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Editorials

Just a little R-E-S-P-E-C-T

The campaign to convert Chapel Hill into a sedate suburb had another victory last Monday night. In a 5-3 vote the Town Council denied the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity the noise permit needed to hold Burnout as it was known and loved.

board opinion

eliminate the possibility of holding Burnout as in the past. Unfortunately, the town has not worked reasonably with the students on this issue. While Burnout may inconvenience the community, students have exhibited their good will by meeting some of the town's requests. The town should have taken this cue and made some compromises of its own. But it seems that council members were not interested in working with the students.

Burnout, the all-campus fiesta held at the Pi Kappa Phi house, serves the dual purpose of raising money for the N.C. Jaycee Burn Center and providing students with that crucial pre-final opportunity to have a blast.

But in the past few years there has been increasing resistance from the town. Residents of the nearby Oaks neighborhood along with the police department have reportedly complained about the noise and parking problems. This year, the new drinking age has increased the potential for illegalities, giving the town further reason to complain.

In response, the fraternity made an honest effort to satisfy these complaints. It agreed to serve soft drinks instead of beer and to step up the shuttle service to reduce traffic and parking problems.

However, the council voted against issuing a noise permit that would allow loud music before 5 p.m. As council members knew, this decision would

The ultimate revenge

Students at UNC are their Social Security numbers.

That's why it's important that the University work to keep students' names and Social Security numbers away from prying eyes. At the Venable Hall computing center, University officials must not have considered that problem.

Students are regularly required to sign in, giving both their names and Social Security numbers, and that information stays on the sign-in sheet for all to see. Having that information available for anyone who walks in is dangerous. Consider the following hypothetical, the ultimate revenge:

Robert, a UNC student, gets drunk in a local bar and harrasses John, another student. A few days later, John decides to get even. After following Robert to the computing center and getting his Social Security number, John has a false ID made under Robert's name, claiming that his bookbag was stolen.

■ If it's early enough in the semester, John can withdraw Robert from school, take his tuition money and go to the beach, if he wants.

■ After getting Robert's transcript using the false ID, John can pick up

non sequitur

Where the golliwogs are . . .

The non sequitur word for the day is "golliwog." In one dusty red well-thumbed dictionary, a golliwog is a grotesque person. All people have a hidden capacity for golliwoghood lurking in the primeval cores of their minds. Through the injection of various substances, or the application of particular stimuli, anyone can be a golliwog for a few hours.

Last week, an intrepid team of non sequitarians piled themselves into the vastly inadequate space of a white Hyundai. The adventurers were scheduled for New Orleans ("Nawlin's" in the vernacular of our native tour guide). This trip was complicated by the presence of Alabama and Mississippi. These geographical mirror-images of each other have more than their fair share of bathroom condom machines and rural poverty. Once in Louisiana, the non sequitarians found themselves surrounded by golliwogs of all kinds, including transvestite strippers, mohawked bartenders and drunken middle-aged accountants from Iowa. Weakened by the constant exposure, one of the non-sequitarians could not help but be sucked into golliwoghood himself. After a vicious 12.5 percent mugging at the hands of Ernest and Julio Gallo, our non-sequitarian (hereafter

referred to as "Cornelius" to protect his identity) conducted a bizarre experiment in which he attempted to construct the first-around-the-globe flight by a newspaper in recorded history.

Seeing an innocent newspaper, Cornelius hurled it off the third story of the apartment complex, with the words, "Fly, O little one. Be free." However, the project still had some engineering glitches, and the newspaper quickly dropped to the ground. Cornelius, perplexed at the failure of his life's work, dashed down the stairs to examine the crashed, burning wreckage of the paper. Remarkably, thanks to its space-age orange rain cover, the paper was undamaged.

Taking the paper in hand, Cornelius decided to return it to its previous position on the third floor porch. By now, the other two non sequitarians had assembled to dissuade him from any further scientific inquiry. Cornelius was resolute, however, and waved them off. Again and again, he tossed the paper up, only to see it bounce off the side of the building onto his head. Finally, he did it, safely nesting the paper back at its starting point. Raising his hands triumphantly, Cornelius shouted to his two cohorts, "Back off. This is a moral victory." He achieved golliwoghood.

