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Editorials

Protest lacks tact

This weekend brought disappointment to the campus in more places than Kenan Stadium. When Anti-Apartheid Support Group members appeared during Friday's inauguration of UNC-system President C.D. Spangler, the pro-divestment group suffered a loss of credibility.

More than 4,000 students, faculty and supporters of the UNC system converged on Polk Place to witness the first installation of a system president in 30 years. The contrast of academic fineries and Charles Kuralt's folksy humor gave the event a uniquely Carolina touch.

Midway through the ceremony — as a choral group from UNC-Greensboro performed prior to Spangler's inaugural address — a pair of banners fell from South Building windows proclaiming that the University should "DIVEST NOW." As Spangler prepared to begin his address, the protesters tried to march through the audience with homemade placards and banners held high. Campus officials prevented the march until Spangler finished, but the protesters skirted the edge of the audience during the speech.

Friday's protest capped a week in which three events renewed hopes that officials on the Chapel Hill campus would divest:

- Farris Womack, vice chancellor for business and finance, announced his new stance supporting divestment. When the divestment issue came to a head in the spring, Womack opposed such a move.

- Members of the Student Congress approved a resolution supporting divestment.

- Thursday, members of the University's Board of Trustees engaged in heated debate about divestment. The board tabled a measure recommending the University Endowment Board divest.

But Friday's protest hindered the divestment efforts. The protesters were exercising their right to freedom of speech — a right that Spangler said in his inaugural address he would protect as president. But they did not exercise a trait when important to those changing the "system" from the outside: tact. While the protesters did not chant or sing songs, they did detract from a regal ceremony that occurs as rarely as once every 30 years.

The protesters' message could have been more effectively presented. The UNC Wind Symphony played as the throngs of dignitaries took their seats before the installation. Circulating through the crowd before the ceremony started would have presented the message without detracting from the event.

This university needs to divest now. As a pillar in higher education, UNC sends a strong signal to its fellow institutions. Although divestment by UNC alone won't topple the oppressive Botha regime, the minds of many decision makers could be swayed.

But student protesters need to learn that free speech does not mean any expression of opinion will be an effective one.

The Rivalry continues

Come hell or high water, some things — at least those most vital to the human experience — will never change, at least for the foreseeable future. The sun will always rise in the east and set in the west. The four seasons will come and go. Ocean waves will forever crash against sandy or rocky shores, and lovers will sing their laments, or shout their joy, ad infinitum.

And the rivalry between UNC and N.C. State will continue, as long as there's a Tar Heel ready and willing to do his duty and cry from every hilltop, "Go to hell, State!" As long as there's a Tar Heel, in other words.

No, not even Saturday's setback (?) will lessen the true-blue Carolina fan's love for the team, a team that has

performed much better than expected, a team that has done the job time and time again.

They did the job Saturday, too — only fate had different ideas. Quarterback Mark Maye, playing a spectacular first full game for the Heels, was destined to throw a little bit too short to tight end Dave Truitt. And Truitt, leaning to catch the pigskin — and therefore, end the game-to-end-all games, since the path to the end zone was clear — was destined to touch Kenan's turf with his right knee.

No, nothing could ever subtract from The Rivalry. Not even the heartbreak that occurred Saturday. Take note, Wolfpackers: We'll be back next year — we've got your number. Always have, always will.

Tar Heel Forum

For Soviet cooperation, stand firm

John Hood
 Guest Writer

Has the evil empire returned? As journalists, commentators and critics of the Reagan administration wallow gleefully in a muddy pool of blaming America first, as European appeasers and pacifists decry American intransigence and gain momentum, as Third World leaders turn up their noses in disgust while their hands stay outstretched for American aid, why is no one asking, "What really happened at Reykjavik?"

Was lasting peace in our world blocked by the delusions of an American president, an old man obsessed with a new weapon in space? Did things just get moving so fast at the Iceland summit that both sides lost control of the situation?

The answer to this question is at once simple and complex. It is almost too obvious to believe, yet too ominous to ignore. The Evil Empire almost got us, again.

Driven by economic pressures, political goals and potential personal gain, Gorbachev proposes a hasty summit in Iceland, a NATO country. He then devises a nearly foolproof plan for the summit negotiations: suddenly agree to United States overtures on nuclear arms reduction, pledge to eliminate them in 10 years and leak a story to the Western press saying that a "historic" agreement is at hand.

Then, throw in a virtually no-lose condition — SDI. To get the arms control goodies, Reagan would have to approve a strengthened ABM treaty prohibiting indefinitely the testing of strategic defense outside the laboratory, effectively killing SDI.

