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Marked by leadership

With Rampage '85, Carolina Athletic Association President Mark Pavao has shown what profound effects the leadership of one individual can have on a university community that sometimes wallows in stagnant waters.

Pavao started with goals and ideas. And like the quarterback who can not only throw the bomb in practice, but can connect for touchdowns in the big games, Pavao found the organization to execute his plans. CAA vice presidents Marc Wright and Joe Stewart should both be commended for their work.

Despite the techno-age Rampage '85 logo, Homecoming marked a return to tradition while remembering that college students still like a party.

Dignity returned to the Homecoming queen selection process through an essay/interview screening of all applicants. Student voting gave us a queen to be proud of in Arlene Ferebee.

Six floats sponsored by campus organizations and supplied by the CAA, the Homecoming queen court, the Marching Tar Heels and the ROTC were among those that marched along Franklin Street as part of the Homecoming parade.

At first we might have laughed a little at the spectacle, but for a moment we believed the Chapel Hill-as-village myth and thought maybe we were in one of those old win-one-for-the-Gipper kind of movies. (When the Greeks get involved in future Homecomings, perhaps we can even have men in long fur coats eating goldfish).

What it was, was football

It was raucous. It was rousing. It was fierce. And it was the best answer a letter-to-the-editor could receive.

"With the tough games we have coming up, you may represent just the edge that we need to make this an outstanding season," Kevin Anthony wrote to UNC fans on behalf of the football team last week. "Again, thanks and keep up the good work."

On Saturday, the Kenan Stadium crowd responded with one of its finest performances.

It was a team effort all the way. When the UNC defense cracked the ball loose for a fumble, the crowd echoed with the crack of high-fives. When players whirled their arms in frenetic encouragement, the crowd thrust fists into the air and urged for more.

And the screaming lasted, like 120 consecutive 30-second drills. At some

To the dth degree

... bring in the new

Well, let's see ... where to begin.

We've a few staff changes in the offing that I felt might interest our readers. Nothing too drastic, just that the balance of our back-page editorial writers — aside from Dave and myself — are departing. And then there's a new editorial policy to mention. I expect that some of you will yawn and some of you will read on with interest. Whatever.

First of all, associate editors Ben Perkowski and Dick Anderson will be among the departing as of next Monday. Lord knows it's been a while since there was a DTH back-page without Ben Perkowski working on it. The guy's been at it since before Dave and I even got here — writing editorials and plugging away at back-page layout, churning out your letters and columns. He's been a fairly thankless job, of course. Only former editor Jeff Hiday knows as well as Dave and I how valuable Ben Perkowski has been as associate editor.

Dick Anderson has been equally valuable since stepping into the position of associate editor. His "light" edits have often rounded out an otherwise "serious-minded" edit column by poking fun at both campus and national newsmakers. The coup de grace of his editorial style was achieved in cooperation with Ben last spring, when the two teamed up to bring you UNC Today on April Fool's Day — a spoof of USA Today, complete with the now-famous graphic on the mandatory meal plan, which put everything into the simplest terms possible. Ah, those were the days. Both Ben and Dick are leaving the paper — somewhat worn down by the years. We wish them luck.

Then, too, editorial writers Jim Zook and Keith Bradsher are stepping down. Jim and Keith have only been with us since

Then there was the Yure Nmomma Crowning Party on Ehringhaus Field. Sponsored by a number of groups including the Campus Governing Council, the band party drew nearly a thousand students. Pavao said he thought it would become the Springfest of the fall and an enduring aspect of Homecoming.

The list of successful activities goes on and on, including the speech by Jim Lampley, UNC alumnus and ABC Sports commentator, and the performance by comedian Steven Wright.

The CAA's hard work found money from many sources, and, most importantly, involved numerous groups in the week's activities. Seating the senior class in the card section provided the class with a rare opportunity for unity.

Rampage '85 successfully involved the student body, building school spirit as well as enthusiasm for our football team. It also welcomed alumni to a campus excited with itself. And happy alumni usually give more and larger financial gifts to all areas of the University.

Mark Pavao likes to stay behind the scenes. But he deserves to be brought into the limelight and given the utmost praise for infusing life-sustaining energy and creativity into a dying tradition. Let us hope that future CAA presidents, working with the precedents established by Pavao and his staff, will continue to enrich the Homecoming tradition. And may all campus leaders learn from Pavao's leadership, a leadership of organization and action rather than spiraling verbal jigsaw puzzles.

games, a surprise appearance by former miker Greg Lunsford stirs up spirit — only to have it die when he peels his last banana and (unh!) takes a hike. But even the pumped-up Lump couldn't upstage the excitement that already had been generated by the time he arrived.

It seemed that Carolina fans finally discovered football over the rims of their Ray-bans. It's 50,000 people with a special loyalty supporting a common cause, not an image. It's finding inspiration on the field, not from a cup. It's a potentially powerful sport for players and fans alike, not a way to pass the time some weekend afternoon.

