State students bombarded the *Technician* all day

Friday, demanding the release of the couple dozen issues that had been pilfered.

So, we were a bit baffled to see the *Technician*, in a typically feeble editorial Monday, claiming victory in Friday's clash just because they stole some papers. (Maybe they needed them because D.H. Hill Library has no journalism textbooks.) Their claim makes as much sense as if N.C. State coach Tom Reed stole a football before Saturday's game, hid in Kenan Fieldhouse and said, "I won! I won!"

Technician editor Jeff Bender made another of his empty threats of revenge just like he did last year after we published a spoof and hid all the real State papers behind a dumpster at the Vet School. We can certainly understand the frustration of the Techies; they can't share with us the relatively easy task of satirizing their school. Let's face it, you don't have to look far to find funny things about State; its architecture, its curriculum, its athletic prowess and the off-court "antics" of its players make the school a ridiculously easy mark.

The *Technician* closed Monday's editorial with the ominous claim: "It's our turn now." Considering the performance of our adversaries on the field and in the Brickyard, we can only respond: It's always our turn.

So c'mon guys: Buy an athletic program, and we'll see you come basketball season. Keep the shaving cream handy.

Letters policy

If you've got an opinion you'd like to share with us, whether concerning an issue discussed on the back page or one that you feel merits discussion, we'd like to hear from you. Letters to the editor and editorial columns should be typed on a 60-character line and should be triple-spaced.

Because of the overwhelming response on some issues, we are unable

to print all the letters we receive. So, to save yourself some trouble, please contact the editorial-page staff in advance if you expect your letter to be more than 2½ typed pages long.

Deadline for letters and columns is 2 p.m. the working day before publication. Contributions should be placed in the green box outside the offices of *The Daily Tar Heel* in the Student Union.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Extension plan: destructive and expensive

To the editor:

By including such notable landmarks as Piggly Wiggly in your map of the proposed Franklin Street Extension ("Franklin Street Extension: Mayor, aldermen discuss merits and drawbacks of proposal," *DTH*, Oct. 17 and "Bond issue may decide Carrboro's fate," Oct. 23) and excluding the houses in the three neighborhoods that would be hit by the Extension, you join the Carrboro government in hiding the large human and social costs of the proposal. The town government is not promoting a pleasant road in an empty field, but a major thoroughfare into populated neighborhoods. Don't study the map — come to Carrboro and walk around the neighborhoods and see for yourself. The proposed Extension is an assault on Carrboro's citizens. It would come within feet of some of the residences and would actually destroy at least four homes, including several along Carr Street, an area that is our town's prime candidate for designation as an Historic District.

Also unrevealed by your map are

'DTH' neglects distribution

To the editor:

Congratulations must once again be accorded to the *DTH*. Now, the *DTH* has been neglectful with regards to informing the population of UNC about the distribution system and dates for home football and basketball games. Most people knew that home football games meant student tickets to the game, but how many people knew how and when the tickets would be distributed?

Basketball is also a subject near and dear to the hearts of many Carolina fans. Yes, in case you have not yet noticed the new basketball magazines or pre-season polls, the basketball season is fast approaching. The first home game is on Dec. 3. But quick, when and how do you get tickets? Well, the distribution of the Dec. 3 tickets was on Sunday, Oct. 21. How many people read about this event in the *DTH*?

The moral of this sad tale is that

the dangers presented by the proposed bike tunnel to pass beneath the Extension at Brewer Lane. Commuting cyclists should bear in mind that approval of the Extension could win them a long, steep tunnel, its surface cluttered with litter and broken glass, its safety threatened by lighting and drainage problems, not to mention the risk of personal attack at night.

But the ambiguity of your map is not as challenging as Mayor Porto's gymnastic logic that culminates in his speculation that, if the Extension is not built, taxes will go up. His contention seems to be based upon the following chain of assumptions:

- Development will not occur without the Extension.
- Due to lack of development, our town will have an insufficient tax base.
- An insufficient tax base will require Carrboro to merge with Chapel Hill.
- Merger will result in higher taxes.

Every one of these assumptions is

many (at least several) of the people attending and working at this fine institution are interested in Tar Heel sports. Speaking on behalf of those people, I say that we would like to be better informed about the dates and times of these sports events, as well as the method and times of the ticket distribution. In other words, we would like to be able to read about it in the *DTH*.

If the *DTH* or anyone else is interested, the Ticket Office in Carmichael Auditorium has a form available that gives details such as game dates, as well as distribution methods and times.

Greg Holder
Graham

Editor's note: The *DTH* did run an announcement on Thursday, Oct. 18, on page 7 with details of how and when to pick up tickets in Carmichael.

