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3 p.m. today is your chance

Parking, parking, parking. People roll their eyes and shake their heads. They say it isn't fair, it's ridiculous, it's poor planning, it's a hassle.

Something must be done, they mutter in tones of deep despair. However, it rarely occurs to them to do something about it. What can they do, besides complain to their friends and pay their parking tickets?

For starters, they could try complaining to someone who can do something about it, like the Traffic and Parking Advisory Committee, which meets today in Room 210 of the Student Union from 3 to 5 p.m. The students, faculty and staff on the committee are expected to consider several proposals on parking, many of which could affect parking privileges for students.

They will discuss eliminating resident sophomore parking, requests for increased control of evening parking, reserved parking at special events for Rams Club members and the inadequate shuttle service, especially at night, to fringe parking lots.

The committee members will also consider how revenue from permit sales is spent, since permit holders have voiced discontent over funding such services as the campus police, North Carolina Memorial Hospital security guards and even the transit system.

To finance items more directly related to parking, the committee will consider options such as setting up a

capital account exclusively for parking construction, finding another source of partial funding for police and improving the campus bus system.

In other words, they're going to talk about how to deal with the parking crunch. They will make recommendations to the vice chancellor of business and finance, and eventually, the proposal will land on the desk of Chancellor Paul Hardin, who will make the final decision on what action should be taken.

The committee may not have time to listen to individual suggestions or complaints, but attending the meeting would still be time well spent for all you self-proclaimed victims of UNC's Great Parking Conspiracy.

This is your chance to show support for the students on the committee, and to hold them and the rest of the committee responsible for any votes they cast.

This is your chance to listen and learn about what steps may be taken to ease the shortage of parking spaces.

This is your chance to voice your parking concerns to someone other than the guy towing your car away or the orange-vested person you catch slapping a ticket on your windshield.

Take this chance, or forfeit your right to complain about whatever action the University takes.

Room 210 of the Student Union at 3 p.m. today. This is your chance. — **Jean Lutes**

Get out while you can

The rumors are there, whispered in the streets, in the Pit, in the shade of the Bell Tower. The rumors are about freshmen. Returning students are glancing fearfully over their shoulders, and they don't like what they see.

On the surface, it's a typical freshman class, made up of typical freshmen. They still can't find Howell Hall or Hanes Art Center; they still think midnight is a reasonable bedtime; they still eat three squares a day in Lenoir.

But under the unsure exterior, the new kids in town are . . . different.

This otherness is already starting to shine through. Most upperclassmen hesitate, then laugh and dismiss the rumors. "Pshaw," said one sophomore, with a nervous laugh. "They're just the same as anybody else."

But facts don't lie. This year, 3,299 freshmen were chosen from 17,547 applicants. That's 2,259 more applicants than UNC had last year, competing for roughly the same amount of spaces. That means this year's class is the most competitive ever, and that means you had to be better than ever to get in.

This year's freshmen are made of sturdier stock than ever before. They're not only the smartest, but the fastest, the strongest, the best essay writers (Quick — drop English!), the Kings and Queens of their high

schools. They're well-rounded (most of them probably speak two or three languages already), poised and efficient. All of them have perfectly straight teeth and an unlimited line of credit, and they're never late for class.

Survey-level classes, traditional strongholds for freshmen chasing perspectives and upperclassmen in search of slides, will soon be way over the heads of average juniors and seniors. Even the faculty must be getting worried — there's nothing worse than being corrected by that know-it-all in the back row, especially when he's a freshman.

But forget about classes. This really hurts: these new freshmen party harder than any other class. After all, you need more than 1400 SATs and a 3.9 to survive the most grueling application process in UNC history.

Yes, they can drink us under the table. Their girls are too witty and pretty to mix with us; their guys are too charming and handsome to be bothered with senior women. They all have flawless fake ID's, and they only date each other. While sophomores and juniors sit alone in bars, moping into their National Bohemians, the partying frosh are dancing, laughing, twisting limes into their Coronas.

Get out before the coup, upperclassmen. Transfer to State — we know we can cut it there. — **Matt Bivens**

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Readers' Forum

Screaming back at the Klan is vital

Marguerite Arnold
 Guest Writer

This weekend the Klan marched in three areas as part of its annual membership drive. Fortunately, spectators outnumbered the Klansmen. I really love this debate. Of course, it may be argued that I love any debate, but this is one of my favorites.

