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Hardin's vision lofty But don't overlook students and state

Shortly after his appointment as chancellor in April 1988, Paul Hardin said the instigation of sweeping changes at UNC would be a mistake, and he did not foresee major changes in the near future. Hardin, former president of Drew University — a private school with about 3,000 students, also admitted his inexperience with large, public universities and the "political processes and structures" found within.

Accustomed to sitting atop the administrative hierarchy, Hardin has spent the past year adjusting to the constraints placed upon the Chapel Hill campus by the N.C. General Assembly and state legislature and the 16-campus system, but he has also taken controversial steps to increase autonomy within the separate campuses — a major change. Many of Hardin's efforts are laudable, but throughout his constant battles off campus, his leadership presence on campus has been invisible — except, perhaps, for the pages of city newspapers; Hardin places himself within an "ivory tower," making it difficult for the common student to know exactly who is at the helm of this institution.

Hardin already has demonstrated his commitment to strengthening UNC. His requests for more control of campus affairs within the individual system schools will definitely help maintain UNC's excellence. But Hardin must be careful. The UNC system and the state legislature are committed to eliminating financial competition between the schools, and many may view efforts to strengthen the Chapel Hill campus as detrimental to the services of the UNC system.

In fact, system President C.D. Spangler has already voiced opposition to many of

Hardin's objectives. But the chancellor only wishes to further UNC's status as a world-class research institution while making it more financially efficient. For this he deserves praise, as long as he does not lose sight of the important University mission to serve the people of this state.

Today, one year after his inauguration, Hardin can show how well he has adjusted to the unfamiliar political processes. But the time taken to adjust has greatly decreased his accessibility to students. Rarely seen on the large UNC campus, Hardin spends a great deal of time soliciting donations across the state and keeps a calendar booked solidly for months in advance.

Students, with the exception of Student Body President Brien Lewis, find it impossible to meet with the chancellor or even speak with him by phone. Hardin's few campus appearances such as the lunches with students require advance reservations open to a few people, giving a staged image of accessibility. In actuality, the only mass student exposure to Hardin comes with his center-court seats at the Smith Center.

And although Hardin claims to "like the press," his openness with the Triangle's news media directly contrasts his glaring inaccessibility to student media. Hardin pays little attention to important everyday student issues on campus. While state leaders may be well aware of who Hardin is, many students may not be, in large part because they rarely see his opinions in print.

Understandably, the chancellor remains busy fulfilling his many obligations to the University, but he cannot lose sight of the smaller problems for which he is ultimately responsible. Hardin spent a year learning the ropes, but now he should take some time to meet the students, their groups and their concerns about UNC.

board opinion

Racketeer or activist? Don't restrict anti-abortion protesters

The Supreme Court's decision not to hear a case concerning an act which allows anti-abortion protesters to be sued as "racketeers" should concern and anger those who believe in freedom of expression and the right to protest.

Under the 1970 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, or RICO, anyone who can prove a "pattern of racketeering" in a court battle can collect triple damages and court costs. The court's action came from a precedent set by a case that grew out of years of anti-abortion protests of a Philadelphia clinic.

A case that is about to go to court in Chicago will probably be influenced by the Supreme Court's decision. In the Chicago case, the National Organization for Women is seeking triple damages under the racketeering law from the two national leaders of "Operation Rescue" and the Pro-Life Action League for demonstrations across the country. But in Philadelphia, the protesters argued the ruling impeded the right to free speech and was a "dangerous expansion" of the RICO law.

Some anti-abortion demonstrators do go far beyond the legal bounds in their protests, such as the rash of clinic bombings a few years ago. Of course, these bombings were intolerable and should have been punished to the full extent of

the law. Even lesser violations such as trespassing need to be punished, but labeling protesters as racketeers has definitely broadened the scope of RICO far beyond what it should be.

