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Editorials

Old West — a 'ghost town'

Ghosts of Carolina Past are looming over the center of campus. While their presence has been felt but never seen by students, these ghosts have been lured from their haunted stashes to protect what rightfully belongs to them and the Ghosts of Carolina Future. They have increased in number throughout the past two centuries as the legends about their hallowed residence abound.

No reported sightings of such spirits have ever made it into print. However, Thomas Wolfe, Paul Green and UNC's first student, Hinton James, knew of these ghosts. Current students such as STOW Residence College Governor Allen Gleitz know about these ghosts. These ghosts are known to each of the thousands of young men who have lived in two campus landmarks — Old East and Old West.

Many of the state's major newspapers have reported the proposed conversion of Old East and Old West dormitories into office buildings. Besides removal of the apparitions, the renovation required for the conversion would clean out inefficient plumbing, unsightly tile floors — and 200 years of tradition, nostalgia and Carolina legends that give this university a tremendous amount of character and identity.

Edwin Scott's suggestion, offered in the Feb. 21 issue of *The Daily Tar Heel*, is indeed a good one and could provide an opportunity for a criticized Office of Student Affairs to show its commitment to working for UNC students. Scott proposed that the Old Well area, like

"The Lawn" at the University of Virginia, become "a set of on-campus dorms . . . reserved for seniors who have demonstrated great potential during their undergraduate work, and who deserve to be recognized for their accomplishments."

If one of the two dorms were committed to such a project, about 90 seniors would be invited to live in this choice location. The University could show its appreciation for outstanding students committed to perpetuating UNC traditions of excellence.

But it is important that the remaining dorm not chosen for the project remain a dormitory. Old East and Old West's frisbee throwers and football players provide vitality, youth and activity to the center of campus. Prospective students visiting the campus see students enjoying themselves in the heart of campus instead of being removed from it.

The first step to maintaining the status quo will be made today when Gleitz, RHA President-Elect Ray Jones and dorm government leaders meet with Director of Housing Wayne Kuncel and Vice Chancellor Donald Boulton to discuss alternatives. This should be a sign to the administration: students are willing to responsibly handle a disturbing issue.

It will take the efforts of Gleitz, Jones and other concerned students for the ghosts — and the students — to continue living in these two symbols of the University.

Aquino-sized bed of nails

If, for some reason, any one maintained any shred of sympathy for Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos during his country's recent elections, events of the past weekend should have removed it. Opposition to the Marcos government — a risky posture for any Filipino to assume — has grown so immense and unified that one can safely conclude Marcos deserves every uncomfortable moment on the bed of nails he has made for himself.

Conversely, the opposition's civil yet unyielding disobedience, inspired by Corazon C. Aquino, speaks well of the millions who comprise the movement. Even the defection of army leaders Juan Ponce Enrile and Lt. Gen. Fidel V. Ramos to the opposition — and that group's subsequent gain of troop strength — did not move opposition leaders to violent means.

Enrile and Ramos resigned their armed forces posts (defense minister and deputy chief of staff, respectively) Saturday, fearing arrest by pro-Marcos troops on trumped-up charges. With the help of soldiers sympathetic to their cause, the two took over the Philippine defense headquarters in Manila. The maneuver was bloodless.

With the ever-present danger of a Marcos-ordered strike against the

compound, Enrile and Ramos held a press conference. They were not seeking violent overthrow of the Marcos government, they said, echoing Aquino's remarks a week earlier. Rather, they were seeking answers from Marcos. As testament to the resolve of Corazon Aquino, both pledged to support her. "At least I will die with a clear conscience instead of serving this illegal regime," Enrile said.

The two also provided clues as to why Marcos would want to arrest them. Enrile said Marcos had staged an assassination attempt (of Enrile) in 1972 to gain popular support for his unconstitutional declaration of martial law. Enrile, an important Marcos confidant during the elections, also said the Philippine leader told him to falsify voting counts.

Marcos' reply to Enrile and Ramos? "Some of the opposition is saying that the president is incapable of enforcing the law. They repeat that once more and I will sic the tanks and artillery on them."

Forget questions of imperialism and U.S. intervention: The Reagan administration should demand Marcos' resignation and do everything possible to assure peaceful change in Philippine government.

