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Editorials

An opportunity missed

As a result of a missed deadline, Black Student Movement members will probably not receive as much funding this fall as in the past.

By missing the March 20 deadline for submitting budget proposals for the hearings that began last week, the BSM will not receive money through the usual budget process. Instead, it must wait until fall to receive money from a reserve of summer student fees and whatever's left after this semester's appropriations. The group is unlikely to get as much money this way as it would have through the usual budget process.

But the BSM may receive the money it hopes for if the budget committee appropriates funds this week as if the BSM's budget were included. According to Finance Committee Chairman Neil Riemann (Dist. 12), such has been the course of action. He said that in light of the BSM's needs, the committee has been "conservative" with the funds.

Although Student Government says it is trying to save enough money to adequately fund the group in the fall, the severe lack of communication

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between Student Congress and the BSM has already hindered these efforts.

After the BSM had missed the deadline, Riemann suggested to president Camille Roddy that the group still turn in its budget proposal. This would have helped the congress help the BSM by giving the budget committee an exact amount with which to work.

But the BSM has yet to submit its proposal. Apparently, that bureaucratic fiend *communication* is to be blamed for this continued tardiness.

Roddy said she has postponed submitting the proposal because she had questions about Riemann's request and hasn't been able to contact him. In the meantime, budget hearings are in progress and will be finished on Thursday.

But lack of communication is not a valid excuse. The BSM is essential in serving the needs of black students, and its future depends on the budget process. Its leaders have a responsibility to secure that future. When the congress displayed a willingness to help, the group's leaders should have made every effort to take advantage of the offer.

Drug testing: you're in trouble

This one's for those about to receive a diploma, or for those who will get one some time in the future.

As graduation day approaches, most students probably think they're through taking tests. But there, looming on the proverbial horizon, is an icon to which increasing numbers of graduates must pay homage before passing into the working world: drug testing's urine specimen bottle.

Those entering the work force soon, that is, college seniors, are prime candidates as potential specimen-bottle-fillers. Now, only a small percentage of American businesses drug test potential employees, but as the current drug-testing fanaticism spreads, the percentage of people taking drug tests could easily rise.

By virtue of their position as potential employees, this year's graduates will be the first to fill bottles in such large numbers. If the trend continues, a larger percentage of next year's graduates will be beaker-bound. And that brings drug testing out of the realm of theory and into reality.

Members of the class of 1987 (and all future graduates) should begin considering what it'll be like to fill a beaker, maybe while wearing that nice interview suit with an attendant observing. Reality has a way of

shaping opinions, and people standing in bathrooms holding their past month's dietary history in glass jars is a heavy dose of reality.

Thinking about it now will help seniors decide how to react to a drug-testing request. Such a breach of personal rights should not go without comment.

And for those who believe they won't pass such a test, a number of things can be done to make the results negative. The following come from an article in last month's Harper's:

■ Diuretics speed up the process by which drugs are passed through the system. Unfortunately, some tests will register positive for diuretics.

■ Water and other liquids can dilute the specimen, leaving a smaller concentration of substances which can test positive. Drink lots of water a few hours before testing, if possible.

■ Nasal decongestants, for example, can yield positive results in a drug test. Advising the tester of the taking of such medicines could lay the basis for an appeal.

■ Ammonia causes chemical reactions that will show negative results, but care should be taken because ammonia can easily be detected by smell.

And be careful, it's a jungle out there. — G.P.

non sequitur

It's no skin off your nose

Today's non sequiturian word is "chromosome," as in XY chromosome, as in men. Macho men. The kind who drink straight whiskey and drive big American cars.

The field of plastic surgery has too long been dominated by women. Women can have their tummies tucked, breasts filled with silicone, fannies tightened and faces lifted. The only option open to men is hair transplants, which involves sticking tufts of horse hair in the scalp.

Thanks to a San Francisco group called the National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers, men may soon have another option in the plastic surgery game. The NOCIRC, as the group is known, wants to stop what they claim is the barbaric and unnecessary practice of circumcision.

Beyond ending circumcision, NOCIRC wants to restore the circumcised to their natural state through a process called foreskin restoration. The group claims to have received many letters from American men detailing the medical problems with being circumcised.

Foreskin restoration would be perhaps the ultimate non sequiturian surgical procedure. It offers the chance for creativity and experimentation that should permeate

non sequiturian circles. Through groups such as NOCIRC, foreskin restoration may become a non sequiturian pastime.

Although foreskin restoration seems to hold much potential, there are still several questions about the procedure. First, where will restored foreskins come from? After all, if NOCIRC wants to end circumcision, foreskin supplies will wither. Animals wouldn't exactly be suitable for use in this procedure. Perhaps foreskins could be made out of condom rubber or waxed paper.