Before I start, I believe that I should clarify my position on this issue. I believe that the Ku Klux Klan is composed of dangerous, bigoted, racist, sexist, homophobic, anti-Semitic sociopaths.

As individuals, the members of the Klan are entitled to equal rights under the Constitution of this country, a courtesy, I might add by their very actions, that they do not extend to anyone who does not agree with them by action, belief or fate of birth. They are allowed to say what they want, hopefully to be met with loud and frequent denunciation from all of those who hear it; they are allowed public access to streets, water fountains, lunch counters and ordinary folks' houses.

As a group, with the specific intent of doing bodily harm to anyone who does not agree with them, I really believe that they do not have the rights to march and incite riot. But, having said that, I will address the real issue.

According to Sandy Dimsdale ("Ignore Ku Klux Klan next time," Sept. 6), we should ignore them, those daringly white clad, gore covered racists, because to oppose them at their marches only adds to their appeal. On the contrary, she would know if only she had bothered to show up for a Klan rally, that it has the opposite effect.

Yes, these protests tend to end up as shouting matches, the louder the better. My roommate's girlfriend was told this weekend that she should be lynched. She put it at the top of her list of exciting things to do, I am sure. On numerous occasions, I have found out, to my great surprise, that I am a godless Communist and should go back to my home in hell.

The fact is that when somebody disagrees with you, you should loudly and matter-of-factly disagree with them, especially when that person advocates robbing you of your rights.

No matter where these bigots tread, they

will get attention. When you protest these marches, it attracts attention. So what people hear about is not that the Klan marched in Raleigh, or Chapel Hill, or Hillsborough or wherever, but that they marched and were met with opposition. That means that their beliefs are challenged openly. That is the only way to get them to stop marching.

The Klan represents a blatant display of the racism and bigotry still at large in this society. Yes, I know, another typical "liberal" thing to say. But take one look at an inner city, or even the ghettos of your own home town, let alone, gasp, school, and you will see it, if you want to, and you cannot deny its presence.

That is why telling the Klan that its beliefs are not wanted is so important, because the fight against racism is still going strong, and, left unopposed, it will fester and grow. It is a fact of life, unfortunately, that the Klan will never march to empty streets. They still have too many supporters, both ardent and latent. At least if they must march, let there be some active, loud opposition.

Marguerite Arnold is a junior international studies major from Chapel Hill.

Screw the system

To the editor:
 In the midst of all this advice being showered upon the new crop of freshmen, I cannot resist the temptation to input my share. Take heed, however, because this is not a light-hearted means of obtaining victory over the opposite sex. Rather, this is a tragedy, a travesty, an abomination of sorts. Let me relate my story.

I lived for two years on North Campus in Stacy Dorm enjoying a plethora of good times. In fact, I was even elected president for this school year. One might assume, then, that there was a general good feeling in the dorm that I was responsible and stayed out of trouble. This was true until a new area director took over Olde Campus the last few weeks of school.

To prevent anyone from avenging my cause in a personal manner, let's just call her Q. During a picnic where we, with permission, tried to use the area stereo outside, as had been done countless times in the past, Q had the stereo turned off because we didn't have a Chapel Hill noise permit. I had yet to arrive, and when I did, everyone said I should put my speakers in a window, which I did and was written up for. Seems, as I was told, that "Hallways and Highrises" forbids this act. Find that if you can, I couldn't. Anyway, Q said that my contract was in jeopardy of being terminated if another violation occurred. Mind you, no one complained about the noise. Q took it upon herself to bring silence to the *afternoon of the last day of classes*. A few days later when I kicked my door in frustration, it cracked around the lock. And though it was an accident, and I paid \$508.10 for a new door (that is, by the way, more than tuition and fees), Q said I deliberately damaged University property and was not responsible enough to live on campus. Q canceled my contract.

To sum up, notice the multitude of speakers playing out of windows these days, think of me, and heed my advice. Know and love your RA and area director, for the AD can at any time terminate your contract, even on one noise violation. The appeal process exists, but it's bogus. I've tried it. Everyone is afraid of making someone down low angry, so



most decisions stand. Oh yeah, treat your door gently, like it's made of thin particle board, because it is. Now all the housing department is not this way, but don't take any chances. Remember, my area director could now be yours. Am I angry? Hell yes! Screw the system! Anarchy!