According to Webster's Dictionary, a racketeer is someone who engages in a fraudulent scheme or activity or in an illegitimate enterprise made workable by bribery or intimidation. Some would argue the majority of anti-abortion demonstrators focus on intimidation, but this is a narrow view of the aim of the protesters. They protest where the focus of their cause is — the clinics. In most cases, it's no more intimidating than any other heated, emotional protest, such as those during the Vietnam War.

If the anti-abortion protesters have violated some laws, such as trespassing, so they can be arrested and give their cause some publicity, it is their way of expressing their viewpoint. Yes, they should be prosecuted, and if pro-choice activists want to take them to court, then they should have that prerogative. But the prosecution and the lawsuits should be dealt with under the existing statutes of law, not under an act labeling protesters as racketeers. No protester's cause is fraudulent or illegitimate to him, and the courts shouldn't rule it so. — **Tammy Blackard**

No cause is illegitimate to the one who protests for it, and the courts shouldn't rule it so.

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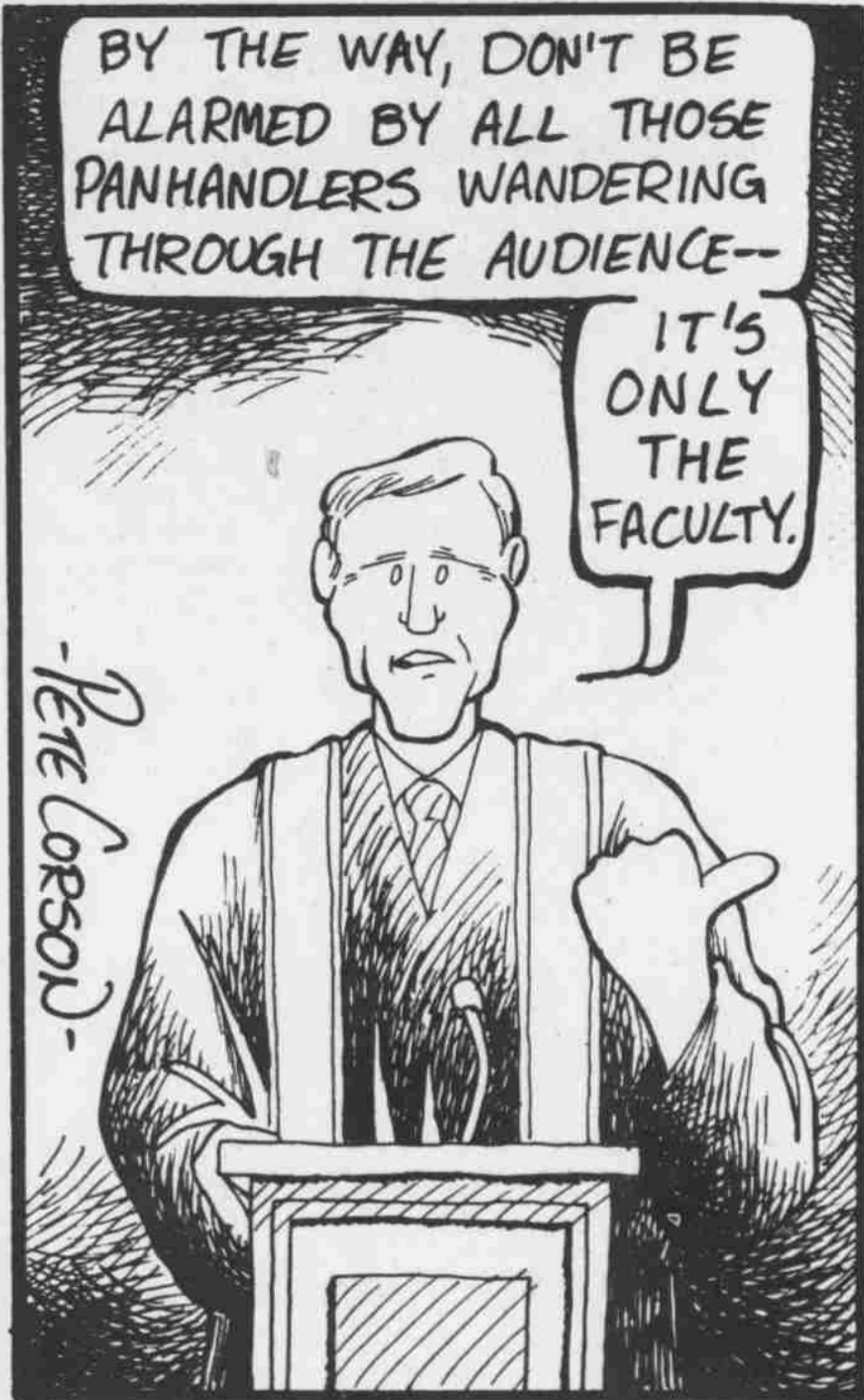
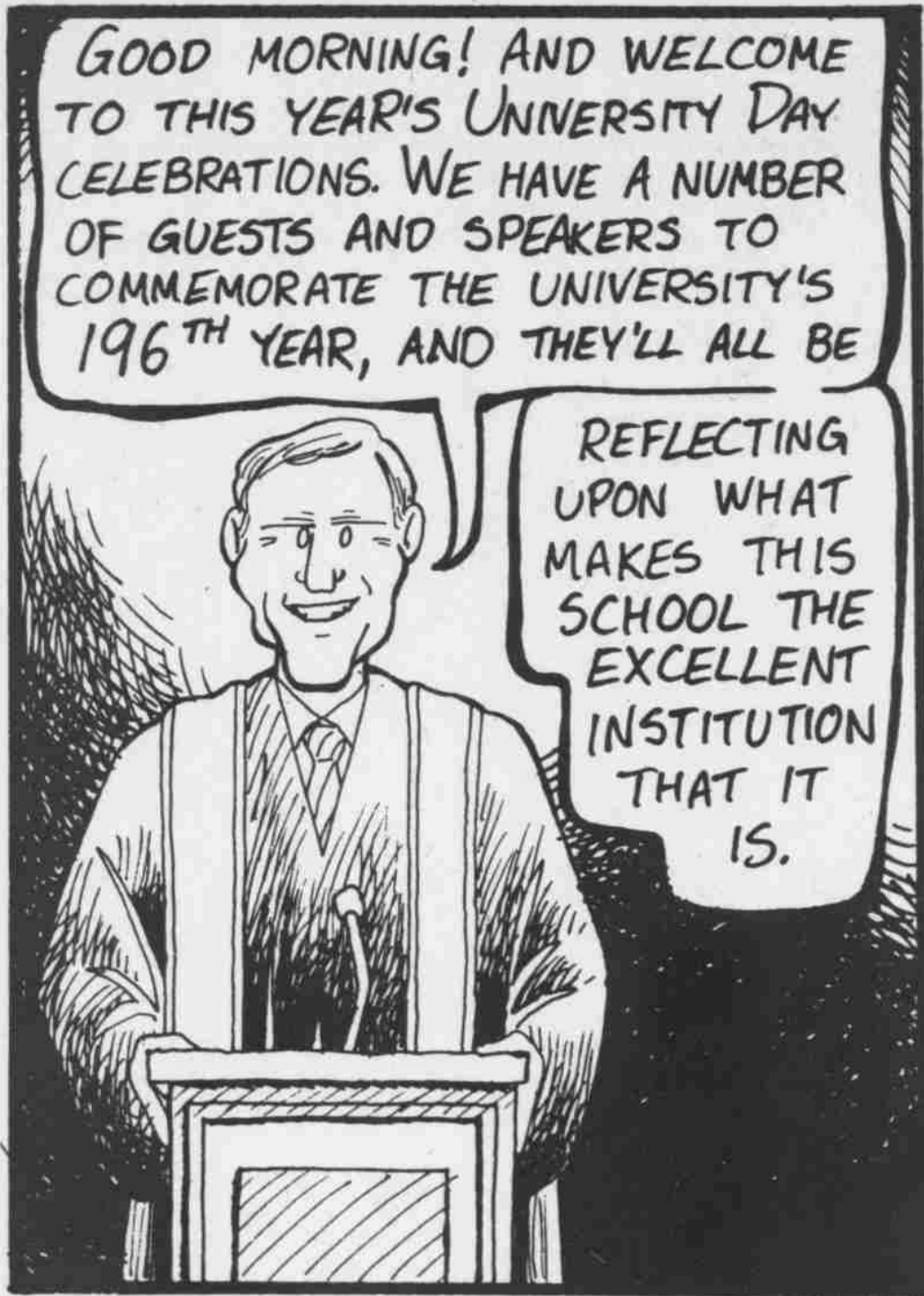
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On the cheese-executive fast track