Second, perhaps the new foreskins could come with options. They could be removable, like a convertible top. If they are made out of artificial substances, they could come in different colors. Maybe they could even be made to change colors, like mood rings. Mood foreskins? Foreskins could be equipped with heavy duty batteries for cold weather starts.

Well, after years of silent discrimination in the offices of plastic surgeons across the land, men are finally being recognized for their unique cosmetic features. Thanks to groups like NOCIRC, they will soon be able to end this vicious cycle of oppression that has dragged them down for centuries. Men must unite under the common motto, "It's a sin to lop the 'skin."

Readers' Forum

CGLA funding: Here we go again

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Guest Writers

Budget hearings will soon take place, and our Student Congress will finalize decisions concerning organizational funding for the upcoming school year. Out of nearly 250 recognized organizations and clubs on this campus, only 27 are currently receiving student funds. Obviously, funding for clubs and organizations is definitely the exception rather than the rule.

Our Student Congress operates under the general principle that organizations which address private concerns not unanimously supported by all students cannot be funded with our student activity fees. The only proper and permissible exception to this is that UNC does fund several racial and ethnic minority organizations such as Black Student Movement, Carolina Indian Circle and Association of International Students, since the University has a worthy goal of bringing more of these students to our campus.

UNC has a large number of outstanding religious clubs and organizations such as Campus Crusade, InterVarsity and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, but none of these groups is receiving student funding. Furthermore, we have many fine political organizations such as Young Democrats, College Republicans, Students For America, and Students Against Apartheid, but none of these groups receives funding either. Most students acknowledge that many of these non-funded groups and organizations represent worthy purposes and make valuable contributions to this campus, yet it would be wrong to use student activity fees to support them. Logically then, it is totally incongruous for our Student Congress to continue funding the Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association.

CGLA does not and cannot profess to address the concerns of this entire campus, because only a small portion of Carolina students are of that sexual orientation. CGLA is largely a strong and active political entity that is bent upon promoting homosexuality as an acceptable alternative lifestyle. One need only look to the last campus election to realize how active its

political goals have been. CGLA reportedly now controls at least 35 percent of the seats in our newly elected Student Congress, which is incredible when you consider that homosexuals probably constitute less than 2 percent of our student enrollment. Perhaps it is an overstatement to say that CGLA exists only for the purpose of promoting deviant sex on campus, but we challenge each of you to peruse its newsletter, "Lambda," and try to draw a different conclusion.

The bottom line is that homosexuality is moral anathema to many students on this campus, and it is immoral to ask us to fund such an organization, just as it would likewise be immoral to ask us to fund a club for prostitutes or child-molesters. Now, before you accuse us of bigotry and narrow-mindedness, remember that we do not challenge CGLA's right to exist as a non-funded club, nor do we challenge homosexuals' rights to be enrolled here as students, nor do we challenge their rights to take part in any University activity. Homosexuals already have the same guaranteed constitutional rights shared by all students, but as a group this does not give them entitlement to be funded by all.

There are many grounds upon which the majority of Carolina students oppose the funding of CGLA. Ours just happen to be moral and scriptural ones. In terms of morality, homosexuality can never be sanctioned and recognized as a proper alternative lifestyle, neither on this campus nor in this country. Every notable nation throughout history condemned homosexual practices as being detrimental to its society's well-being. Homosexual practices were a capital crime under Roman law, and the great English jurist, Sir William Blackstone, described their behavior as "an heinous act the very mention of which is a disgrace to

human nature, and a crime not fit to be named." We are not speaking of some innocuous practice and lifestyle. Homosexuality is without question a serious moral problem. This is made clear in Scripture, although the Bible likewise reminds us that all sexual acts outside the marital relationship are immoral — premarital and extra-marital sex by heterosexuals as well. Fortunately, we do not have clubs on campus that are using student monies to extol the virtues of these practices.

Whatever one's feelings about this issue, it is clear that morality is not up for vote in our generation nor in any other. The moral absolutes that guide humanity were established long before any of us arrived. Furthermore, the Bible makes clear that God, who said certain things are wrong, has also provided the means through which any sinner can be cleansed and forgiven. The testimonies of those who have turned to Christ and have been set free from misery and bondage is proof of that.

Last month eight brave students gave the administration notice of their refusal to pay any more student activity fees until this situation is remedied. More students may be called upon to take similar stands if Student Congress insists on giving CGLA the student monies they request for the upcoming year, especially if the CGLA asks for more than double the funds they received last spring, as rumor says they will.

Homosexuals are not to be hated or feared, but we should continue to remain vigorously opposed to becoming associated with the lifestyle and practices they represent. Neither this nor any other university can prosper by continuing to use student activity funds to support an organization like the CGLA. Therefore we urge Student Congress not to bow to the special interest pressure applied by this group.