Readers' Forum

Athletics should stress education

Kevin Bunn
 Guest Writer

Lenny Bias, Brian Bosworth, sub 800 SATs, record numbers of NCAA investigations, and record numbers of sanctions. College athletics, once considered a forum for the love of sports, is rapidly becoming a multimillion-dollar business in which winning is the only thing. Who suffers? Everyone.

"Win or walk," the athletic equivalent of publish or perish, is the dominant criterion used today to evaluate coaches. Just ask Fred Aikens. College athletes are increasingly finding themselves with no professional future, no education, and for the first time in their lives, no one to turn to. Just ask Derrick Fenner. Worst of all, we fans are missing the enjoyment of watching truly amateur athletes who compete simply because they love the game. Now we worry how long an athlete can stay out of trouble and how long our institution can maintain its integrity. Ask any SMU fan.

There are exceptions. On a recent trip to Boston the UNC fencing team visited the Frick art gallery in New York City. Ron Miller, two-time NCAA Coach of the Year, led the team, a perennial top ten power, through one of the finest galleries in the world. Students and athletes, some of whom had never been in New York before, viewed

works by Rembrandt, Renoir, El Greco, Goya, Whistler, and Manet.

Most of the fencers don't know a great deal about art. But learning new things is what college is about, and should be at least a part of what college athletics is about. Ron Miller and the fencing team, with no scholarship athletes and a cumulative GPA of above 3.0, know this.

Fortunately, the fencing team is not the only Carolina team, and Ron Miller, with correct priorities, is not the only Carolina coach. We are lucky. UNC is not as bad as most. But we must be very careful.

UNC is one weak athletic director, one overzealous alumnus or one star-struck athlete away from allowing the Rams Club excuse me, Educational Foundation to have too much influence in the athletic department. And that would be a disaster. Not because they're bad guys, but because they're not educators. They are responsible men and women with a great deal of enthusiasm. They are an invaluable resource

and an irreplaceable part of Carolina athletics. When I graduate I will join the Rams Club. But they are not educators. And educators should be in charge of college athletics. SMU is an example of what happens when they're not.

I am proud to be a Carolina fan proud because we win, and proud because no one can say my school cheats. It is important to make it clear that winning is not the only thing, not in college athletics anyway. It is important that coaches such as Ron Miller be recognized for their emphasis on the adjective "student" in the phrase "student athlete," as well as for their athletic achievements. It is important that the Educational Foundation be encouraged to continue its noninterventionist policies, and that it be applauded for being better than most. Every effort possible should be made by everyone involved — administrators, coaches, athletes, and fans — to keep Carolina athletics above the morass into which so many otherwise fine institutions are sinking.

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Protests can make a difference

To the editor:

