

Painting a false picture

In the last issue of the Campus Echo an article appeared concerning several pictures that had to be removed from the latest Summer School catalogue. Dr. Edward Crowe, a UNC administrator, cited one picture with a young lady in the background wearing cornrows and beads as not permissible. Crowe called the hairstyle a "negative stereotype."

Dr. Tom Scheft, assistant director of NCCU's Summer School and editor of the catalogue, defended the picture—saying the hairstyle was simply a matter of fashion.

But Crowe didn't buy it. He said no go.

Hmmm...

During football season and now during basketball season, a black UNC-CH cheerleader bounces up and down while jiggling her beads and braids. She apparently is not looked upon negatively by the UNC administration.

So why did Crowe find the picture of the Central student a problem?

That question doesn't have an easy answer. Even UNC-system president William Friday could not answer it. In fact, he said he had never heard of such an issue on another campus.

He told Chancellor Whiting that a formal apology would be given to the young lady and later gave Scheft permission to run any picture that he wanted. His approval, however, was too late, because the catalogue had already been sent to the printer.

Many students may look upon the picture censorship as a racist move by the UNC system, but I see it as a mistake in order to create an image they want to exist. The UNC system is obviously concerned as to how it will handle the desegregation process. It views Central's summer school catalogue as a way to show the courts that the UNC system is serious about its "good faith" efforts. Therefore, they did not want to risk having pictures in the catalogue that might prompt charges of segregation or failure of the UNC-system to actively recruit minorities. Unfortunately, their efforts were misguided.

UNC officials should take special note of this mistake. Placing pictures in a catalogue in order to make the university system look good is not the solution to improving the system.

Perhaps instead of pictures, it is the attitudes of administrators that need censoring.

Winfred B. Cross

Spring break is a week late

Spring break 1982 will begin March 12 and end on March 22. As we pack our laundry bags with three weeks worth of clothes for our mothers' Maytags, most of us are looking forward to a time of relaxation. Some of us may be planning to write the paper that is already a week late. Others—the go-getters among us—are planning to get a head start on the annual chase for summer work.

Those who hope only to cool out will probably achieve a fair amount of success, and those with the papers to write may actually turn out the required number of footnotes.

But those who are hoping to be the early birds who snap up the summer work may have a surprise coming, because the students from A & T, UNC-CH and other UNC-system schools will have been there the week before them.

This delay is not trivial. With Reagan's large cuts in education, more of us will need a summer job to pay next year's tuition.

Face it: our different academic calendar will hurt a lot of us.

If, in these post-consent decree days, our administration has any say in these matters, it should plan our academic calendar with the same holidays, semester breaks and school year as the other schools in the UNC system.

Come on, administrators. Give us an equal chance.

And, students... let Dr. Cecil Patterson, vice-chancellor for Academic Affairs, know that a change in the calendar is necessary.