The days of powder-blue crowds that lazily soak in the bourbon, invisible and in silence and always in style, will return. But for now, let's just keep up the good work.

the beginning of the semester, but the consistent energy that they put into researching edit topics will be missed. Keith will be remaining on staff as a reporter, while Jim will be leaving staff.

So much for the departing; now on to the incoming.

As of next Monday, the left-hand editorial column of *The Daily Tar Heel* will be taking on a new look. Three new editorial writers will be joining our ranks — Jim Toner, Louis Corrigan and Sally Pont — once again lending a distinctive flavor to DTH editorials. Also by next Monday, a single associate editor, whom Dave and I have yet to select, will be writing editorials and coordinating back-page layout.

Following a debate earlier in the semester on the issue of signed/unsigned editorials, the incoming "editorial board" has designed a bold policy to fit the style of its writers. The policy has unanimous support from the board. Beginning next Monday, the board will prepare a single editorial each day, which will run at the top of the edit column and will constitute the opinion of the editorial board by popular vote. Below each day's "popular edit" we will run signed editorials written by members of the board — all in an effort to bring more personality to the back-page.

I hope that the compromise thus reached between signed and unsigned editorials pleases our readers as much as it pleases the board. If you ever have a question concerning the editorial policy of the paper, don't hesitate to call or write. And, as always, if you have criticism or praise, we expect you to send it on in.

Thanks. Have a whale of a time with those midterms.

— ARNE RICKERT

READER FORUM

Abortion — America's sanctified destruction

To the editors:

Here's a fact that you may not have been aware of: When a woman is pregnant, she is instructed to get lots of calcium in her diet. Calcium helps to build the bones and keep them from being brittle and is needed for both the developing baby and for the mother's bones. But interestingly, if the calcium is in short supply it will be directed to the baby, even if the mother's bones become weaker. Why? Because the baby is more important than the mother!

Isn't this telling us something? In a time of crisis, nature itself directs that preference is given to the developing life, even at the expense of the parent.

How different from the man-made view that a developing life can be discarded based on convenience in circumstances that in comparison to the physical reality of the child are the most fantastic, remote abstractions. That child is there: its heart is beating. That's reality. The social spheres in which we move in

and aspire to are but concepts in the mind.

The subjugation of human life to false perceptions and philosophies of men has led to gross destruction and oppression. We have seen the horrors that resulted when error set in in entire societies and participants committed offense after blind offense.

Shall we continue in our ways in this country? Human lives are being terminated for the sake of a manufactured arbitrary definition of the value of life, a definition based on absolutely nothing. These innocents suffer the greatest loss.

It is painful to go towards the truth when it is so convenient to institutionalize a lie. But shall we

be the ones to set the course of our nation's conscience towards destruction by buckling in the crisis? Are we going to leave a legacy behind us, one of sanctified destruction? If death is cheap, then life is to us, one of sanctified destruction. We will see the ramifications in our society. Let's outlaw abortion.

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We are not the world, Anjetta

To the editors:

Just a few thoughts concerning Anjetta McQueen's column "Man's inhumanity to man must end" (Oct. 24):

Anjetta, you say that you were disgusted that we, The Carolina Club, consider ourselves and our views representative of UNC. Well, we feel the same sort of disgust every time we pick up the DTH and see that it is once again representing UNC with material appearing no more objective than propaganda. This is a liberal arts university,