If Reagan agrees to the condition, no control on Soviet treaty cheating will ever be put into space, and various Soviet nuclear or space systems can be developed for profitable nuclear blackmail later.

If Reagan turns down the package, the Soviets and fellow thugs can put the summit through a formidable and well-oiled propaganda machine and produce all kinds of

wonderful things: world sympathy, domestic assaults on Western leaders or, if they are lucky, victory for the Democrats in the United States or for leftists in Europe.

What a neat plan! I suppose decades of experience in power politics and institutionalized brutality in the Soviet Union are good for something besides killing Ukrainians and Asians or kidnapping American journalists. But once again, the Soviet school of very hard knocks might very well prove inferior to the education of Hollywood.

President Reagan didn't take the deal, of course. He knows full well the necessity of a strategic defense as a stabilizing influence on the transition to disarmament, or as an insurance policy against Soviet perfidy and Third World madness.

But this war, the war of the Iceland summit, was not waged with ICBM's, cruise missiles or particle beams. It is a war of words, and the president may turn a potential propaganda victory for the Soviets into an even heat, or even an advantage. After all, he's right. And European leaders, whose hands have already strayed into the technological cookie jar of SDI research, may go along with the president on this one.

The danger is that while Western leaders and diplomats might support the American position, other groups may use the apparent failure to achieve peace at the summit as a rallying cry for gaining popular support. Pacifists, leftist coalitions and, yes, European socialist and communist movements have much to gain from a good anti-American issue. And it would be a mistake not to realize the impact such groups have on European politics and on the agenda of leaders hoping to co-opt an opposing movement's support.

The danger also exists in the United States, as newspapers and broadcast journalists like ABC's Sam Donaldson can sarcastically refer to strategic defense as a "Star Wars fantasy" and turn America against the president with emotion rather than logic. In a general sense, American journalism has failed to approach SDI either with objectivity or just basic good sense. The public needs and deserves a much more rational, extensive debate on the subject.

SDI is workable. Portions of the program, such as terminal point defense and non-laser interceptors, have existed in a basically deployable form for a while now. What we need to do now is develop compatible beam technologies and plan the system.

Reagan's compromise offer of a 10-year period of such development is still on the table, as are both sides' agreements on reductions of nuclear arms to zero within that same 10 years. It is not Reagan, but Gorbachev who must stop playing political games and make good on his claims of enthusiasm for arms control, including on-site verification.

Is arms control still on the agenda for the coming months? Many still think so, citing the Soviet Union's economic woes and future political worries as chief motivations for a return to the Geneva arms talks. The Iceland play may have been a desperate but determined attempt to get some exploitable advantage out of an inevitable process. If we maintain our resolve, and "stick to our guns," as one might ironically put it, the Soviets will have to think over the proposals in the coming months.

It is possible for an Evil Empire to make a deal, but only when its back is against the wall and a nightstick is held over its head. That's how we catch other criminals, isn't it?

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Ethical majority

To the editor:
 Since coming to UNC, I have noticed an interesting attitude among people of the surrounding communities and even among the students themselves — an attitude that shows a lack of insight into the nature of this university. The general consensus seems to be that the actions and feelings of a few students are the actions and feelings of us all.

The Aug. 31 "riot" on Franklin Street is an example. Of the 12 people who were arrested, only five were UNC students. Yet the event will be remembered as "the Chapel Hill riot" and will tarnish the image of Carolina students in general, including all those who did not participate.

Worse still is the tone of the Oct. 10 front-page article, "Sculpture falls prey to vandalism." I remind Marvin Saltzman, the art professor quoted in the story, that the University is just like society at large: There is great diversity here as in the larger community of the world.

Ideally, we are all at UNC for the purpose of getting a good education and of being a part of a community, but we, like society, have our criminals. Obviously there are students who would destroy a sculpture or who join a mob and wreck Franklin Street but there are a great many more who would not. To say that students "feel free to destroy other people's property" (a paraphrase from Saltzman) is an absurd generalization.

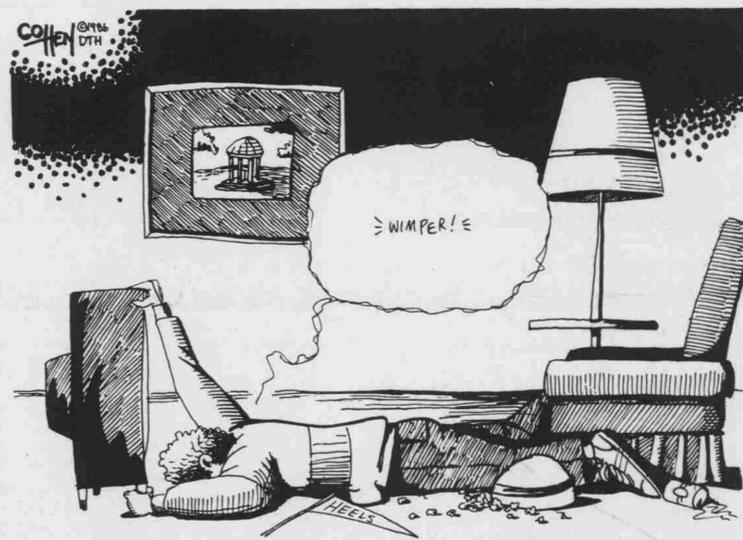
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N.C. asset?

