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NCAA lets Coach Brown walk

November brings the beginning of the college basketball season and, as any fan will attest, plenty of speculation. Who will reign as the 1988-89 NCAA champion? Will it be Georgetown, or maybe Michigan? Duke (heaven forbid) or our own beloved Tar Heels?

Surprisingly enough, the experts can now eliminate one team from the list of possibilities: the Kansas University Jayhawks will not be defending their national title this year.

On Tuesday, the NCAA slapped Kansas with a three-year probation for violations in the recruitment of former Memphis State player Vincent Askew. The probation bars Kansas from post-season play, takes away one scholarship and disallows paid recruiting visits for 1989.

NCAA officials indicated that the violations were nearly enough to warrant the so-called "death penalty," because they occurred so soon after the 1983-85 probation of the Kansas football program. Last year, Southern Methodist University's football program received such a sentence, suspending the sport for one year. "Kansas was on the bubble, so to speak... It was a tough decision," said David Berst, NCAA assistant director

for enforcement.

Just seven months ago, Danny Manning and Co. were running and dunking their way to a national championship, under the direction of Coach Larry Brown. Now Manning is in Los Angeles preparing to enjoy the comforts of a multi-million dollar contract, while Coach Brown, the National Basketball Association's highest-paid coach in his new position with the San Antonio Spurs, is getting his own taste of the high life.

In these times, corruption in amateur sports is not rare. It is perturbing, however, to see those responsible in such cases go unpunished. While the Kansas basketball program is effectively crippled, Coach Brown has been rewarded with big bucks and a promotion to the NBA. Is it fair for Brown to shirk his responsibility in this matter? Why should Kansas players, fans and students suffer for what best can be described as ineptitude on the part of a coach?

Admittedly, a university is ultimately responsible for the actions of its employees. But if the NCAA truly seeks to provide a deterrent against such infractions in the future, it must begin punishing the guilty rather than the victims. — Louis Bissette

Our own little slice of Japan

The Japanese already dominate in the banking and electronic fields worldwide, but now they want their own university in the United States to train their geniuses.

The N.C. Association of Independent Colleges and Universities has been questioned about two of the state's private institutions of higher learning recently. North Carolina Wesleyan College has received an inquiry from an unnamed Japanese university about buying the college.

But Wesleyan President Leslie Garner said the college was not for sale, to the Japanese or anybody else. "While we would be happy to explore the possibility of establishing an exchange program with the Japanese university, that would be the limit to any interest on our part in a relationship with the Japanese university."

Apparently, the Japanese admire the American university system and want to buy a private college in financial trouble because it's so expensive to attend Japanese universities. Also, Japanese universities are much easier than those in other countries, according to experts like Noriko Nagai, assistant professor of Asian languages at Duke University, and the Japanese hope to improve their future leaders' communication skills by placing them in the United States.

Nagai said Japanese students at an

American university typically must spend their first few months just working on the English language. "But at a Japanese university here, they could work on their communication skills while continuing their studies."

But if a Japanese university owns a college in North Carolina and puts Japanese students and faculty in it, won't it still be a Japanese university?

At this point, it doesn't look like the buyout will ever come to pass, because the state's college leaders insist the campuses simply are not for sale. But it's hard to resist speculating about the possibilities of having a foreign university in the United States.

Just think of the advantages. If a teaching assistant didn't speak English, it wouldn't matter, because the students wouldn't either. And students wouldn't have to trek into town to get real Japanese food — they could just go to the cafeteria on campus. And not only would students be more respectful and put away their newspapers when the professor entered the class, but they would also bow. Sounds idyllic, doesn't it?

But the real adjustment would come with the foreigners adjusting to American (and more specifically, North Carolinian) culture. Would they fit in with the rest of the ACC? Do Japanese students like football? How does boom-chick-a-rock-a-chick-a-rock-a-chick-a-boom sound in Japanese? — Sandy Dimsdale

1,000 bad words uttered at the Food Lion

The picture on my new driver's license is not flattering, to say the least. I was blessed with my grandmother Cora's smile, so unphotogenic she would only pose for painters, who in turn would paint her a new mouth.

So the other day I was short of cash at Food Lion, and was forced to write a check — thus the fear I might have to show the picture. After sprawling out my car's contents, I hoped maybe I could get by without showing the ID. But Thelma the cashier jerked that little microphone and reverberated through the aisles, "DRIVER'S LICENSE!" I pulled it out, keeping it a good five feet from her and my thumb over the picture. She snatched it from me though, and as she eyed the picture, a look of disbelief came over her face. She looked at it from varying distances. And then came the laughter, which also went into the microphone and reverberated through the aisles.

