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## Editorials

### Clear the smoke

Considering that this state leads the nation in tobacco production, it's surprising the State Employees Association of North Carolina is considering the resolution at all. But it is a good idea.

At their annual convention, state employees will vote Friday whether to ask Gov. Jim Martin to encourage limits on where employees and visitors to state facilities may smoke. The resolution asks Martin to encourage guidelines to ban smoking in state buildings, except in specific areas. Willingness by state employees to make such a statement would go a long way toward protecting the rights of non-smokers in public places.

N.C. Agriculture Commissioner James Graham is emphatically against the idea. Graham asserts that the resolution would lower job efficiency of state employees, who would have to leave their places of work to smoke in designated areas. But efficiency is a strange argument to use when, according to American Lung Association statistics, this country loses \$13 billion in direct health care costs for smoking-related illnesses each year, plus an estimated \$25 billion in lost productivity and wages.

cluded on the long-term effects of "passive smoking," adequate information is available to seriously consider the risks. According to the ALA, the smoker inhales and exhales "mainstream smoke" an average of eight to nine times for each cigarette, but the cigarette butt will burn for about 12 minutes. "Secondstream" particles from the burning end of the cigarette make up most of a room's smoke and can contain up to twice as much tar and nicotine as that inhaled by the smoker.

The elderly and those with respiratory problems are known to be susceptible to other people's cigarette smoke. The state should not allow a situation where, for example, asthmatics who have to renew licenses or discuss tax problems endure the agony of a smoke-filled environment.

Health problems aside, the non-smoking taxpayers — and employees — of this state have a right to conduct business in a clean atmosphere, free of irritants. Smokers have made the choice and have every right to enjoy the benefits, but providing them locational carte blanche infringes on the rights of others.

Graham has said the resolution would be promoting "reverse discrimination." The idea, however, does not discourage smokers from indulging, but protects the rights of non-smokers who must do business in state buildings and often have to inhale the smoke created by others.

While few studies have been con-

### Chart course for controllers

Yet another budget cut, yet another airline crash and yet another search for the cause.

When a jetliner collided with a private plane Aug. 31 over Cerritos, Calif., federal investigators cited poor communication between air traffic controllers as contributing to the crash. Considering the constraints controllers must deal with daily, this communications lapse was predictable but avoidable.

Thanks largely to the dismissal of 11,000 air traffic controllers by President Reagan following their 1981 strike, control towers are understaffed and inexperienced. Of the 14,000 controllers currently working, only 57 percent are "fully qualified," (the other 43 percent are considered apprentices).

The experienced controllers must devote time to training the newcomers in addition to marshalling air traffic and preventing collisions. Such time demands occasionally stretch these

controllers too thin, as investigators say happened in the California disaster.

But controllers are not the only overextended sector of the FAA workforce. Because of budget cuts, the FAA has been forced to cut 700 inspectors since 1979, a staff whose vital task it is to inspect planes before takeoff. As air traffic has increased in this same period of time, the number of inspectors has not increased concurrently.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole plans to hire 1,000 more controllers by 1987, but officials with the General Accounting Office believe the problem will worsen as veteran controllers retire. Restricting air traffic until more controllers gain valuable experience is the solution offered by the GAO officials, a solution the Reagan administration would be wise to strongly consider.

## Tar Heel Forum

### Out-of-state to in-state a long road

Richard Brostrom  
Guest Writer

To those graduate students who are "Tar Heel born" and have secured in-state tuition, I congratulate you on your choice of a state in which to be born and suggest that you quit reading here and move on to the Bloom County comic strip. To those other students who think that they've endured the last of the major university hassles, this article may be important to you.

Just because the dust has settled from registration lines, parking permits, the shock of bookstore prices, IDs, etc., doesn't mean that you're home free. Chances are good that if you plan on being here for a while, you will eventually face the "Ellis Island" of UNC, namely, the resident tuition process. Unlike Ellis Island, where the most difficult test might have been to pass the physical (no drug testing back then), obtaining in-state tuition requires nothing short of cutting off your finger to show that your blood runs Carolina Blue or promising to name your firstborn male child "Dean."