See, I've got this problem. In May I graduate, and I don't have any immediate plans for graduate school. (I didn't know you had to apply to grad school, for gosh sakes.) My dad suggested I look for a job.

"I've had jobs before, Dad," I said, hoping to elicit a fatherly smile. "I think they're over-rated." Dad didn't smile.

So I decided to join the (hire me) job search. I began by flipping through the DTH Career Tab, where I learned that 1988 graduates with 3.7 GPAs made less money than those with 2.4 GPAs. Ha ha! And here I was thinking the object was to get higher grades! Boy, my academic career is going to be so much easier now — luckily I have almost an entire year left to pull my grades down. After all, as long as I'm going to (paid vacation) work, I may as well (six figures) earn a decent (company car) wage.

I also learned from the career tab that taking time off after graduation would severely limit my career opportunities, because employers would realize that I am an unmotivated leftover. Sharon Wiatt, associate director of UCPPS, explained: "The employer would be thinking: 'Why did you wait? What were you doing your entire senior year?' My number one priority would have been looking for a job."

That made lots of sense to me, especially since I was now wise to the little-publicized buying power of the 2.4; obviously, since most seniors could only hurt themselves at this point by attending class, our time would be better spent on practicing firm-handshakes and padding resumes.

Which brings me to the next gem o' job-search wisdom: Employers like people who are not different. This is why resume padding is so important. Since your employer at one

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Rat Salad

point lied to someone to get his job, he expects you to do the same. For god's sake, don't be different, folks. You'll only hurt your career aspirations. Not to mention doubling your cover charge at certain bars.

The tab also explained that employers would be "suspicious" of those of us who showed up looking for jobs in October. Again, in Wiatt's words: "The employer is going to wonder, 'Why this sudden interest now, when I was on his doorstep a year ago?'"

Another good point. After all, how could I convince the good people of Kraft that I've longed to be a cheese-marketing executive ever since I was a wee tot eating my bologna and Kraft American Cheese sandwiches, and that the greatest day of my life was when Kraft came out with a mayonnaise, if I missed the campus interview with them?

Armed with the wisdom of ages, I headed off to a job interview. I had my resume on fine bond paper, so I'd appear conservative and business-like. Of course, the paper was hot pink, so I'd stand out and the interviewer would remember me. My palm was dry, my grip firm, my tie power-yellow. I sat to the left of the interviewer, which is the power position. I leaned forward, another power position. But when it occurred to me that I could achieve the ultimate power position by wrapping my hands around the interviewer's neck and pinning him to the desk ...

Of course, I consoled myself, there'll be other interviews. And I was learning how to interview. For instance, I'd learned the importance of researching the company before interviewing. When the guy from 3-M leans back and says, "So, what do you know about our company?" you have to appear informed. With a little preparation, you can confidently field such questions: "You guys make tape, right?"