Deskies were there too, demand rematch

To the editor:

We were robbed! Not necessarily of a victory, but of equal coverage of a game well played. We were certainly honored to play such a "gentleman's" game of softball, but appalled at the bias of the *DTH*'s

victory announcement ("Damn, we're good," Oct. 22). Editor, your pitching was fine, but what about our own Kathleen Moran? If the Durham Bulls' scout had been there, we would have lost her. Janice Pliner and Andrea Schifano

attracted the ball as a fly to fly paper (no pun intended), and Dorrie Pence's glove seemed magnetized at second base. We are indebted to our own Joey Pillow who sacrificed many a run to save his teammates (Nobel Prize pending). And Ronnie

Saunders, Rene Meyer, Bill Long and Michael Steigerwald added their own special zest to the game.

DTH, we demand a rematch, if not softball how about a real man's game like bar golf?

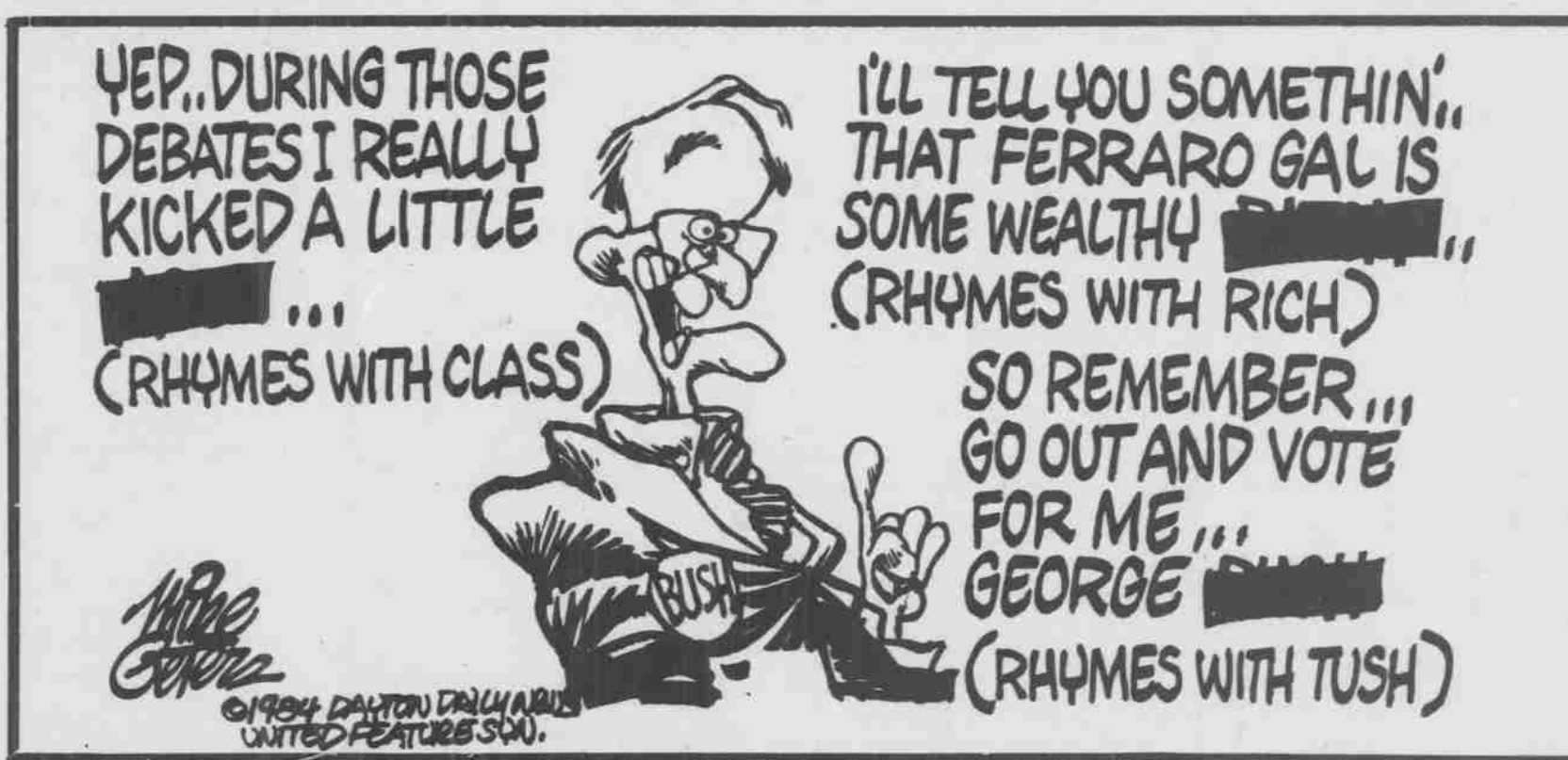
Union Deskies and Operations

Apolitical?