I finally have the courage to write my views because I was allowed to pass through the Golden Gates of residency status just last week, more than two years after I arrived to the Southern Part of Heaven — and now that I'm here, I can claim diplomatic immunity. It was a long, frustrating, unnecessarily tedious process, exacerbated by a few mistakes on my part. Here are a few tips for those students in tuition purgatory:

- Get in your car and drive as fast as you can to Carboro to get your driver's license changed. If you are new to Carolina, make sure to stomp on the gas when the light turns yellow, or else you will most certainly be hit from behind by the in-state residents behind you. The written test is different from any that you will take while at UNC, since it is difficult to fail — most don't even study. Do it now. I waited until January and it cost me about \$2,000.
- Drive to University Mall with some cash and register your car in North Carolina. While you are waiting in line, look to your left and find the Minnesota license plate EXC-016 on the wall. My plate had been there over a year before I got my residence status changed.
- The usuals are the essentials: Move bank accounts, voter registration, insurance, etc., to North Carolina.
- When January rolls around, file for county/city taxes and pay state taxes. This is required for all students earning money in North Carolina, but it is ignored by most of the students I know (Kent, Vince, Dave

to name a few). The local taxes are cheap if you don't own much. Last year I paid \$2.21 for local taxes. This year, I bought a car and paid \$180.

- Try to find summer work (outside the University) in the state.
  - Join churches, groups, etc. outside the University.
- Other things that might help include: Make a sizable donation to the University or buy a house in Chapel Hill (a few student loans could provide the down payment.) Consider starting a small business in the town or run for city office.

Now that you have completed this preliminary phase of becoming an in-state resident, you need to find yourself a few hours of free time next year and sit down with the residency tuition form available at the graduate school office in Bynum Hall. This innocent-looking four-page form was designed to inflict a maximum amount of psychological stress on the applicant, which it successfully does. For example, you are required to list in chronological order all places that you have been for seven days over the past three years, including vacations. If you happen to be married, you are required to do the same for your spouse. Of course, the purpose for your visit is required as well, because the graduate school must know if you are a communist sympathizer or a Wolfpack subversive. It took me a whole six-pack to get through that little sucker the first time, but by my fourth try, I was down to just a couple of beers. One hint: when you fill it out, please make sure that you know your own address, since you will be required to write it down on the same form over 20 times.

If you have done everything above to the satisfaction of the graduate school and are a very lucky person, you just might be recommended to be an in-state student and your hassle will be over. More likely, however, you'll be turned down and have 10 days to write for an appeal with the Residence Committee.

I found the Residence Committee to be very similar to the graduate school. That is, a bunch of rather nice people working very hard to find any reason they can to deny you residence status. However, the appeal will provide you with an opportunity

to show any additional information not already submitted and make an emotional appeal for tuition mercy. Remember, no matter how much these people smile and nod their heads, they are probably not on your side.

The decision that these two bodies make is legally based upon a cryptic document affectionately called "the Manual." Over 70 pages of incomprehensible legal jargon can be better summed up in one sentence: You as a student are required to show a "preponderance of evidence" indicating your "intent to stay" in North Carolina for at least one year.

So, what is a preponderance of evidence? This is where the scam unravels itself. A preponderance of evidence (perhaps "preposterous" is a better word) is different for each individual, and aside from the aforementioned basics, the amount will not ever be described for you by the school. In other words, the graduate school can turn you down for lack of a preponderance, but will not tell you what you need in order to reach it. They will simply smile and say, "Sorry, this is not enough," and charge you out-of-state rates. Apparently, the graduate school and the Residence Committee have the right to be as vague and arbitrary as the law they uphold.

The determination of "intent to stay" is even more evasive to define. Here is a clear case of someone who knows very little about you trying to read your mind to determine whether you really want to be a resident or are just trying to save some money while you are in school.

This system for denying residence status has saved the University untold millions of dollars while abusing the rights of thousands of students. Yet it has withstood various individual challenges and a number of state audits. The problem for the student is not the Residence Committee or the graduate school. Rather, the problem is the arbitrary and capricious law used for the current decision-making process. There is no accountability of the officials who make the decisions built into the law, nor is there any meaningful written criteria that a student has to meet in order to obtain residence status.

