

# The Daily Tar Heel

95th year of editorial freedom

JILL GERBER, *Editor*  
 DEIRDRE FALLON, *Managing Editor*  
 SALLY PEARSALL, *News Editor*  
 JEAN LUTES, *University Editor*  
 DONNA LEINWAND, *State and National Editor*  
 JEANNIE FARIS, *City Editor*  
 JAMES SUROWIECKI, *Sports Editor*  
 FELISA NEURINGER, *Business Editor*  
 JULIE BRASWELL, *Features Editor*  
 ELIZABETH ELLEN, *Arts Editor*  
 CHARLOTTE CANNON, *Photography Editor*  
 CATHY McHUGH, *Omnibus Editor*

## Winning doesn't equal success

Two students eating lunch in Chase Hall Wednesday articulated popular sentiment on the fate of UNC's head football coach. "Hey, man, I've got an idea for the card section Saturday," one said, laughing over his cheeseburger. "We can spell out 'Fire Crum.'"

### board opinion

With the rumors this week that Dick Crum may lose his job after the Duke game this weekend, many students have become zealous in their desire to see it happen. For them, the only criterion for a football coach is his ability to win, and Crum's 5-5 record so far this season merits nothing short of dismissal.

The view that a coach merely operates a machine designed to produce victory after victory is appallingly narrow. Crum's responsibilities extend far beyond his wins and losses.

In the past few years, the football program has raised its academic standards, largely due to pressure from the Board of Governors. Among the UNC-system schools, Chapel Hill has maintained the highest graduation rates and lowest number of admissions exceptions.

Of Crum's football players who entered the University in Fall 1981, 68 percent graduated by 1986. Considering the rate for the 1980 freshman class was only 32 percent, the increase was drastic.

The men's basketball team, often praised for its exemplary academic

record, graduated 60 percent of its 1981 freshmen class within five years. For the same period, the rate for all recruited athletes was 65 percent.

Although the football program's graduation rate should be higher, it approaches the rate of 71.3 percent for all students over the same period.

For admissions exceptions, the picture is less rosy but has improved. This fall, seven football players were admitted as exceptions, and no exceptions were made for men's basketball. From 1980 to 1984, the yearly average of football and men's basketball players admitted as exceptions was 17.

Besides academics, a coach is morally obligated to run a clean program. While its football record has been unspectacular of late, UNC-CH has yet to join the ranks of schools on probation for illegal recruiting or giving improper benefits to athletes.

Those who point to a mediocre record as the basis for a coach's dismissal should realize that a loss from one who shuns shady methods is infinitely more valuable than a victory from a coach with a win-at-all-costs mentality.

Whether Crum should be fired or not, students should understand that being a good coach involves more than racking up points on a scoreboard. Those who adjust their level of school pride with the success or failure of an athletic team are more of an embarrassment to the University than a 0-11 football record.

## Media's priorities misdirected

Pat Robertson won a straw poll in Iowa this fall. His victory stunned most political pundits. Robertson, dismissed by many as a right-wing zealot, exhibited unforeseen grassroots strength. Instead of discussing the merit of his views, the media concluded that Robertson's organizational skills demonstrated the viability of his campaign.

The 1988 presidential campaign is steadily gathering steam, but the press focuses on the meaningless minutiae of individual campaigns. While presidential aspirants eagerly vie for attention, the press rarely probes a candidate's views.

Little-known candidates, such as Democrat Bruce Babbitt and Republican Pierre "Pete" du Pont, attempt to woo supporters by discussing issues, but the press chooses to report on their stagnant campaigns.

The trend in presidential politics is to judge a candidate on his campaigning skill, not on his ideas. The media tend to regard obscure candidates, such as Babbitt and du Pont, as hopeless dark horses. They are dismissed not because of their ideas, but because they lack money and name recognition.

Cable News Network broadcasts "Inside Politics — '88" nightly. Typical for this show are graphs describing the number of staff members each campaign has and which states they are in, the amount of money raised, and each candidate's standing in the latest Iowa poll. No other show has ever had such appeal for political junkies, but the program does little to add to undecided voters' knowledge of candidates' views.