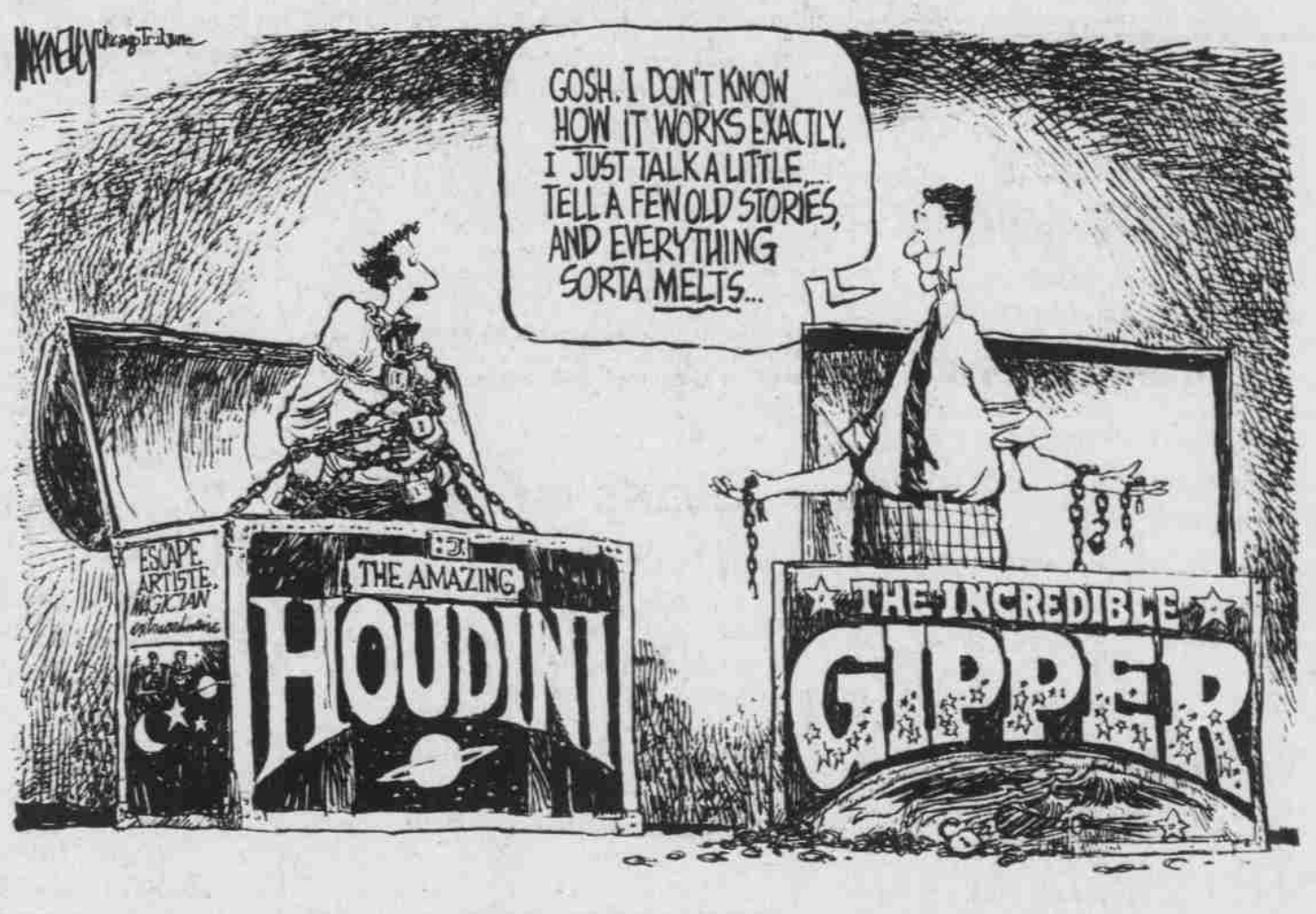
I was pleased and gratified by your editorial of Feb. 24 (Student aid faces severe cuts) protesting the deep cuts in student aid contained in the Administration's budget proposal for fiscal year 1988. You reinforce my belief that students are indeed concerned about the actions of the federal government that bear substantially on the economic and social future of our country.

Your protests and the actions of groups like Students for Educational Access can make a difference in the present debate over federal budget priorities. I met recently in Washington with former UNC Student Body President Bryan Hassel and other student leaders from across the state who are concerned about the FY88 budget proposals. Their manner was extremely professional and their arguments persuasive.

This type of concerted involvement by students, by heightening the awareness in political quarters of the probable consequences of student aid cuts, can have a considerable impact on this debate.

Again, I commend those students at UNC who have involved themselves in this important matter, and I pledge my continued participation in Washington.

U.S. REP. DAVID PRICE,
 4th District



Support of contras too convenient

To the editor:

When I read George Dowdy's letter concerning the Carolina Committee on Central America ("Reagan fights for rights," Feb. 27), I actually felt nauseated. Must intelligent students degrade themselves and others by groundless name-calling ("spineless liberals") in order to voice their opinion? Must everyone follow the dictates of President Reagan and of other staunch Republicans like sheep, in order to be patriotic? I should hope not. Dowdy's letter espouses an

all-too-common, alarmist view of Central America, where in 50 to 75 years he sees communist tanks rolling across Mexico. Wonderful. What must be done, according to this point of view? Fund anti-communist groups like the contras, of course! The contras fight for democracy, right?

If only that were true. The contras are a group of ex-Sandinista and ex-Somozan supporters who have never claimed democracy as a goal. It pleases us, sitting deep within our comfortable chairs, to believe that they defend the same liberties we hold so deeply, when we have no evidence. In fact, the atrocities of Contra forces against the Nica-

ragua people (murder, torture, etc.) surpass those of the totalitarian Sandinistas, implying disrespect for these values.

So why does our government support them? For convenience. It's more convenient to have a slave-driver in Nicaragua that is friendly to us than one who isn't. Of course, this destroys any hope of liberty for the Nicaraguans. If this is the "liberty" and "justice" I am supposed to fight for in Reagan's America, I'd rather not, thank you very much. I prefer fighting for true justice, not convenient shams.