So, be prepared for a long, frustrating battle. I sincerely wish you guys — oops ... y'all — better luck than I had.

*Richard Brostrom, a third year graduate student in environmental sciences is from LaCrescent, Minn.*

### You can help

To the editor:  
Charles is a student who is on financial aid. He has turned in all his applications on time, and he is going to the financial aid office to pick up his checks. When Charles gets there, he finds that some additional paperwork has to be filled out, and he can have no money until the paperwork is processed. This means that Charles has no money to pay for his tuition and books.

Many Carolina students are faced with this problem. Because Congress fears the infamous Gramm-Rudman Act, it is cutting educational funds. To college students across the country, this means little or no financial aid. In other words, some students will not be able to afford a college education.

However, students can fight for their right for a college education. Student body presidents from public universities across the state are going to Washington, D.C. on Sept. 10 to lobby against the decrease and delays in students' loans and grants. Bryan Hassel, UNC student body president, is going to Washington. Hassel also lobbied in Raleigh this summer against Gov. Jim Martin's proposed increase in college tuition.

As a student, you can do something. You can write your congressman and urge him to vote against cuts in education. In November, you can also vote for people who believe that education is important. Yes, you, as a student, can make a difference.

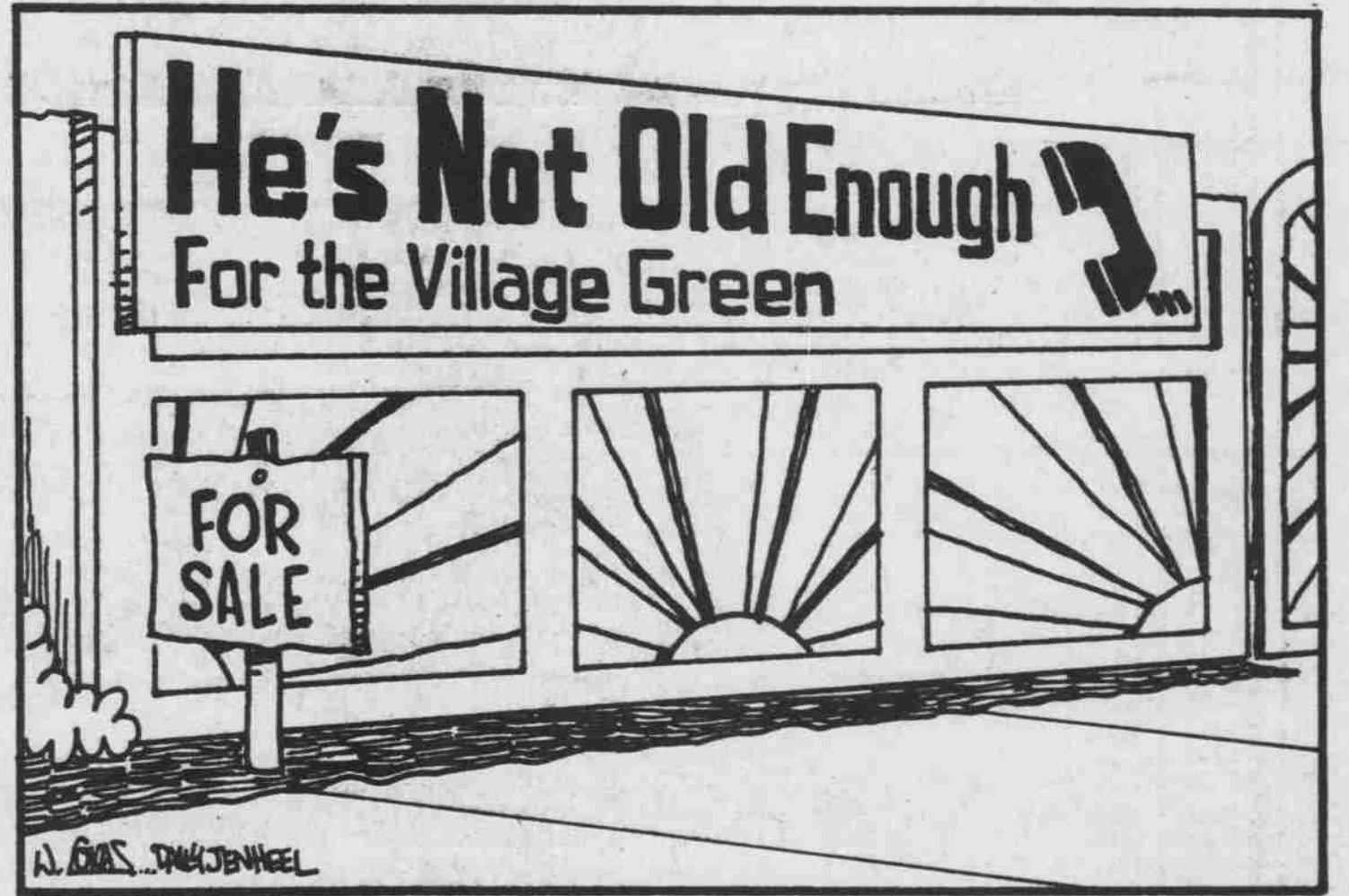
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### No scandal here