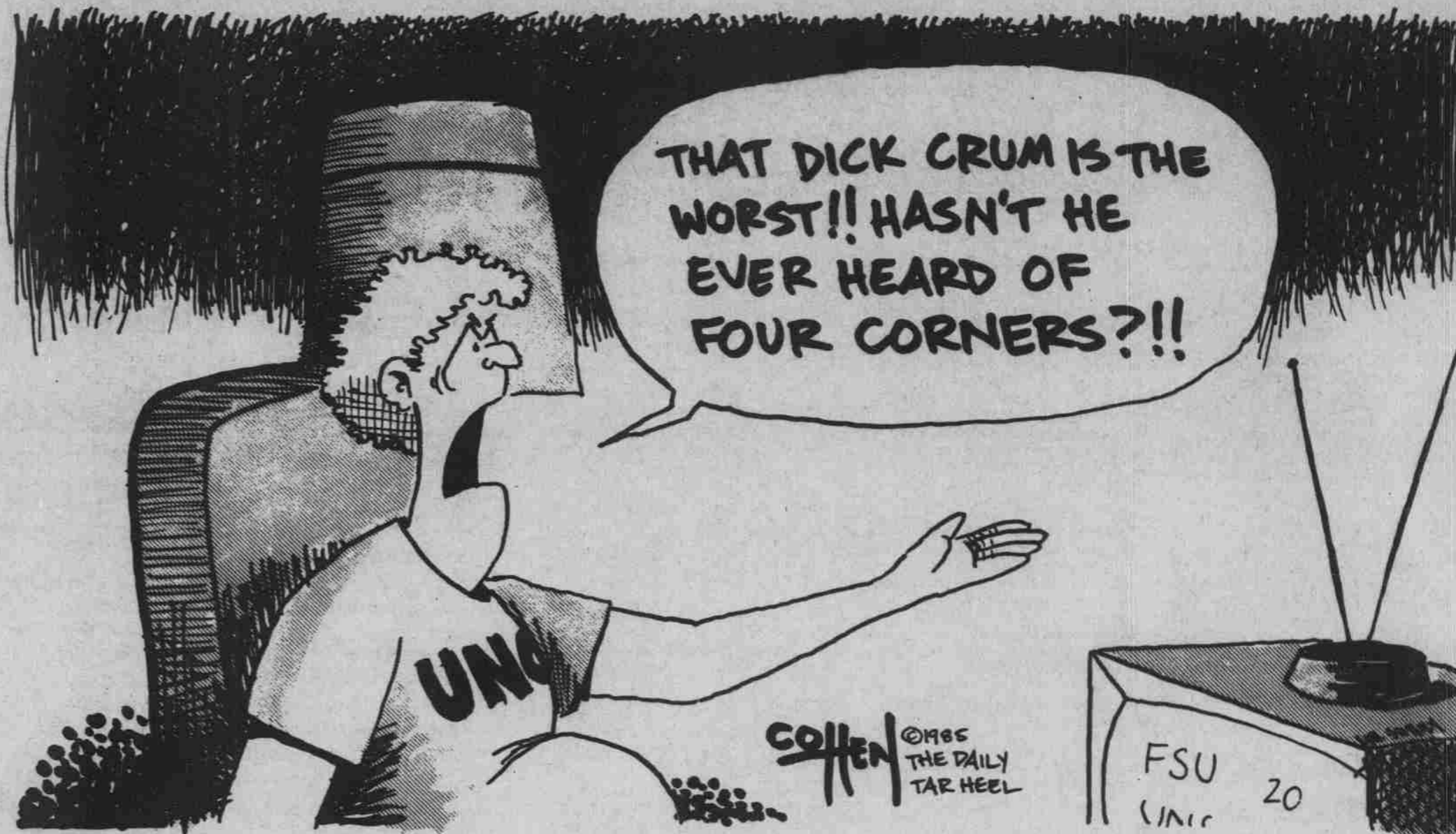
Anjetta. You should welcome the influx of new ideas.

You say in your column that you "felt anger." You were mad because you felt that the "narrow-minded" ideas of the red scare had penetrated the issues of South Africa. Well, Anjetta, we're angry too. We get mad when we continually hear from the liberal minds at UNC that the United States is obligated to feed the world. We are not the world, Anjetta.

So you see, Anjetta, we feel the same sort of disgust and anger that

you feel. Those who support destruction are trying to interject the ideas into UNC just as you accuse us who oppose divestment of doing. But you depict us as being wrong for imposing our views on other. We're no more wrong than you are. Let's not have the pot calling the kettle black.

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Protectionism profitable only politically

By TERRY TRUAX

The ghost of Smoot-Hawley has been lurking in the corridors of the U.S. Capitol lately, persistently stalking members of Congress to take up the cry of protectionism. Sadly, he's been having noted success.

The argument for protectionism blames the unfair trading practices of our foreign competitors for the dramatic increase in our trade deficit. "If only they were playing by the rules," the proponents of quotas contend, we would be able to compete. While few people dispute that there are areas where many of our competitors are deliberately keeping their markets closed to American products, casting the issue solely in those terms only provides a scapegoat for an American-made problem. The biggest culprit for the trade deficit is the federal budget deficit. That deficit has kept interest rates high enough to attract foreign investors to put their money into U.S. dollars, which has forced up the value of the dollar against other currencies and made American products more expensive relative to imports. Consequently, the issue has become a "monetary problem" as Jack Kemp titled it several weeks ago during a speech in Raleigh. But Congress, having been unsuccessful at tackling the budget deficit, has seen the vote-getting potential of replacing the word budget with the word trade, and then blaming all of our problems on our competitors. Says Tony Coelho, chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee: "It's a wonderful issue for us."

'Trade deficit's biggest culprit is the federal budget deficit'

Coelho has indeed found an issue. Promoting protectionism will win back many a vote from white males in the South where jobs are affected by textile imports. The Democrats have been steadily losing that voting bloc to the Republicans and are feverishly hunting for a way to bring them back into the fold. Protectionism also has a patriotic ring to it that affords the Democratic leadership the chance to compete in this year's flag-waving championships. "Buy American!" say the bumper stickers. Not surprisingly, many Republicans have sensed their vulnerability on the issue and have jumped on the bandwagon.