This brought the bag boy over. He was one of those high school kids who takes his job very seriously, and answers only to the title of "bagging maintenance supervisor." He peered over Thelma's shoulder for a closer look. His face tightened.

great pains of humiliation and my ice cream was losing its shape. An impatient mob began to form behind me.

David Rowell

Pardon Me

"I can't take this check," Thelma said to me.

"But that damn well is me," I demanded, and insisted on seeing the manager. Art the bag boy went to get him. In a minute this stocky man in a full body apron came up to the register.

"What's the problem?" he asked them, and then he saw the license. After a minute of deliberation he muttered, "Hard to tell." Now at this point I had all the dignity of a mass murderer. I wanted out, but I had already been rung up. So I looked at the picture and, as they studied it and conferred among themselves, tried to resume the look, squinting my entire face to get that exact, horrible expression.

"Maybe," the manager said. "Try it again."

I went through a series of de-arranging my face, as if I was trying to amuse some little kid. But I wasn't. I lowered my eyelids, stretched my nose, made sneezing faces. Suggestions were even offered. "Cross your eyes!" "Can you sneer any more?" Then someone yelled about the hair. I fluffed it up like it looks in the picture, then tried

the face again.

"I saw it," a man two back yelled. Still others disagreed. Finally, after a long debate from a crowd of about 40 or so, they decided to accept my check.

"Jesus, kid," some guy came over to say, "that's the worst thing I ever seen." I thanked him, and with my one small bag of groceries, went out into the parking lot to dispose of the license in the first gutter I could find. But then I worried it might resurface somehow, and that if I were ever reported as missing, or dead, this would be the picture all the newspapers would carry. The editor might put it next to my last column.

No. I had to burn it. And now that I did, I worry that the License Bureau keeps negatives. I'll bet there's some guy named Taggart who keeps showing it to the people who are having their pictures made so that he gets a big smile. Then, after the flash, they go into hysterics. I worry that if I do make it as a writer, and someday my biography comes out, at the last minute they will substitute the original cover with my driver's license, and they'll change the title to "They Called Him Quasimodo." No doubt about it. I'm ruined.

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Readers' Forum

Cater to blind students

To the editor:
This weekend thousands of Tar Heel and Maryland fans flooded Kenan stadium. They cheered, socialized and enjoyed another Carolina football game. The next time you are in Kenan Stadium or the Smith Center, amid those thousands of fans who are moving around and making noise, try an experiment. Close your eyes. Then try to find the restroom or the concession stand. Better yet, walk into either arena with your eyes closed and try to find your seat.

You may give a sarcastic snort at the ludicrousness of the thought, but for the blind students of this campus, finding their way around at football and basketball games is no laughing matter. Blind students who function independently in life are lost in large crowds. To attend an event at an arena such as Kenan Stadium or the Smith Center, these students require a sighted escort.

The UNC Athletic Association has no special policy dealing with blind students (or other impaired students who require escorts), so a blind student must find an escort who is also a student to get a ticket on his (the escort's) I.D., or he (the student) must buy a guest pass for his escort. If a student escort for some reason cannot attend the game, the blind person must find another student to accompany him. He cannot ask his apartment roommate or an acquaintance to accompany him because that person cannot get into the game on a student ticket. If he cannot find another student, the blind student cannot attend the game. If he buys a guest pass, he ensures that he can go to a football game with anyone, but he must pay \$17 for a privilege all other students receive for free — the right to attend Carolina football games. Guest passes are not sold for basketball games.

THE WASHINGTON POST MAKES A DECISION



The UNC Athletic Association (not the same as the Carolina Athletic Association) should adopt a policy to enable a blind student to receive an extra ticket (a guest pass or a specially marked ticket) with his athletic pass. There is not an enormous blind population at UNC, so I doubt that such a policy would overcrowd either stadium or that the lack of less than a dozen payments of \$17 for guest passes will break the UNCAA's piggy bank. Such a policy would provide blind students more options when attempting to attend Carolina athletic events — a right they deserve.

STEPHANIE EMBRY
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International studies

Battle injustice in Middle East

To the editor:
As a citizen of the United States, you enjoy the comfort that it is very unlikely that a military soldier would break into your house, beat the hands of every male in sight, grab you by the arms, and drag you into a holding cell. At this point you

are beaten to make a confession of an unheard of crime, and then detained for six months without a trial or even a visit from a lawyer or relatives. If such a thing did happen in the U.S., it would shock the public and news media. However, in Israel, a "democratic" country, over 35 percent of the population under its rule are subject to such an arrest.