The author is chairman of the Rules and Judiciary Committee of the Student Congress.

To the editor:  
I am perturbed by your handling of the "CGLA newsletter scandal" and I thought you deserved some clarification of this issue (or non-issue).

First, the petition that was passed around at the last Student Congress meeting was not a protest of the CGLA or their newsletter. It was a petition stating we, the undersigned, no longer wanted the CGLA to misuse their funds by sending each Student Congress member a copy of their newsletter,



## Letters

"Lambda." That does not in any way mean that each Student Congress member would not read the "Lambda." It just means that if they sent us one copy or if we picked up a copy somewhere else, it would save them some of the money that they fought three hours on budget day to get. Each Student Congress member does not need a separate copy; we could easily share one copy. When professors put books on reserve, they need not have a copy for every student, but one or two usually suffice. More than that would be a waste of money.

Would you have made such a big deal of the matter if we thought it was unnecessary to receive any other group's newsletter? I surely doubt it. The DTH continues to blow issues about the CGLA out of proportion, making mountains out of molehills in search of the elusive controversial headline. The newspaper continues to take a minor happening at a Student Congress meeting and make it a lead story while glancing over subjects far more important, such as Student Supreme Court appointments. Imagine the stories you'd come up with if you actually had to sell papers!

And Jim Zook, if you think we need to experience all of a group's functions in order to fund it fairly, then surely you must need to be familiar with a group's functions to cover it properly. So, Jim, I'll go to the

next CGLA dance — if you'll go with me.  
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Junior  
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### Non-alignment

To the editor:  
In defense of the non-aligned, this letter is in response to the September 8 editorial which asks the rhetorical question, "This is non-aligned?" True, the answer is no, just as the nations are not united in spite of the United Nations. But, they would like to be. And one reason they talk fascism and imperialism is that the problems of hunger and overpopulation cannot be solved without money that we have and they don't, or without our technology, or without using economic models which the capitalist world does its best to undermine.

We have the tractors, the pills, the wealth, and the weapons for their wars; we furnish the capital, or we withhold it. We are far from being irrelevant to the third world's most fundamental problems. For example, the editorial claims that Nicaragua is in effect at war with the United States. This sure puts the shoe on the wrong elbow; after all, it was our mines that we laid in their harbor, not the other way around. We're the ones with contingency invasion plans

drawn up, not them. It is our weapons that are being used by troops who have bayoneted people on buses, raped women, blown up North American journalists, killed whole families, and more. After this, they should be non-aligned?

Elected leaders, be they in Washington or Managua, are not what are enthroned in Asia and the Americas; superpowers are, superpowers that invade third world nations, and manipulate their economies and politics. Soviet and United States bombs are at this moment falling around the world. Perhaps if we respected economic forms other than our own, gave aid to all countries only on basis of need, and worked for peace instead of fanning the flames of unrest, then the non-aligned could actually be non-aligned, and the nations really could be united.

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