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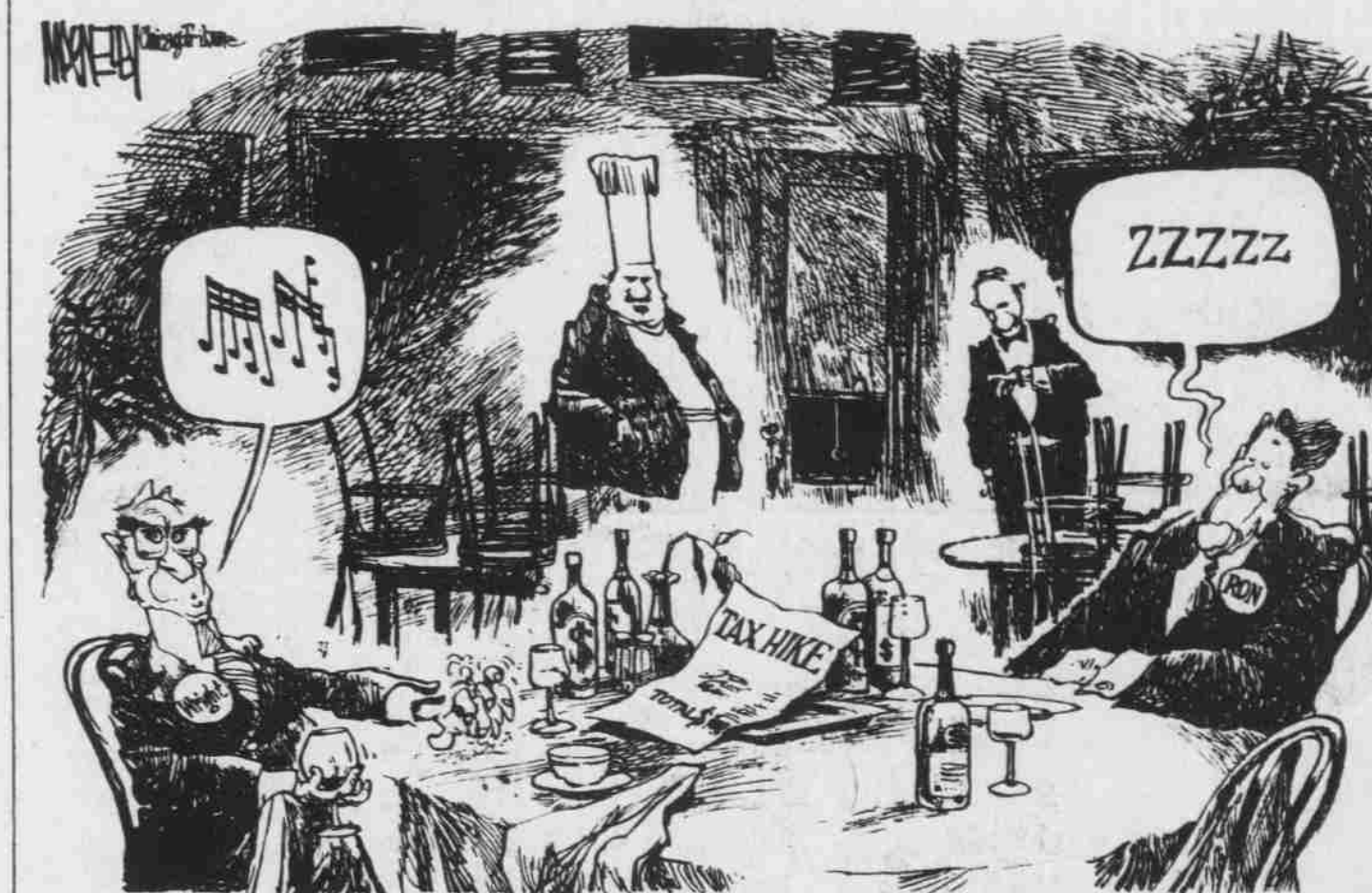
Student Health really hurts

To the editor:

I propose that we change the name of "Student Health Service" to "Student Hurt Service." You may think of this as a drastic change and not worth the cost of new stationery, but I believe a title should reflect the service or organization it represents. You may think, "They're not so bad. I had a planter's wart removed by them successfully." I don't doubt the doctor's ability to do a good job; it is their policy that I believe brings hurt to students.

Case in point: Before leaving for spring break, a girl was very sick. She had a high temperature, chills, aches, nausea and felt very weak. Her throat hurt, her ears hurt and she even missed a midterm because she couldn't make it to class. As it turned out, she had a 104-degree temperature, a virus, mild anemia and an infection where her wisdom teeth were coming in. But it was not Student Health that told her this. Why not? Because they wouldn't even see her. The reason for this is that she didn't have an appointment.