To the editor:

I was very disappointed last Friday when the celebration of our University's 191st birthday was used by Governor Jim Hunt for political purposes. While not mentioning Senator Jesse Helms by name, Governor Hunt conveyed his political rhetoric regarding Helms. I had understood that Governor Hunt was there to discuss our state's 400th Anniversary and the University's birthday. Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham III had said the speech would be "apolitical." Apolitical means, "that not concerned with politics or political issues."

Amy Patterson
Cobb



Hey, where is this Reagan recovery?

By HARRY GURAL

Near the end of the debate between the College Republicans and the Young Democrats Oct. 17, one of the Republican representatives said, "Let us remember that there are three kinds of lies: lies, more lies, and statistics."

The young man that spoke so eloquently of lies suggested that perhaps Democrats and Republicans have different sources of information. What is a good source, I asked myself. Something from the "horse's mouth." I thought. And there it was, at the Business Administration/Social Sciences Reference desk in Davis Library: *The 1984 Economic Report to the President*. The report is published every year by the current administration. This year by Feldstein, Niskanen, Poole, Reagan and company. It is signed by Reagan himself.

Republicans everywhere, when they are telling us about feeling good, claim to base their support of Reagan largely on the so-called economic recovery. Recovery? Really? How do we measure such a thing?

By Gross National Product growth, perhaps? According to the report, GNP grew 2.8 percent in 1979, -0.3 percent in 1980, 2.6 percent in 1981, -1.9 percent in 1982, and 3.3 percent in 1983. The average growth during the Reagan administration to date is 3.01 percent, 0.6 percent better than Carter's record, at 2.95 percent. No growth under President Carter, College Republicans? Is a 0.6 percent increase a boom?

I know there must be a recovery here somewhere. Let's try unemployment. In 1979, under Carter, unemployment was 5.8 percent. In the election year, 1980, it grew to 7.8 percent. In fiscal years '81, '82, '83, during the Reagan administration, unemployment dropped to 7.5 percent, then rose to 9.5 percent and again, in 1983, 9.5 percent. Today unemployment is 7.5

percent, hardly less than it was when Carter left office in 1980. Between 1980 and 1983, unemployment rose from 6.3 percent to 8.4 percent for whites, and 13.1 percent to 17.8 percent for blacks and other minorities. Does this indicate progress of equal opportunity in this country? Is this victory for the unemployed?

The College Republicans tell us that we can expect wild investment due to a precipitous drop in interest rates. The most far-fetched figures I heard told of a 21 percent to 3 percent decrease in the prime rate. Really? Here is what Reagan's published figures say: 1979 — 12.67 percent, 1980 — 15.27 percent, 1981 — 18.87 percent, 1982 — 14.86 percent, 1983 — 10.79 percent, July, 1984 — 13.00 percent.

And what about inflation? Surely here is recovery. Reagan has proudly told us many times that inflation is "licked" — perhaps in the way we "lick" the neighborhood bully, or the cross-town little league team. "Licked" as the last word, never to rise again. Yes, inflation is down, College Republicans, but not from 18 percent as you say. Inflation in 1980, measured by the implicit price deflator, was 9.2 percent. Today it is 4.2 percent. How does one, given a few trillion dollars and friends on the Federal Reserve Board, conquer inflation? Easily — as any Economics 101 student will tell you, having studied his or

her Phillips curve — you learn to love unemployment. And recession. We learned to love both in 1981, when the Federal Reserve Board slowed the growth of the money supply to 6.4 percent. Inflation went down, unemployment went up (to 9.5 percent). No one should have been surprised, for monetary policy is one of the economist's two strongest tools. And now that the money supply is being allowed to grow more rapidly, at 9.0 percent in 1983, and 9.5 percent in 1984 we can expect the opposite result — more jobs, more good feelings, more plaudits. And more inflation. Don't be surprised after Nov. 6.

Is all this a case for back slapping? Is this recovery? Has supply-side economics, once the belittled musings of Arthur Laffer's cocktail party napkin, triumphed? No. Reagan's supply-side policies are thinly disguised redistributionism — no figures can hide publicly endorsed, nationwide reverse Robin Hood-ism. The poor pay more taxes, the rich less. Social programs are cut, the military enlarged. In order to have truly tried supply-side economics, the Federal Budget should have been cut. But Reagan does not cut, he redistributes. In effect, he is a big, whopping Democratic-style Keynesian. Given the money Reagan has spent, we should expect heaven-on-earth here in the States, not merely the modest gains the report records.

Deficits, under the tender care of the "cost-cutting" Reagan administration, have risen from 60 billion dollars (2.3 percent of the GNP) to 200 billion dollars (5.3 percent of the GNP). These deficits will force up interest rates, inhibit investment, and thus choke the future life of our economy. Everyone — Democrats, Republicans, economists, even Reagan economic advisers — will tell you this. Everyone, that is, except the man himself, Ronald Reagan. Or a few College Republicans.

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