The media are misdirected in their coverage. They trivialize the people who run for office and the positions which they seek. While two or three would be easier, the media's claim that 12 major candidates are too many to cover is bosh.

While Robert Dole has been working to forge a bipartisan plan to reduce the deficit, the media concentrate on his allegedly disarrayed campaign. While complaining that they cannot adequately cover a dozen candidates, the media waste time describing a nonissue.

As long as the media consider polling results, fund raising, and breadth of organization more important than issues, Americans will have only superficial images from which to pick a president. — Eric Fullagar

# Readers' Forum

## Torture continues past Middle Ages

Torture. The word calls to mind dark medieval dungeons, the leer of an armed torturer with whip in hand and the other tools of his trade nearby — thumb screws, boiling oil, an iron maiden and the rack.

The medieval torture chambers are gone, but torture itself has remained. In fact, it persists to the present decade. It is happening even as you read this. Do you doubt it? Listen to the victims:

"The interrogation continued, accompanied by hard blows to my face and body. They applied intense electric current to my hands . . . On each of the first 14 days which followed my arrest I was subjected to both physical and psychological torture . . . I was seen by the doctor after nearly all the torture sessions . . . I was given a document to sign which stated that I had been well treated. It also contained statements which I had made under pressure, and included others which I had never made at all. When I refused to sign I was threatened with further torture. Under such circumstances, I had to sign." (Chile, 1982)

"The triftazin (stelazine) made me writhe, and my legs began to twist about in a ridiculous way. I lost the ability to walk while simultaneously feeling very restive and also feeling sharp pains in my buttocks at any movement — a result of the sulfazin. The pain prevented me sleeping or eating. The sulfazin made my temperature rise, and it then stayed around 40 degrees centigrade. Sometimes I experienced slight shivering and my tongue

Charlie Loeb  
Guest Writer

hung out . . ." (Soviet Union, 1980)

"Then I was tortured again. The beatings on my soles had made my feet swell and under the ensuing lashes they burst open and became open sores. At this time they also pushed a police truncheon into my anus. At the same time they tortured my wife with electric shocks in the adjacent room. I heard her scream. They told me that they had stripped her naked . . . They undressed me and began to apply the current. One of the wires was attached to my toe — they applied the end of the other to my carboles and nipples. They applied another wire to my anus. They brought my wife beside me and put her under the current, threatening me, saying they would assault her if I did not talk." (Turkey, 1980)

These victims come from only three countries, but the same stories could be repeated by the citizens of over one-third of the world's nations. Despite this poor record, torture is condemned by all governments, at least in public. When allegations of torture are made, the guilty parties immediately issue denials, fearing the revulsion of the international community. In the modern world, torture can flourish only in the secret prison cells and detention centers from where the screams

cannot be heard.

In the United States, it is easy for us to ignore torture. The victims seem far away, descriptions of the process tend to be gruesome and painful. To avoid the pain we close our eyes and ears, not wanting to deal with that reality. Unfortunately, the victims are not so lucky, and by closing off the images and the sounds we also effectively hamstring efforts to help them. Torture can persist only while the people of the world allow their aversion to the issue prevent them from seeing the horrifying abuses.

Since no government is willing to justify torture, exposure is often sufficient to limit the abuse. If people are willing to open their eyes and ears, torture can be ended. I invite the campus and community to take the plunge, to risk facing some unpleasant sights and sounds on behalf of the victims. As part of Human Rights Week, today at 5 p.m. in 206 Student Union, Amnesty International will present the video "Torture in the Eighties," which includes Amnesty International's response. For those interested in personal testimony, this evening at 7 p.m. Veronica de Negri, a former Chilean torture victim and the mother of Rodrigo Rojas (who was burned to death by Chilean police), will speak about her experiences in Hamilton 100.

Informing yourself is the first and easiest practical step you can take toward ending torture forever.

Charlie Loeb is a senior history and math major from Chapel Hill.

## Innocent until proven guilty

To the editor: Occasionally, someone writes or says something sufficiently provocative to stir me from my last semester, alcohol-induced haze. Lanis Wilson has managed just such a feat with his letter Tuesday about soccer coach Anson Dorrance and his player Stephen Dragisics ("Conduct spoils team victory").

