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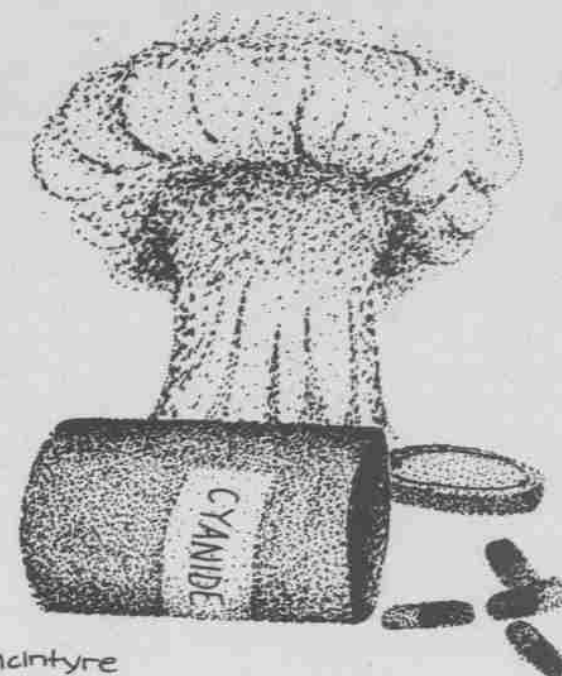
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Impossible to 'stomach the mess'

By RENAE LIAS and ELIZABETH OCON

We take issue with The Daily Tar Heel's criticism of the Brown students' effort to stockpile...



K. McIntyre

ality of what it protests: the stockpiling of nuclear weapons. It is irrational (and costly) to develop...

We are repulsed by the DTH statement that 'most people have at least a passing interest in the nuclear arms issue.' On the contrary, every...

ramifications for us all. The fate of mankind is at stake. Should we allow the idea of a winnable nuclear war...

We urge everyone to take a stand against such attitudes. We urge everyone to consider what President Carter said here last week: activism is important...

All who agree with this sentiment must act. Vote for peace candidates - know where the Reagan administration has stood...

We repeat, we have a moral responsibility to save the world. Better to have future generations look back on us and say, 'Hey, they did something to make the world safer for us'...

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Long live the queen

They've taken the fun out of Homecoming - what little fun we had left. For the first time in modern Carolina history, no one will know the thrill of a bouquet of roses and a crown...

The fact is, Homecoming's problems extend beyond the apathy surrounding the election of a Homecoming queen. For the past several years, Homecoming has been little more than just another Carolina football weekend.

Given our druthers, we'd like to see UNC model itself after ACC arch-rival Clemson. Homecoming is not a display of mediocrity in Death Valley...

We understand that the Carolina Athletic Association, with its paltry budget of \$1,575, cannot possibly stage a weekend of such grandeur. Increased student interest would be necessary to justify additional funding...

But the CAA is taking steps in the wrong direction. Eliminating a tradition as well-established as Homecoming queen is like converting the Bell Tower into condominiums...

The interminable wait

One of the key issues of the presidential campaign is the so-called 'evenness' of Reagan's economic recovery. Put simply, the issue revolves around who's benefitting most from the economic upswing...

Reagan, on the other hand, contends that given some time the country's economic growth will reach everyone and we'll all be happy. But after Reagan pocket-vetoed a bill that would have employed thousands of young people...

The bill would have allocated \$225 million over three years for an American Conservation Corps, providing summer jobs for 50,000 and year-round programs of work and training for 35,000 more in three years.

But Reagan said the bill would have only created 'temporary make-work' jobs and denounced it as a 'discredited approach to youth unemployment.'

The intangible, but certainly real,

are extreme, yes, but so is the absurdity of replacing Homecoming queen with an award such as the Carolina's Pride.

It was last year's election of a male Homecoming queen, Yure Nmomma, that prompted this year's changes. But Nmomma taught us a lesson. His campaign was flawless in its execution...

We deserve another chance. If the thought of electing another male Homecoming queen bothers some, they have two choices:

- Change the rules. Better yet, get out there and vote.

The Carolina's Pride Award, a nonsense kind of accolade, is not the answer. In its defense, CAA President Jennie Edmundson says that 'students' limited knowledge of the candidates decreases their motivation to take an active role in voting...