Calvin Lee Williams

Letters to the editor

Student advises a new, positive look at Greeks

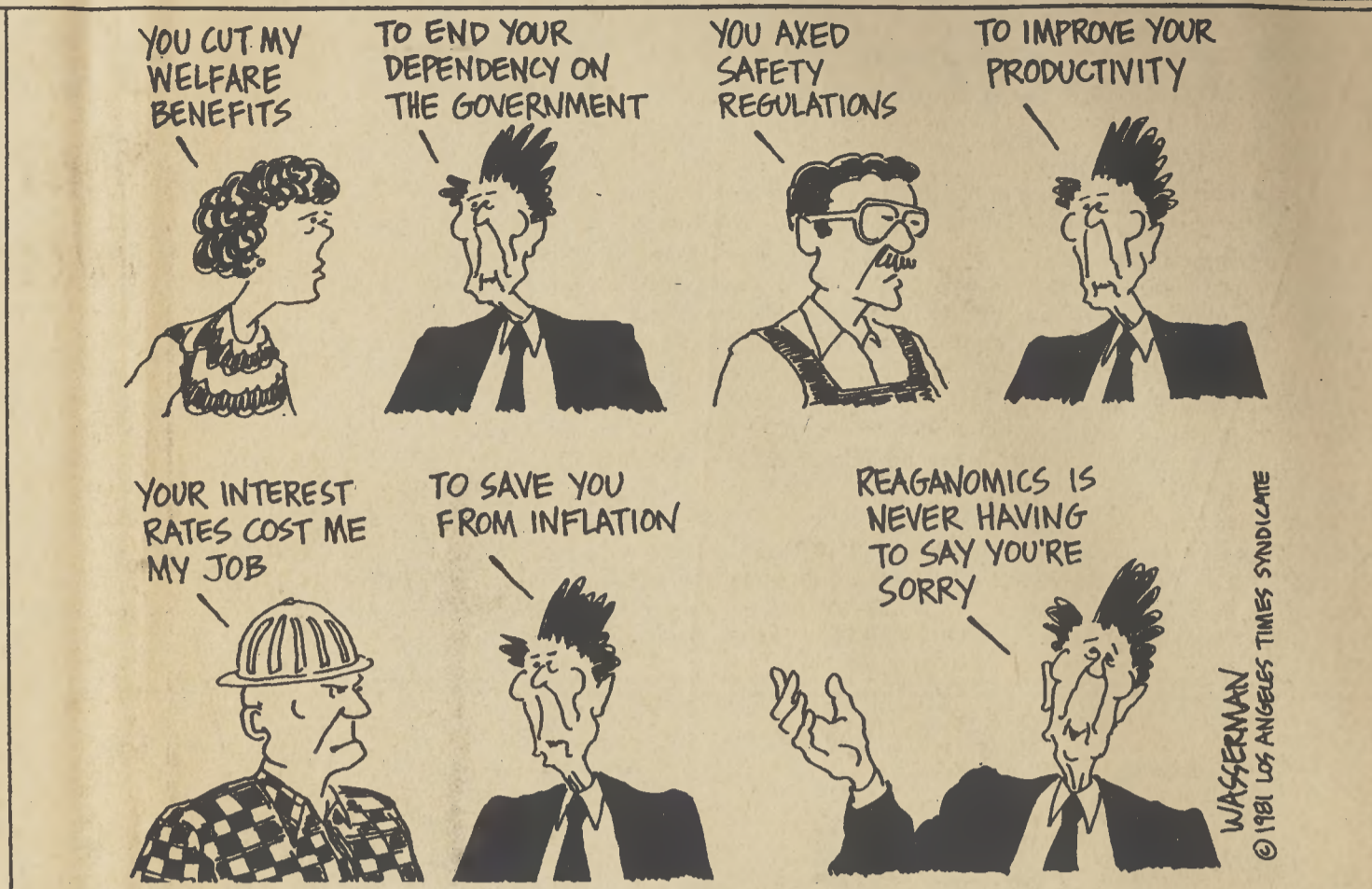
Greek organizations: what are they and what do they do? What good do they provide for NCCU?

These are only a few of the questions that remain unanswered for many college students. Critics have abused these organizations. No longer is a man who pledges a fraternity recognized as an individual; he becomes known as the Que, that Nupe, that Alpha or Sigma. Students should remember that the individuals who have become members of these organizations pledged them for a cause that they believe in. Greek organizations were founded many years ago in order to help instill brotherhood among blacks and to aid in the higher development and uplift of black communities. While these organizations differ in colors and images and principles, they still strive for many of the same causes.

Students should stop spreading rumors about fraternities and sororities. Rumors only create malice between the Greek organizations.

Students should get more involved in the Greek activities on this campus and help make them a success. Whether good or bad, what these Greek organizations do reflects on our University. Some students are too busy trying to destroy the true images of these organizations. Those students who are not members of these organizations should stop the criticism and negative remarks or keep them to themselves.