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Extra bus fares make pass holders irate

To the editor:

The fact that bus pass owners must pay full price for special routes is unacceptable.

The Chapel Hill Transit system (CHT) services the Chapel Hill-Carrboro community. It charges a 25 cent fare for on-campus routes and a 50 cent fare for off-campus routes. A "special" route has recently been instituted to service the Smith Center during special events such as concerts and basketball games. The CHT offers its frequent passengers the opportunity to purchase one of three types of bus passes rather than have to pay a separate fare every time they use the bus. Each has its own restrictions, but all three passes are valid for unlimited service on on-campus routes.

With the previous information in mind, the CHT needs to change its present policy dealing with the "special" route fare. This present policy requires every passenger, bus pass owners included, to pay 50 cents for

the special route. In fact, the CHT is charging an off-campus fare for a route that never leaves the campus. This action is inexcusable in that it cheats its customers with the special route "convenience" that it currently offers. The previous policy required passengers without a bus pass to pay 50 cents and those with a bus pass to pay only 25 cents. Within a two-week period, the CHT abruptly changed from the previous, more reasonable policy to the new, stringent policy without any notification or explanation.

What is the advantage of buying a bus pass if it is not honored by the CHT for special routes? Bus pass owners should not be exempt from paying a fare, but paying the full fare price is out of the question. Bus pass owners need to be granted a discount for special route fares.

The CHT has absolute control of the market. Is this firm so blinded by its control

that it has abandoned the guidelines it established for the use of its bus passes? Each pass is valid on any of the on-campus routes according to the established guidelines printed on the back, yet bus pass owners are charged full fare on special routes, which are also on-campus routes. The CHT does not appear to be concerned that it is not upholding its printed guidelines. Why should it be concerned? Disgruntled passengers have no choice but to accept the dictatorial demands of the system.

The Chapel Hill Transit system needs to reevaluate the special route policy. Instead of making many false promises, the CHT must honor its word. By doing so, the CHT will benefit the individuals who supported it most — those who purchased the pass!

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Write a letter at the Y to save a child

Editor's note: The writers are co-presidents of the Campus Y.

To the editor:

The South African Council of World Affiliated YWCAs has joined with the Black Sash, the United Democratic Front (UDF) and other church and community organizations in supporting the call made by the Detainees' Parent Support Committee for the release of all young people and children presently held in detention under the state of emergency.

It is estimated that, since the current state of emergency was declared in June 1986, 25,000 people have been detained by the apartheid government in South Africa. 60 percent of those detained are under 25, and 8,000 are under 18.

While in prison, children are subjected to harsh mental and physical torture including beatings, sexual abuse, electric shocks and deprivation of food, clean clothes and other basic needs — in order to extract information or force admissions of guilt. Children often have no access to lawyers or family members, for parents do not have the right to be informed if their children have been arrested.

Of special concern is the detention of Mrs.

Connie Ngcaba, President of the Ciskei YWCA in the eastern cape region, and her two sons, who have been in detention since June 1986, and whose friends have been unable to locate them. Ngcaba acted as hostess for the South Africa Study advance team who visited South Africa in May 1986 in preparation for the YWCA South African Study Tour, which was to have taken place in November 1986. The visas for that study tour were denied by the South African government.

This situation demands immediate unified action by the Chapel Hill community. It is time for us to move beyond our political boundaries, take a stand for human rights and act for the children.

We are asking you to join the Executive Committee of the Campus Y, the National YWCA, Black Sash, UDF and other church and community groups in their concern for children by participating in a letter-writing campaign to President Botha to ask for the immediate release of all children held in detention.

On Wednesdays March 18 and 25 between 2 and 4 p.m. we will have paper, envelopes and more information on the situation available in the Y Lounge. We are asking

you and your members to stop by, spend 10 minutes writing letters and donate 50 cents per letter to cover postage and copying expenses. Feel free to bring letterhead from your own organization!

Another option is to take 10 minutes during your weekly meeting and have the group write the letters, then drop them and the money at the Y to be copied and mailed.

A third option is to stop by the Y and pick up a worksheet on how to participate in this campaign, write the letter at your convenience and return it to the Y to be copied and mailed.

Amidst our busy lives here at Carolina, we have good intentions about the world around us, and we do care. Still, it takes a special effort to act upon our feelings. Please, let's work together to show others how we care.

Ten minutes will make the difference.

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