There may be a place at UNC for the Carolina's Pride Award. But it's not on the Homecoming court during halftime ceremonies - unless, of course, it wants to share the 50-yard line with the Homecoming queen.

aspects of motivation and self-esteem cannot be dismissed as a 'discredited approach.' The chance to be active and working in a positive effort to clean up the nation's public lands might just be what a large number of the country's spirited youth could use...

Reagan defended the veto by saying, 'America's unemployed youth would be better served by reducing federal spending so that more resources are available to the private sector.'

This defense is at the heart of Reagan's beliefs about reducing big government, a philosophy that is both winning votes and responsible for many of the country's recent economic gains...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All in all, it's great sitting on The Wall

To the editor:

We as seniors, (mature, not shiftless, having priorities, and more sure of our future endeavors) are four-year, wall-sitting vets. We feel obligated to discuss the benefits of sitting in contrast to the article in the DTH...

necessary to make the right decision about wall-sitting; we say, DO IT!!!

- The only place to observe the beauty of nature is outside. For those of us who are 'people watchers,' there is no better place to improve your skills. Skipping class can be advantageous, i.e. a Friday skipped and sat makes for a livable Monday.

This does not apply to classes in which roll is taken, these should have been dropped during the first week of classes. For those who insist on going to class, pre-register around prime sitting hours, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

the latest rumors, jokes and betting lines.

In conclusion, we would like to suggest to everyone that wall-sitting pros outweigh the cons. (It's hard on bluejeans.)

So everyone enjoy, WALL SIT. But please, don't take our seats!

Brad Blackburn Rusty Phillips Ernie Diggs, trainee



Record check

To the editor:

Some North Carolinians seem inclined to vote for governor this year on the basis of the candidate's personalities rather than their positions on public policy issues.

One newspaper inexplicably endorsed Republican Jim Martin while taking issue with his opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment and government funding for abortions...

Martin's record on other issues needs to be examined. He voted against many programs to improve

educational opportunity - college loans and grants, school lunch and child nutrition, vocational and handicapped education, and the Department of Education.

On senior citizen's issues, Martin voted to reduce Social Security and against full funding for Meals on Wheels. On civil rights, Martin is the only congressman from North Carolina to have voted against the Martin Luther King holiday.

Rufus Edmisten, on the other hand, cares about education, the environment, the elderly, and will be fair to everyone.

Paul Lindsay Chapel Hill

To the editor:

I am appalled that Jeff Hiday abused his position as editor of The

John L. S. Hickey Chapel Hill

The real story

Because of an editing error, a requirement for the Carolina Pride Award was listed incorrectly in yesterday's letter, 'Creative changes.' The excerpt containing the requirement should have read: It is not for a student who holds

an office and fulfills the duties of that office; it is for the student who goes the extra unrequred mile. It is a thank you from the student body to a person who has contributed to the reasons we take pride in this university.

Allyson Mathis Hinton James

Vote against representation without representation

By WAYNE THOMPSON

'Can Andrews continue to survive (political defeat)? It would help if he could display a more activist legislative record.'

The Almanac of American Politics 1984

'Has anybody seen Ike Andrews? He's not in Washington and he's not in the district.'

Former Chapel Hill Mayor and unsuccessful 4th District primary challenger Howard Lee in a campaign speech before the May 8 primary.

On Wednesday, The Daily Tar Heel endorsed Democratic incumbent Ike Andrews with less than total enthusiasm, essentially saying, 'We don't like him, but he's better than Cobey. Anyway we hope he steps down in 1986, so young blood can take over.'

I voted to endorse Cobey because I agree with the political almanac and many of those in press that Andrews has not been an effective legislator. According to my interpretation of the American political system, we elect representatives who represent our interests in the halls of Congress...

only full committee on which he sits, Andrews missed 70 percent of the committee meetings this year, 64 percent in '83, and 70 percent in '82. Many of the meetings may be trivial debates, of course, but revision of legislation and mark up of budget items also takes place.

Andrews' voting record is not much better. According to Congressional Quarterly, he had only roll-call voted 68 percent of the time through July 26 of this year - the worst record of North Carolina's congressional delegation. He's missed 96 roll-call votes, in contrast to the seven votes missed by 6th District Democratic Rep. Robin Britt.