It seems that the basic question is whether by becoming an athlete, one surrenders his constitutional right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty. I submit that such is not the case; an athlete is still a citizen and does not forfeit rights and privileges simply by choosing to participate in sports.

I don't know Dorrance or Dragisics. Further, I realize that people are not commonly arrested for drunk driving without some cause. But I also know that I am not a judge. I also suspect that Dorrance isn't, either. That being the case, I cannot see how his failure to act on second-hand evidence constitutes a moral indiscretion, as Wilson argues.

In this case, presumption of innocence is a simple concept — coaches should coach, players should play and the rest of us should fight for fairness, not waste time trying to sit in judgment.

CRAIG PARKER  
Senior  
Business Administration

## New committee battles CIA

To the editor: As this is Human Rights Week I feel it is appropriate to point out a new group on campus, the CIA Action Committee. Many have heard of one of its earlier actions when the CIA came to recruit on campus. Six people were arrested while about 50 people held a teach-in at Hanes Hall on Oct. 28.



## Athletes deserve equal treatment

To the editor: As fellow athletes, we feel Steve Dragisics of the UNC soccer team did not need his personal problems put in the headlines of The Daily Tar Heel on Nov. 12. It was in bad taste for the DTH to publicize this fact and make one of UNC's athletes look bad. We are not only voicing our opinions, but the opinions of many other athletes and students. We are in no way defending Dragisics' actions because he broke the law and should pay the consequences, but the fact that the DTH put this in the paper is an injustice to him.

This incident had nothing to do with UNC soccer. Yes, Dragisics is an athlete and is looked up to by many. We have all heard this a thousand times, but he is also like any other human being. Everyone makes mistakes and there is no reason why those of any athlete should be put in the headlines. There were probably many other drunk driving arrests that weekend, which weren't in the headlines.

Dragisics feels bad enough and will have to go through a lot to overcome this incident.

JOEY TEMPLETON  
Sophomore  
Drama/Political Science

From now on we think the DTH should refrain from writing about the negative aspects of athletes' lives, and let us get through our problems like any other people.

CHRIS LAURIA  
Senior  
Biology  
ROB KOLL  
Senior  
Psychology

## Letters policy

All letters and columns must be signed by the author, with a limit of two signatures per letter or column.

The DTH reserves the right to edit for clarity, vulgarity, disparity and verbosity.

## We goofed

Wednesday's letter "Smokers should indulge with consideration" should have read, "You may choose to sleep on a bed of nails for all I care. That's your business. Just don't expect me to lie down next to you . . ." The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

## Coaching involves more than winning

To the editor: This letter is in response to increasing reports that UNC has fired head football coach Dick Crum. Let me begin by saying that I have been a strong supporter of Crum for many years. However, I abandoned my support for him somewhere between the Auburn and the Wake Forest games. It wasn't one game or even two games that caused me to end my support; my decision had been based on years.

My support was based on Crum's attitude toward his players and his emphasis on their potential in the classroom. There are not many coaches who will place the kind of importance on building character in a student-athlete that Crum obviously has. But winning is part of his job. Unfortunately, some would say that winning is his only job.

During the pre-season this year, many were saying that this team would be the best ever. With our extremely tough schedule, Carolina could have been in a position to win the national championship or, at the very least, an ACC champion-

ship. But this was not to be. In fact, we weren't even close. Most, if not all, of the blame must rest on the shoulders of the head coach. But other factors must be taken into consideration (e.g., injuries, non-returning players and extremely high expectations).

At any rate, UNC should not fire Crum or any coach just because of a nearly losing record. We are 5-5 this year, not 0-10. Crum is the winningest coach in Carolina history, although that may not say much for the history of the program. If he had exhibited dishonest recruiting techniques, absence of disciplinary action against those who miss buses, or a lack of personal character, then he should have been fired regardless of his record.

Unfortunately, winning in college athletics and other levels of competition is becoming a win-at-all-cost situation. My hometown high school football coach has been touted as one of the best coaches in the state. Two years ago, he admitted to changing grades of one of his athletes and was relieved of his duties. Most of the

townspeople cried that firing him was an injustice to him and the town. Within one year, he was back at the head coaching position because he won football games. I wonder where he would be if he had gone winning? This is the injustice.