To the editor:
 It is true that Shearon Harris is needed, and that some federal authorities have stated the plant's emergency plan to be sound. But Max Thompson lost me when he said, "No one has ever been seriously injured or killed by radiation leaking from a U.S. nuclear plant" ("A worthy goal," Oct. 15) What does he consider serious injury? Any radiation injury is serious to me!

Secondly, the plant is not the only option to the state's electricity demands. Thirdly, the Harris plant will increase jobs in North Carolina. But who will fill these jobs? Remember, this is a nuclear plant! Will the average unemployed North Carolinian be qualified to work in a nuclear plant? No, specialized training is required to work in a nuclear plant, so the people filling these positions will come from outside the state.

Lastly, I put this question to everyone. Could the real reason that North Carolina is an



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"ideal" location for Shearon Harris be that the state ranks number 46 among the 50 states, as far as wealth goes? If we were among the 10 wealthiest states, would we be a likely candidate? And if Shearon Harris is so safe, why not put it near the White House or in Hollywood?

Our society exploits the poor. But even if North Carolinians are not each averaging \$20,000 to \$50,000 a year, that does not mean we should sit by and allow Shearon Harris to be shoved into our homes! For these reasons, I say no to the Shearon Harris plant.

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Sanford's badge

To the editor:
 I find it laughable that TV ads for Sen. Jim Broome are using former Gov. Terry Sanford's food tax in an attempt to discredit him. Sanford saw an urgent dilemma in the N.C. educational system and applied the tax money to help our schools. He had enough responsibility to propose that tax, knowing that millions of dollars don't just pop out of nowhere.

As we all know, tax is a bad word in any conservative's vocabulary. Even the slightest talk of raising taxes to combat Reagan's huge budget deficit makes conservatives cry and howl. They don't want anyone touching their financial lollipops.

But they do want the Strategic Defense Initiative, Contra aid and defense increases. But

do they have the fiscal responsibility to somehow raise taxes for this? No. They just charge it, and our kids or we will get to pay for the bill 10 or 20 years down the pike. They want their toys and their wars, but they don't want to pay for them.

We could use someone like Sanford in the Senate, someone who knows that if you want something, you have to be willing to pay a price. Sanford stuck himself out on a limb proposing that food tax, and we are all the better for it. As a Charlotte Observer columnist wrote recently, Sanford should wear that tax as "a badge of courage." Yet Broome would like to discredit him for conducting political and fiscal affairs responsibly, as they should be conducted. Let's hope North Carolinians have the wisdom to send someone to Washington who can make a difference, instead of making more of the same kind of shortsighted policies we see now.

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Don't segregate

To the editor:
 Outrage, anger and disbelief are some of the feelings I and many other students, both black and white, felt after reading the article written by LaTonya Broome. Her letter, "Concern for Carolina minorities should begin at home" (Oct. 8), had nothing to do with minorities or the lack of concern on the part of University administration.

I favor increasing UNC's

minority enrollment and protecting the rights of all students. However, where does Broome get off in thinking UNC owes her or anyone else anything beyond an education and the obligation to uphold her rights as a citizen? This is an institution of higher learning and not "Entertainment Tonight."

Broome states that she is being deprived socially. As I can see, that is the only thing Broome has been deprived of here at UNC. I have had to work every semester to afford the cost of my education and I have to pay dearly for a tutorial service. I am happy for those that can receive any help they can, but Broome wants the absurd.

But the real prompting of my anger and outrage came when Broome said, "There is no Troll's, He's Not Here or Henderson Street Bar for blacks." This has the sick undertones of segregation. It would seem to me that a person who is majoring in political science would know that segregation is an ugly word in politics.

Broome's views are similar to those of people I saw marching in Raleigh not so long ago. So understand, the University has nothing to do with her lack of social skills; it are here to teach her. And by the way, as best I can remember, the last time I was at He's Not Here, I saw blacks, whites, hispanics and many other different races. I sure didn't see a sign that said, "Whites only."

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