So I returned to the career tab. I learned that it's OK to take time off after graduation as long as you do something meaningful, such as joining the Peace Corps or the military or traveling. But even traveling might not be a good idea, the tab warned: many interviewers may be family-oriented adults who have never traveled out of the state, and, according to Wiatt of UCPPS, "They may resent the image of a student as being a playboy with no responsibilities or think, 'this kid is rich and doesn't know how to work for a living.'"

Yet another helpful hint: You don't want to appear to be well-rounded; you might make your interviewer feel boring or provincial.

- So, the ideal applicant:
1. Has a dry, firm handshake.
 2. Has a 2.4.
 3. Is 'not different.'
 4. Wears a yellow power tie. (If you're a woman, I guess you wear a power-yellow dress or something. I don't know — I can't find any interview guides for women. Work on your handshake: firm but dainty.)
 5. Hasn't been anywhere.
 6. Lies well on a good-looking resume.
 7. Knows that Kraft makes cheese and 3-M makes tape.

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Readers' Forum

Bakker guilty, but enlightened some

To the editor:
In response to Wendy Bounds' commentary, "No cheap grace: A night at Heritage USA," on Oct. 9, I would agree that Jim Bakker is an "abhorrent man" who "abused his power" but maintain that his actions profited his followers more than the teachings of other present-day idols. Although his fraudulent use of offerings to the Lord is inexcusable and intolerable, his efforts at saving souls in the name of Jesus Christ merit admiration. In a society susceptible to larger-than-life leaders, there is enlightenment found in someone who directs his followers to the righteousness of God.

As to Bakker's individual guilt, there can be no questioning. He committed a disservice to the church and slandered the name of evangelism. It is unfortunate that many skeptics will blame the ideals of Christianity due to the perversion of one man's mind.

Bakker's message, however, stands alone as a supreme guiding force in the hearts of his followers. They may have been robbed of their money, but they have received an eternal gift with which no material possession on this earth can compare. It is my belief that more detrimental manipulations of followers occur in this age of worship.

While reading Bounds' descriptions of "pathetic souls" with outstretched arms of worship, the example which came to me was the Grateful Dead concert I attended this summer. The "Dead," (a loaded nickname), like Jim Bakker, have exalted themselves in a cult fashion to a position of great power and influence. They also survive off their followers who sit acid-eyed outside of concert gates growling "I need a miracle," ready to spend their last bit of craft generated cash to see their 121st "deadset." Seeing people sacrificing much of their lives to

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Ignore demands for debate with CIA

To the editor:
The CIA Action Committee's request for a debate with the CIA should be ignored. The CIAAC does not deserve an open debate with the CIA due to the group's past acts of terrorism. Irresponsible and immature acts/pranks, such as the infamous/famous blood-on-the-floor fiasco, effectively revoke any right the group claims to a debate. The CIA has better (and probably legal) things to do than endure the infantile ravings of child-terrorists. The group has not proven that it can take part in a mature discourse.

The CIAAC contends that the CIA should be barred from campus because of its alleged criminal activities. But while accusing the CIA of imaginary crimes, the CIAAC commits actual crimes. Should there be a CIAAC Action Committee to hound the CIAAC with its own rhetoric?

Students beware: These people are not activists, they are politicians.

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Some of your readers may wish to write me off as a prude, but I happen to believe that the human body is a wondrous and beautiful mechanism. It is truly a pleasure and a blessing to be able to witness the performance of well-trained bodies (of either gender), whether they be demonstrating running, swimming, gymnastics, shooting a basketball, or, yes, even erotic dancing. It seems to me a sad thing to see the movements of the body trivialized into the kind of rote, repetitive motions which these women were performing. And let's face it, the only appeal is in the sight of shaking breasts and bottoms; otherwise, it's a pretty boring sight. These young women obviously worked hard to get their act together, and it's sad to think of their time, energy and emotion being wasted on public sexual provocation. There may be more women than men on the Carolina campus, but clearly women are dancing to men's tunes still, rather than thinking about their own needs, desires and potential for growth.

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