COLIN LAW
 Junior
 Physics

Thou shalt be informed

To the editor:
 Early this summer, Universal Studios announced its intention to release "The Last Temptation of Christ" in mid-to-late-September. However, the studio released the film about a month early in response to a tremendous outcry from the religious community to have the film banned. Thousands of protesters demonstrated in front of Universal's Hollywood studios and touched off protests at most, if not all, of the film's openings. Each opening brought added local controversy as people lined up to see what all the commotion was about.

I went to see the film on its opening day in Raleigh. Unfortunately, I was motivated only by what I saw as a threat to my constitutional rights. I was, however, pleased to find that the film had been masterfully directed and well-acted, which made my effort enjoyable as well as worthwhile.

Now I come to the part about the DTH's managing editor —

who has committed journalistic suicide by rambling on about a film he has not yet seen. How can Mr. Rust form an opinion of something that he has not even experienced? And, since he has not experienced the film, what makes him believe that anyone would want to know what he "thinks" about it.

Please see the film, Mr. Rust, because I'm sure the opinion that you already have will remain unchanged. Next time, though, try forming opinions of your own before you express them to others.

RICH BRENTS
 Sophomore
 English

Feature unfair to Chinese

To the editor:
 As a former daily newspaper journalist, I read student newspapers with the knowledge that perhaps someday great journalists may spring forth. That knowledge usually makes up for the "know-it-all" attitude exhibited by some aspiring journalists (though there are plenty of know-it-all older journalists, too.)

However, occasionally something written by a student journalist exceeds the bounds of acceptance. I refer to the feature about the Elkin Labor Day Festival in the DTH's Omnibus section Sept. 1 (which, contrary to the day published in the paper, was Thursday, not Friday.)

Would the writer and his editors like to explain why the insensitive racial stereotype

"Chinese fire drills" was used in the lead paragraph? The Chinese people have a tradition of hard (not frenzied) work, as well as strong family ties. Are the writer and his editors aware of those attributes?

Moreover, should the University community look forward to other examples of racial insensitivity in the DTH? Will blacks be next? Hispanics? Jews? Whites with Yankee accents? How about Catholics? Unmarried women? The handicapped? The list of possibilities is endless.

A great university deserves better. And I'm sure this letter has helped raise the DTH's awareness of stereotypes, racial or otherwise.

C.A. CHIEN
 Graduate
 Business

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- All letters must be signed by the author(s), with a limit of two signatures per letter.
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United States: love 'em or leave 'em

Suzie Saldi
 Guest Writer

Living overseas most of one's life gives one an incredible feeling of Americanism. Maybe it's because you get to see what others don't have or sense the foreigners' envy of the United States, but you have an enormous amount of pride in your mother country. Standing proud during anti-American rallies and boldly wearing red, white and blue on July 4 were a part of my childhood in Spain and Algeria. I stood up for my country because that is the least I could do. That's why it always bothers me when Americans take their nationality for granted. The same goes for those who continually insult and criticize this great country.

Millions of immigrants have risked their lives, as boat people or war refugees, to get to this land of opportunity. Once here, they changed everything they had — names, customs, languages — to become Americans. Being here was not enough. Caught up in the spirit, they immersed themselves with Americana. To them, the United

States was another chance at life. Somehow, through the generations, this attitude of gratitude has taken a turn. Some are no longer content with their two cars, two kids, two-story house in the suburbs. They complain about anything and everything: high taxes, pollution, a government that keeps private operations private, high prices — in short, anything. If you dislike it that much, leave. It's fairly simple.

I once went to a Little Steven concert. All he did was put down America and criticize its lifestyle. I did not pay \$20 to listen to his wimpy whining for an hour, so I left. What a two-faced hypocrite. Here he is complaining about what a bad place this is to live and how hard others have it while he's raking in millions and living

like a king. I find it very hard to sympathize with him and others like him. Practice what you preach.

It is incomprehensible for someone, anyone, to take so much from this country and give back nothing. This can be applied to any relationship: boyfriend/girlfriend, student/teacher or in this case, citizen/country. I'm not asking anyone to rush down to the nearest Armed Forces Recruiting Center. Just a little respect for the place you call home is sufficient.

If you'd like to change your homeland, then by all means, do so. No tears shed by me. Nowhere on earth will you find as much freedom and democracy as in this country. Some may say that I'm living in LaLa Land, but I say they are. I've been around. And I like it here just fine.

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