Maybe the congressman devoted his time to more important tasks confronting him in his office? But the debate over whether religious groups should have equal access to the public schools was an issue important enough to warrant front-page stories in The Washington Post and coverage by the major TV networks.

Where was Ike Andrews on this issue? He voted by proxy, and afterward he accused former Kentucky Rep. Carl Perkins of misusing his proxy by voting for an amendment that allows religious groups to use school facilities for meetings.

The Raleigh News and Observer quoted Andrews as saying that he instructed Perkins to use his proxy in the Education and Labor Committee, 'only if the vote was close.' If Andrews had been present himself, he apparently would have voted a different way. Even Democrats must see that in this case Perkins, elected by Kentucky voters, spoke for North Carolina's 4th District.

That is not to say that Andrews' 12-year legislative career is not without its merits. This year Andrews sponsored a section of the Older

Americans Act, which includes the meals on wheels program and health care for senior citizens. Andrews' Health Maintenance and Illness Prevention Bill attempted to reduce the financial burden of medical care on the elderly by having public health students visit them in senior citizens centers and teach them how to take better care of themselves.

Still, after considering Andrews' record and his personal conduct - he was convicted of driving drunk in 1982 just weeks before the election - it's hard to see why even Democrats can say, 'I like Ike,' unless partisanship is more important than good representation.

Cobey would be a far better congressman. It is true that in 1982 he was strongly supported by Jesse Helms and based his election strategy on slick ads prepared by Jefferson Marketing Inc., a group reportedly linked to Helms. But what has happened since 1982? Congressional Clubber Tom Fetzer, who managed Cobey's campaigns for lieutenant governor in 1980 and Congress in 1982, was asked to leave, and non-clubber John King took his place. Cobey's advertising in 1984 is prepared by the Republican National Committee, and Cobey has openly wooed the black vote along with gubernatorial candidate Jim Martin - a political foe of Congressional Club Chairman Tom Ellis.

Cobey's reliance on the Club in 1980 is not a symptom of any dark conspiratorial in Cobey, but a reflection of political reality. With the Republican Party shifting rightward and support growing nationwide for the Congressional Club, it is not surprising that a Republican candidate from a Club-influenced state GOP would end up running as a candidate with their support.

Even Andrews himself does not believe the clone charge. 'This Congressional Club and these

ultra right-wing groups have a lot of money to spread around and they are tough... but Cobey ain't one of them,' he said in an interview from his Washington, D.C. office.

Cobey distancing himself from the Club shows he can learn from past mistakes and is symptomatic of the changes - both in ideas and style - that have revealed his own capabilities to the voters of the 4th District. Cobey is not hiding behind anyone this time. More importantly, Cobey has offered voters ideas, not anti-Andrews rhetoric in 1984. His support of anti-poverty initiatives and his stated commitment of bringing high-technology jobs to the district shows this.

Cobey favors tax reform to lower the tax rates of low-income Americans, so that those near or below the poverty line should not have to pay taxes.

Cobey has shown a sensitivity to the needs of the district by stressing the need for the local agencies to work through the U.S. Department of Commerce and other agencies in developing overseas markets for locally produced goods and bringing high-technology companies to the Triangle.

'Frankly, when I talk to the county commissioners, they get excited about the idea of having a congressman who wants to help bring industry to the district,' Cobey said. His background is well-suited for the task. He has an M.B.A. in marketing and a bachelor's degree in chemistry, and was a chemical salesman for the Dow Chemical Co. from 1965 to 1966. That kind of experience will help Cobey make the personal contacts that result in plant locations and local jobs.

With experience in education, as athletic director at UNC from 1976 to 1980 and academic counselor for the football team from 1968 to 1971,



Cobey: He'll show up - with ideas

he will serve the 4th District well. Whether one disagrees with Cobey's positions on abortion or school prayer or not, it is hard to believe that anyone can send Andrews back to Washington on the basis, as stated in the recent DTH endorsement, of his 'commendable record of constituent service.'

Cobey may be too 'rightist' for whoever wrote the endorsement, but at least he understands the basic governmental principle that 'you can't do the job unless you're on the job.'

All voters in the 4th District owe it to themselves to look beyond partisanship and see the facts. A representative who isn't should be replaced.

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