What is so disturbing about all of this is that Congress has so quickly abdicated its position of leadership in pursuit of a political advantage. I assume that most congressmen have taken Economics 101 (although lately I have begun to wonder) and understand why a free trade policy is a far better path to prosperity than protectionism. Are the lessons of Smoot-Hawley so distant that Congress can't muster the political courage to tell its constituents the real reasons why U.S. products aren't competitive? The history lesson on this issue is quite clear: Protectionism is bad economic policy.

Equally troublesome is the effect the debate is having on American attitudes. Somehow this debate rings of defeatism. Rather than recognize how we can solve the problem, we are pointing

the finger at someone else. Americans have the best standard of living in the world because we have been creative and innovative and worked through problems and not because we were able to find a scapegoat.

The debate also inevitably stirs up patterns of prejudice. Asian Americans have made tremendous strides in this country over the last decade, and Congress, through its rhetoric, must share some of the responsibility for the ugly specter of anti-Asian sentiment that has popped up in our industrial centers recently.

The trade issue poses real problems for Americans. Textile workers are justifiably concerned about the loss of jobs in their industry, and they are right to call on Congress for some help in devising solutions. Congress, however, has shrunken from its obligation to communicate the real reasons for the trade deficit. The recent attempts to devalue the dollar will raise that deficit in the short term as imports become more expensive and demand takes its time to respond accordingly. And Congress will be tempted to exploit that increase for yet more political advantage. It is hoped that sensibility will prevail on this important issue. If not, the ghost of Smoot-Hawley may just decide to return in person rather than in spirit.

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Legislation won't make U.S. Christian

By ALAN REINACH

Steve Matheny's column "U.S. has collective responsibility to God" (Oct. 14) was a capable and articulate presentation of a popular Christian viewpoint that ties the destiny of our nation to its faithfulness to Christian values. This position is epitomized by his quote from Lincoln — "that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord." This kind of thinking has led to the widespread promulgation of a theocratic political model that would transform America into a "Christian" nation. Because of the media attention given the proponents of this view, many sincere people are unaware that there is a dissenting Christian view — a Christian doctrine of separation of church and state.

The difficulty with the notion that prosperity will attend national righteousness is not that national righteousness won't bring blessings; rather, it is in the definition of national righteousness. Man all too often judges by outward appearances, but God judges the heart. If goodness could be objectively quantified, then perhaps it could be legislated. Many who believe that God will judge our nation for its sinfulness advocate legislating not just morality but piety. Abortion, drug abuse and child porn are legitimate social and moral issues; the nation has little to fear from attempted legislative solutions. The real danger is that as our religious leaders become intoxicated with political power, they will seek to employ that power to advance the gospel in its struggle against sin. The problem

'Christians in America should take pride in our tradition that doesn't discriminate on the basis of religion'

with this is that ungodliness cannot be overcome by legislation; laws cannot change hearts.

History teaches us that when the gospel becomes part of politics it becomes watered down. The compromising nature of the political process tends to corrupt the purity of the gospel. When the religious leaders attempt to legislate true religion, which one will it be? Will it be the Baptist, the Methodist, the Catholic or the Jewish religion? Or worse still, will it be an unrecognizable amalgamation thereof? This discussion would be largely academic if not for some very clear and pertinent chapters in scripture that predict that the religious leaders in America will gain control of the political power to enforce an economic boycott upon all who refuse to cooperate (the infamous "mark of the beast"). Read about it in *Revelation 13*. If you have any further questions, look me up.

The Christian doctrine of separation of church and state traces its roots to the declaration by Jesus that we should "render ... unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God, the things that are God's." In America, its roots stem from Roger Williams, the prominent Baptist founder of Rhode Island, who insisted that the purity of the church was dependent upon its freedom from the corrupting influence of the state. Jerry Falwell does not represent the best

tradition of Baptists, who for three centuries have been the foremost advocates of church/state separation. All who cherish Biblical truth should take notice of the fact that "all who will live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. No, the righteous will never rule; they will always be a minority. Neither should the church rely upon political power for the spreading of the gospel. Wherever it has, Christian commitment has all but died out (England being a case point).

America has made a great contribution to the world in its doctrine of religious freedom. As a result of this doctrine, America has been able to pursue prosperity in the absence of religious strife. In a world full of violence and hatred perpetrated in the name of God, Christians America should take pride in our tradition that doesn't discriminate on the basis of religion. Separation of church and state has helped make Christianity strong in America. Unable to depend upon the state for support, Christianity has had to rely upon God, and upon its inherent spirit power to persuade and uplift humanity. Nothing is certain; if America is to become a "Christian" nation, it won't be by legislation.

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