There are three clinics at Student Health Service, and she was supposed to go to clinic No. 1. However, they were out to lunch. The receptionist told her that they should be back at 2 p.m., but to call at 2:20 in case they were late getting back. Then she could see if the nurse would make a "same day appointment." The girl asked to see another doctor in another clinic because she was very sick. "Student Health Service is on the appointment system," the receptionist said,



The National Wallet Slow-draw Championship

"and I don't believe you're an emergency. I think you want to go home for spring break."

Is not Student Health Service here to provide services promoting good health? Do we not support them just by being here, with our tuition and fees, expecting help when we are not in good health? I believe we do. Ethically speaking, under the policy that Student Health Service has now, it does not provide the services that its name implies. Therefore, if Student Health Service keeps its appointment policy in its present state, which will continue to hurt students, I think we should change the name to "Student Hurt Service." It can even keep the same initials.

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Send postcards to a dying child

To the editor:

In Scotland a small boy is dying, and we have an opportunity to help make his remaining days more fulfilling. The 9-year-old, known as "Little Buddy," has been stricken with leukemia. His one wish is to see his name in the "Guinness Book of World Records." The record he wants to set has nothing to do with pogo sticks, hot dogs or facial hair; he wants to receive more postcards in his lifetime than anyone else. It is a simple goal that we can all help him achieve.

For the remainder of the week, the UNC Circle K club will have a table set up in the Pit where postcards will be available to send to him for 50

cents. The cost will cover the overseas stamp and a small donation to the Leukemia Foundation.

Sending Little Buddy a postcard would certainly brighten his day, and it just might brighten yours too.

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Letters policy

■ All letters and columns must be signed by the author, with a limit of two signatures per letter or column. Name, year in school, major and phone number should be submitted.

Students were mean to Dean and the team

To the editor:

Of all the news I've read in the DTH, the most disappointing was to be found in the bottom right hand corner of the back page of Friday's (March 27) edition. In that corner I saw the following notice: "Grant Parsons and Jo Fleischer dedicate this week's eggs to the six people who greeted the Tar Heels at the airport."

This is an outrage. I can't believe that just two baskets can make the difference between a riot on Franklin Street and oblivion at RDU. Why is it that when the Tar Heels are successful, we all say, "We're number one," but when they aren't, all we can find to say is, "They choked," or "Lebo wasn't feeling well," or "Dean Smith has lost his inspiration"? Those guys played some fantastic basketball against some of the toughest opponents in the country, and they came away not only with a great record, but also, unfortunately, with a great disappointment.

But it was primarily their disappointment, not ours. It's easy for us to throw our popcorn at the TV and scream and yell when we realize that we aren't going to advance to the Final Four, but they were there. They had to watch those final seconds tick off the clock; they had to watch Syracuse cut the net from the basket; they had to wait

for the interviews to be finished; they had to drive back to the hotel with the game still in their minds and in their muscles; they had to get up the next morning while the memory of what could have been still tortured their dreams; they had to make the flight back home alone; and they had to face the ultimate indignity of getting off the plane at RDU to find only six people waiting for them. How the mighty have fallen! It would have been better if no one had gone! Six people. Were those six dressed in blue, or were they too ashamed?

I did not know when the Tar Heels were due back, but had I known, I surely would have been there to greet them, all the more so, had I guessed what sort of homecoming was in store for them. Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine that such a great team could be so abandoned by their supposedly loyal fans.

The irony lies in the fact that had they won the championship they would not have needed our moral support or our riot on Franklin Street. They would have floated through the rest of this year on their own clouds without any help from us. This is the time when a crowd of screaming people can do the most good, but there are no crowds to be found between RDU and Chapel Hill. If we pass Joe Wolf or Kenny

Smith on the street, will we avert our eyes? Can any of us hit 60 percent from the field when we're surrounded by big, mean bruisers from out of town? Will we talk to them any more if they live in our dorm or in our neighborhood? When was the last time you sank a three-point basket when someone was sticking his fingers in your eyes? Was this defeat something they did to us? What have we ever done for them? What about their feelings? What about their hopes and dreams? I used to find all those letters about the lack of enthusiasm at home games tedious. My feeling was, "Who cares, anyway?" What a jaded attitude that seems now.

We live in a selfish society that places such a premium on victory that we even co-op with others when we are incapable of victory ourselves. The corollary to this is that we project our own feelings of inadequacy onto them. In the case of the Tar Heels, such behavior is blatantly unfair. I suggest we go downtown and have a riot on their behalf anyway.

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