

EDITORIAL

Cheers and jeers

Cheers: To President Friday and the UNC General Assembly for helping snag \$25.9 million for major UNCA improvements including renovating Lipinsky Auditorium, building a baseball field and expanding Rhoades Science Building.

Jeers: To the book store for making a \$27,800 profit in book sales last year. A school store should not be making a profit at students' expense. In the past book store profits have gone toward student scholarships, but the university has discontinued this practice. With the high price of tuition and day-to-day living expenses, students cannot continue to pay the outrageous book prices, especially for the benefit of the university.

Cheers: To soccer players Steve Magoon and Mark Magee for making all-tournament team at the Metropolitan Shoot-out. Magoon kicked a goal with two seconds left to claim a Bulldog win against UT-Chatanooga, 3-2.

Cheers: To student Margaret Powell for her long battle with cancer. Powell has persevered through years of pain and medical bills, attending college and even earning a place on the honors roll. We're pulling for you Margaret!

Jeers: To the university and the housing office for crowding Village dormitories to capacity. Not only are the majority of corner rooms doubled, but the hallways are now walled in to squeeze in an additional person. Although the university purchased \$40,000 of new furniture, it does not compensate for the cramped conditions.

Cheers: To Student Government Association for sponsoring the Red Cross Blood Drive on Sept. 24. In the hectic world of university life, it's easy to forget about those less fortunate than ourselves. Taking times out to give blood is one small way we can show our appreciation for life.

Jeers: To all those people who proposed the new "X" grade for students who do not attend class. The new grade would replace the administrative "F." This obvious ploy to keep students at UNCA is more of an insult to the student body than anything else. Come on — by the time students are 18 years old, they have a pretty good idea whether or not they are attending class and what consequences will result if they do not. **The Blue Banner** thinks it is time administration realized they are dealing with adults, not a bunch of children who need to be led by the hand through their duties.

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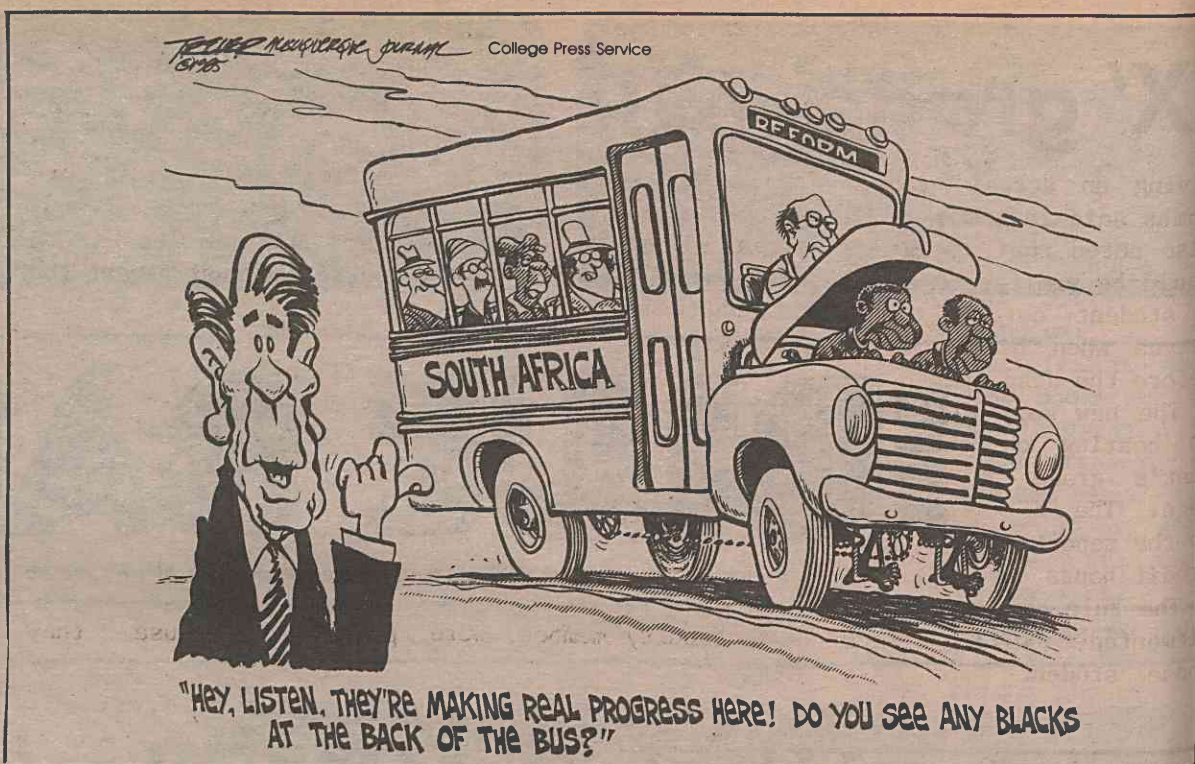
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IN YOUR OPINION

Parking ticket blues

By Anna Wilson

O.K. 'Fess up. Who has gotten one of those stupid little traffic warnings or worse, a ticket from campus police?

I got a warning ticket two weeks ago. Not for parking in handicapped. Not for parking in front of a fire hydrant. And not even for taking a faculty space.

Get this...I received a ticket for taking more than one space. Granted in this day of inadequate parking, taking an extra space is a crime.

But it just so happens when I pulled in, there was hardly room for me to get out. Down the row on either side of me white tickets fluttered obnoxiously.

I guess "traffic control" couldn't decide who started parking wrong in the first place and said "Oh, what the heck,

I'll give them all a ticket."

Now I wouldn't be so mad if I had deserved that warning. But hey, I was just trying to squeeze in where I could so I wouldn't have to park down on W. Weaver.

I tell you what, if I ever get a real ticket for this same thing, you can bet your bottom dollar I'll take it to the appeals court.

Granted parking in handicapped wrong and a ticket should be given. The same goes for parking in front of a fire hydrant. Ditto for taking a faculty space.

But please spare us these little notes. We didn't create the parking problem. Administration did for allowing the university population to grow before the facilities did.

A call for freshman advising

By West Tucker

A bizarre and unfair set of circumstances confronts each incoming freshman.

The first year students are not issued an advisor; they are issued an advisor number. This is an important distinction, because many of the teachers don't know their own number and certainly none of the freshman know which number goes to which advisor. This presents the next set of problems.

First of all, none of the students are instructed as to who to call to determine his advisor. Secondly, if he is fortunate enough to run into a person who knows where to get that information, you are likely to encounter further problems.

For example, I ran into two professors. They told me to get my schedule and call the Academic Testing and Advising Office, where there they would match my number to my advisor's name.

The advising office told me that my number wasn't available and she couldn't help. What does this mean?

It means that my advisor, Mr. 1110, hadn't registered in the computer listing.

After that rebuff, I asked for a friend's advisor name (I had no number.)

"Her advisor is Dr. Rackham," came the prompt reply. Just for fun, I asked what Dr. Rackham's number was.

"His number is 1110," she said.

Are you beginning to understand my confusion? Clearly something did not compute in that office.

So why all the fuss? Well, all students are granted one week to drop/add courses. This is a reasonable amount of time if the student can receive guidance during that week.

To drop or add a course, you need your advisor's signature. Not having a clue as to whose signature to get is no small stumbling block.

These are the obvious problems created by this confusion. But what of the less concrete troubles this can cause? Many students come to UNCA for its smaller size and more personal approach, in other words, to avoid being lost in the shuffle.

Would you believe several freshman weren't aware of the entire concept? For the freshman, the small school can fade rapidly with a few similar incidents.