

Opinion

The Editorial Board of The Lance would like to explain to the student body the appearance of this issue. Numerous problems combined with the fall holiday and a deadline for a communications publication have forced us to put out a product which is not in our usual format.

We thought about pushing back the publication date in order to have a paper that looks like you are used to, but we all got to thinking. What if, one morning, instead of a stack of newspapers in the Charlotte Observer vending machine, you saw a little note saying, "Gee, we're sorry but we had a few problems and couldn't publish today."

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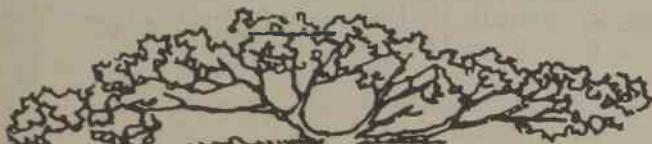
by Brian Rodgers

I figured out why there aren't more men in elementary education, it is because we can't write neat enough on the chalkboard for the students to read!

In this article I would like to give a few tips that I have picked up while student teaching. I now realize that teaching is a very difficult profession, but also an extremely rewarding one. The teachers in my school work together in an effort produce students that have not only learned the necessary skills to be successful citizens in our society, but who will also want to continue to better themselves throughout their entire lives. I realize that everyday that I step into my class, I have the opportunity to help my students believe in themselves. This is a great

responsibility, and if handled correctly, can be very beneficial to a child who has no other reason to believe in him/herself.

Conditions for teachers, as a whole, appear to be improving, fortunately. As the demand for teachers increases, the pay and benefits are inevitably becoming more favorable, as well. The simple fact is that the process of education is important to our world, and that teachers are the force with which that process, inevitably, is a failure or a success. This in turn sets the pace for our future. Therefore, teachers have an extremely important role in shaping the future. This is a monumental task, but one that many people take on everyday.



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Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

This is in response to the editorial in the Oct. 1 issue entitled "Stop Pestering Bork" by Bobby C. Simpson. I specifically wish to address the statement: "My major disagreement with the [Senate Judiciary] committee is that they are not trying to find a qualified replacement." Your problem then, Mr. Simpson, is with the system itself, not just the Democrats. The function of the Senate Judiciary Committee is not to propose candidates, but rather to determine the suitability of those candidates submitted for review.

Granted, there were some relatively trivial questions addressed to Bork in the confirmation hearings. To maintain, however, that a few trivial questions by the panel invalidates the process is ludicrous. Not

all, or even most, of the questions were personal in nature. Most pertained to matters in Bork's professional record, which, as Mr. Tredway indicated in his editorial in the same issue, is atrocious on such issues as judicial doctrine and civil rights.

In conclusion, you quote the scripture: "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone." The Bible also states "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Does this, therefore, mean that there should be no Senate Judiciary Committee? Should any person the President nominates, no matter how contrary his record and stated beliefs may be to the principles of justice and equality for all, be granted a position which could affect the entire nation for years to come?

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