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Tough guys take over as TV's new heroes

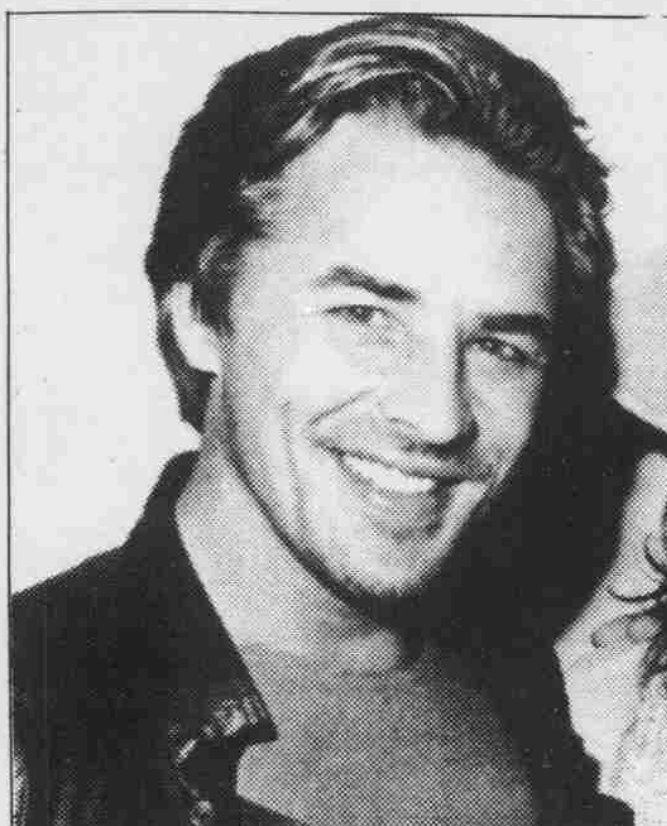
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masculinity back to sitcoms" in a recent *New York Times* article.

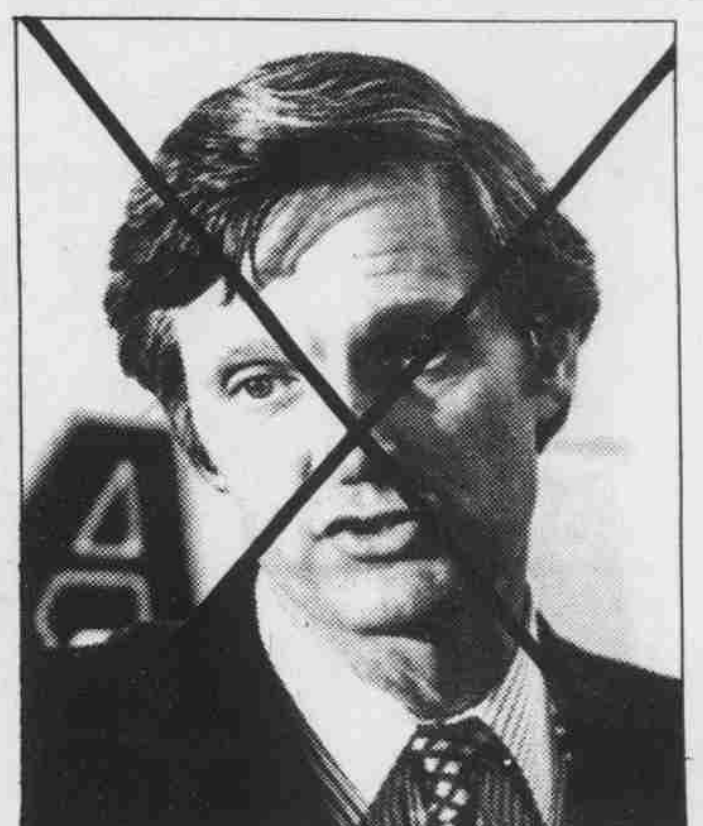
Successes of the ultimate mass-media male like Rambo have forced more innocent and tender TV characters to toughen up. *St. Elsewhere's* boy-next-door Bob Caldwell, played by Mark Harmon, had a sensitive and even vulnerable quality his first season. Writers decided this year to turn him into a bed-hopping sexmachine who

Harmon was recently dubbed sexiest man in the world by authoritative *People* magazine. Men are clearly not the only fans of these tough guys, but their appeal to women is very different; men would like to emulate Crockett's detached coolness, but women long to break him of it.

The woman of the '80s prides herself on her independence, but at the same time, she, like Kathleen Turner in *Romancing the Stone*, wants a strong, self-assured man to lead her through this world. It's hard to find such a man in real life; if they're not copies of the Woody Allen brand of wimpiness, they overplay their coolness into boredom. But with her television hero, a woman can watch the hero's cocky assurance and imagine underneath his tender sensitivity



Don Johnson: today's hot TV star is too cool brags about his latest conquest while toning up on his rowing machine.



Alan Alda: the sensitive man is out in the '80s that she would bring out after the cameras are off.

Do these men represent a reaction against the women's movement of the '70s? Women have indeed invaded traditional male gathering grounds like the boardroom and the locker, and it seems as if male viewers flick on the tube to find a world where "traditional" gender roles dominate in the end, where the tough, ambitious Cybill Shepherd on *Moonlighting* is constantly forced to turn to the egocentric Addison for help. But women are also attracted to these shows.