The fact is that it happens every day in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, where 1.5 million Palestinians live without even the most basic human rights because the Israeli government refuses to acknowledge their existence. But my biggest objection is with the U.S. government, who, with blind ignorance, gives Israel three billion dollars in unconditional aid a year. This amounts to \$700 per Israeli citizen per year. The U.S. has a chance to make restitution very soon by helping the Palestinians in their fight for self-determination in encouraging the U.N. and other countries to recognize the state of Palestine when it is proclaimed next month.

In the last 11 months, the spirit of the Intefadah (Uprising) has not been broken even

after 300 deaths, thousands of arrests under administrative detention, and thousands more of "routine" interrogations and beatings. After hundreds of large-scale curfews, the nationalism has not gone away. With or without Israeli cooperation a Palestinian nation will form in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Please join us in a candlelight vigil in front of the Franklin Street post office every Thursday night until the gross violation of Palestinian human rights has ended.

CHARLES HANNA
Carolina Association of Palestinian Human Rights

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'Liberal' means innovation and vigor

One of the many things that bothers me this election is the use by George Bush and others of the word "liberal" as an inflammatory label to pin on their opponents. They apparently use this label without any thought as to what it actually means. These "anti-liberals" cast the word about carelessly as a derogatory epithet in attempts to conjure negative images in the minds of the voting public. Yet, at the same time, they do not hesitate to advocate popular liberal causes such as child day care, social security and environmental protection. They appear to be more concerned about public perceptions and their own popularity than about the truth or their own consciences. Michael Dukakis has only assisted them by failing to explain what it means to be a "liberal."

The Random House Dictionary defines "liberal" as "a political philosophy advocating the freedom of the individual, representative systems of government, unrestricted development of all spheres of human endeavor and governmental guarantees of individual rights and civil liberties." This definition, however, is only a starting point; it does not capture its meaning when embodied by a leader.

To me, a "liberal" is a person with a vision of the future; someone who is not satisfied with the status quo; someone who thinks — who knows — we can do better. A liberal is someone who will greet tomorrow with open arms; someone with the strength of conviction and character who will not shirk the challenges of change, but instead will work to guide progress for the common good.

Gray Styers

Guest Writer

A "liberal" is someone who is willing to exercise bold leadership with an understanding of the world as it is, a vision of the world as it should be, and the willingness to work to make that vision a reality. A liberal is willing to take bold initiatives to address — not avoid — the problems of poverty, racism and violence; to propose new ideas to broaden educational opportunities, to provide needed health care to the newborn and the elderly, to protect and conserve our environment and our natural resources; to perceive subtle changes in international relations and to take advantage of those changes for peace and cooperation.

A "liberal" is someone who believes "justice," "liberty" and "equality" are more than just words that sound appealing on 30-second commercials or in speeches written by someone else. He understands that these are values to cherish and goals to strive for — for everyone, not just for a select few; that these values are challenges that face each of us whenever they are missing; that these values are worth fighting for and defending; and that organizations that do defend them are to be praised rather than ridiculed and attacked themselves.

A "liberal" is someone who takes the Bill of Rights seriously; someone who believes that "due process" and "equal

protection under the law" have real, substantive meaning; someone who insists upon the right of privacy and freedom of conscience. At one time, all of these ideas were "liberal" — if not radical.

Much of what Americans enjoy (and take for granted) today were once the visions of "liberals" — the Bill of Rights, the right to vote, civil rights, public education, national parks, environmental protection, child labor laws and the minimum wage, Social Security and Medicare... the list goes on.

Likewise, the list of "liberals" — men and women of vision and energy — is long. Any list would be woefully incomplete, but a reminder of some of them may illustrate our indebtedness to them: in our nation's history, Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson to Franklin Roosevelt and John Kennedy; Susan B. Anthony to Martin Luther King. In our own state, Archibald DeBow Murphey, John Motley Morehead, Zebulon Vance, William Lewis Poteat, Irving Carlisle, Kerr Scott, Frank Porter Graham and Terry Sanford. "All these were honored in their generations, and were the glory of their times."

This is what the word "liberal" means. Only someone who understands and appreciates its heritage, who recognizes its promise, and who considers it a badge of honor rather than a derogatory label has the vision and the strength to lead this country and to serve as its next president.

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