Firing a coach only on the basis of his mediocre record not only looks bad, it is bad. Carolina sets standards that others try to follow in every field. If Crum wants to leave, that will be fine with me and probably an overwhelming majority of the fans. But let's allow him to leave if he feels it is necessary. I would rather have a coach who goes 5-6 than one who gives us a bad reputation.

Let's continue to show our class. If it proves to be too late for Crum, let's set our priorities straight and realize that winning isn't everything, nor is it the only thing.

MARK GUNTER  
Senior  
Political Science/Economics

### The Daily Tar Heel

Editorial Writers: Eric Fullagar, Sharon Keshchull, Brian McCuskey and Jon Rust.  
 Editorial Assistant: Julia Coon.

Assistant Managing Editors: Cara Bonnett, Melissa Daniels, Peter Lineberry, Joe McCall and Mandy Spence.

News: Kari Barlow, Jeanna Baxter, Laura Bennett, Lydian Bernhardt, Matt Bivens, Brenda Campbell, Jenny Cloninger, Staci Cox, Sandy Dimodiate, Carrie Dove, Mark Folk, Alissa Grice, Lindsay Hayes, Kyle Hudson, Michael Jackson, Helen Jones, Susan Kauffman, Hunter Lambeth, Will Lingo, Barbara Linn, Mitra Lotfi, Lynne McClintock, Brian McCollum, Justin McGuire, Stephanie Marshall, Laurie Martin, Myrna Miller, Smithson Mills, Lee Ann Necessary, Rebecca Nesbit, Susan Odenkirchen, Cheryl Pond, Amy Powell, Charla Price, Becky Riddick, Guinevere Ross, Andrea Shaw, Shynea Simmons, Mandy Spence, William Taggart, Clay Thorp, Nicki Weisner, Jackie Williams, Amy Winslow and Lisa Wynn. Angela Jones and Helle Nielsen, wire editors. Laurie Duncan, assistant state and national editor. Brian Long, assistant business editor. Leigh Ann McDonald, assistant city editor. Kimberly Edens and Kristen Gardner, assistant university editors.

Sports: Mike Berardino, Patton McDowell and Chris Spencer, assistant sports editors. Robert D'Arruda, Steve Giles, Dave Glenn, Dave Hall, Clay Hodges, Brendan Mathews, Jim Muse, Keith Parsons, Andy Podolsky, and Langston Wertz.

Features: Hannah Drum, Carole Ferguson, Laura Jenkins, Corin Ortlan, Lynn Phillips, Leigh Pressley, Karen Stegman, Kathy Wilson and Julie Woods.

Arts: James Burrus, Scott Cowen, Stephanie Dean, Kim Donehower, David Hester, Julie Olson, Beth Rhea, Kelly Rhodes, Alston Russell and Richard Smith.

Photography: Tony Deifel, Gretchen Hock, Janet Jargin, David Minton, Whitney Cokav and Brian Whittier. Bert Heston, Kelly Heston, Kelly McElhane, Chrissy Menmitt, Stacey Montford, Lesley Renwick, Julie Settle, Dave Slovinsky, Lisa Lorentz, Sherry Miller, Rachel Stiffler and Kaarin Tisse, assistant news editor.

Cartoonists: Jeff Christian, Bill Cokas and Greg Humphreys.

Campus Calendar: Mindelle Rosenberg.

Business and Advertising: Anne Fulcher, general manager; Patricia Glance, advertising director; Joan Worth, advertising coordinator; Peggy Smith, advertising manager; Sheila Baker, business manager; Michael Benfield, Lisa Chorebanian, Ashley Hinton, Kellie McElhane, Chrissy Menmitt, Stacey Montford, Lesley Renwick, Julie Settle, Dave Slovinsky, Dean Thompson, Amanda Tilley and Wendy Wegner, advertising representatives; Stephanie Chesson, classified advertising representative; and Kris Carlson, secretary.

Distribution: Tucker Stevens and Manager.

Production: Bill Leslie and Stacy Wynn. Rita Galloway, Leslie Humphrey, Stephanie Locklear and Tammy Sheldon, production assistants.