Don Johnson and Phillip Michael Thomas, stars of the hot *Miami Vice*, find swooning female fans waiting outside their dressing rooms, and

Class of 1987 needs marshals to be a success

To the editor:

It is with great pleasure, anticipation and excitement that we now present the second opportunity for the most promising class yet, the UNC Class of 1987, to make a stake in theirs, undoubtedly the greatest senior class yet. The first opportunity came when juniors turned out at the polls to let their choices be known for the senior class officers. We thank you for having confidence enough in us. We will not let you down. Now it's your turn, Class of 1987.

Applications for next year's senior class marshals are now available at the Union Desk, and we encourage all of those rising seniors who feel that they are enthusiastic and willing, and can benefit our class, to please apply. The Senior Class Council — the marshals and senior officers — are the core group as to activity in the senior class. As a body, this group is the most important attribute needed to make next year a banner year for the seniors of UNC. The Senior Class of 1986 has done a super job, and we have much to live up to. With a hardworking, optimistic Senior Council we can get things done, things which will benefit all seniors, and turn next year into the best year ever. But we need you to apply.

Applications will be accepted at the senior class office in Suite 216-B of the Union through next Friday, Feb. 28. Applications should be completed in their entirety and handed in with a

picture attached. Also, please sign up for an interview when you turn in your application, as all persons who apply will be interviewed by the senior class officers during the next two weeks. Final selections should be made some time before spring break. Furthermore, if you feel that you will not have the time to commit to being a marshal, you can apply for the position of either a committee chairperson or a committee member on the same application. The important thing is that you apply.

Letters to the Editor

We look forward to talking to those of you interested in becoming a senior marshal in the very near future. If you have any questions as to the application, please feel free to call either the senior class office or any of the senior officers for the Class of 1987.

The Officers of the Class of 1987

Letters?

The Daily Tar Heel welcomes letters that are typed, triple-spaced and turned in by noon the day before publication date. Please include year in school and major (for publication) and phone number (for verification). The *DTH* reserves the right to edit for clarity, accuracy and length.



Davis could supply needs for campus housing

Our university is selling out to progress at the expense of tradition. Multi-million dollar mega-structures are springing up all over campus, casting long, dark shadows over the tiny monuments of the glory, past and present, of our beloved Carolina. Only half of the student body can remember the comforting atmosphere of age and wisdom that flowed through Wilson Library, but everyone is familiar with the antiseptic brightness of the Walter Royal Davis Library and Blimp Hangar. This past year we bade farewell to cozy Carmichael Auditorium and began pouring into the new Student Activities Center, naively expecting to feel one with the team as we did before. And in the near future we will be forced to say good-bye to 193 years of tradition as our oldest dormitory becomes home to filing cabinets and coffee machines. At least a new Carmichael, Katharine K., will open its doors soon (cough) to lessen the sorrow.

We could scream and bite and kick the administration into halting this desecration of tradition, but that would just make us look silly. We could ask alumni support for the preservation of our mutual past, but we might lose support for even more multi-million dollar mega-structures, which are, after all, quite impressive.

So, what do we do when traditions are plowed under? Replace them with new ones!

Davis is an incredible library, but it would make an even better dorm. Moving all the

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graduate students to their new suites of air-conditioned study rooms in the Kathy Carmichael Dorm will open up the private carrels as individual rooms for upperclassmen, resident assistants and an area director (we have to be official about this or we won't be taken seriously). Graduate students only use these rooms for eating and reading Stephen King novels anyway and they'll be much happier all together in their own dorm. Freshmen and sophomores will sack out between the bookshelves, which will remain to provide privacy. Those who want to live with only one other person could apply to build lofts in the group study rooms. The smoking lounges only need televisions and maybe pingpong tables. Since the typing rooms already have formica counters and adequate electrical outlets, it wouldn't take much to convert them into kitchens; merely pulling up the carpets and putting in the microwaves should do nicely.

The only problem I can see, other than residents having to go to the main floor to use the phone, is the lack of showers. This difficulty can be easily overcome by converting one of the

restrooms into showers. Because each floor will alternate between guys and girls, only bathrooms for one sex will be needed on each floor.

Because it would take too much time and effort to move all the books back to Wilson where they belong, they can stay so that Davis will retain its function as a library. Residents will find research papers much easier when they can be done in the comfort of one's own dorm. The more studious of applicants to Carolina could request to live on the specific floor that contains the reference materials for their chosen field. People who haven't chosen a major can live on the seventh floor with the fiction.

Granted, it might be difficult for non-residents to get much studying done while stereos are blasting and kegs are flowing around them, but I find the thought of eight entire floors of students quietly studying particularly nauseating. Knowing that just one floor shows signs of life would provide valuable motivation when study burnout sets in.

While turning Davis into a dorm wouldn't solve any problems, it would be a lot of fun and would help ease the passing of old friends. I don't think it would be unreasonable for the guys in Old East and Old West to request a single floor for their own. A keg-drinking contest inside Davis Library, a new tradition?

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