These organizations do service and community projects. They offer their services to the poor and the needy families of Durham. They make financial donations and raise money for such worthy causes as the United Negro College Fund, Sickle Cell Foundation, the Red Cross, and others.



Schefting Gears

I got those low-down, Reaganomics, change the television channel blues

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Richard Dawson: Welcome back to "Family Feud." The question we've asked is: Name something there's a lot less of today.

Contestant 1: How about Jobs? (Bell sounds. Board reveals it's a correct response)

Dawson: Right! Next.

Contestant 2: Uh... financial aid money? (bell sounds)

Dawson: Great! Next.

Contestant 3: Let's see... How about nuclear weapons? (buzzer sounds indicating a wrong answer)

Dawson: No, I'm sorry. Next.

Contestant 4: Gee, Richard, that's tough. What about acid rain?

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Less taste!
Less filling!
Less taste!
Less filling!

... New Lite School Lunches. They're a third less than an old fashioned school lunch.

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This weather bulletin just in. The trickle down will continue to miss most people while interest rates will remain in the high teens, early 20s with a slim or no chance of borrowing...

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... Marlon Perkins here at James Watt State Park. Notice that yellow-tailed bobcat running across the asphalt and darting behind those oil wells. And there's a ground hog coughing now that the air control standards have been lifted at the national parks...

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Stop judging fraternities and sororities from former stereotyping and hearsay. Look deeper into what they are truly for. You shall see that they are deeper than just having parties, drinking, and jamming; you'll see that for NCCU Greeks, their fraternities and sororities run deep into their souls. Ask questions. Find out what Greeks really are and what they really do. For you could ask a question and be a fool for only a minute, or you could not ask the question and be a fool for life.

Melvin A. Davis

Swing Phi Swing tells campus of its activities

Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship Inc. is a black oriented organization that promotes finer black womanhood, academic excellence and active school participation.

This organization is strongly devoted to the future growth and development of the black community. The sisters of Swing Phi Swing have participated in numerous projects in the Durham community.

They have donated clothes to the needy, visited young and old people in Duke Hospital, had a party for the young children in the mental hospital on Valentine's Day, taken young boys from the John Avery Boys Club to a Basketball game, collected can goods for needy families for the Thanksgiving Holidays, had an Easter Egg Hunt for children from low income families, participated in helping out for High School Day, participated in a program developed to tutor young children in their studies, and donated \$20 to the United Negro College Fund.

We, the Sisters of Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship Inc.

We'll be back to "Bedtime For Bonzo" after this special word from...

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And here's our "PM Magazine" chef to show us a mouthwatering recipe for five pounds of surplus cheese...

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Later tonight on a special NBC report David Stockman will talk about his budget...

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...of Hazzard.

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Howard Cosell: Hello, America, this is Howard Cosell for ABC. Dodger rookie sensation Fernando Valenzuela is asking for \$1,000,000. Reggie Jackson has signed with the Angels for an undisclosed amount of money and personal ownership of Europe with a candy bar to be named later.

But I'm here with disgruntled veteran Joe Citizen who has just come from negotiations with the current administration. Joe, first of all, how is the arm?

Joe Citizen: It feels good. Howard. Feels great. It's loose. (swings arm, flexes fingers) It's my leg, though.

Cosell: Your leg?

Citizen: Yeah, I get the feeling my leg is being pulled... again and again and again.

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Later tonight on ABC's "Nightline" President Reagan will...

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... say Bull!

Dr. Tom Scheft is an Echo adviser and frequent columnist.

strive to build a strong foundation for black communities to lean on. We are willing to work for a needy cause!

Ms. Denise Middleton
Assistant Secretary of
Swing Phi Swing Social
Fellowship Incorporated

Justice

That Justice is a blind goddess
Is a thing to which we black are wise:
Her bandage hides two festering sores
That once perhaps were eyes.

By Langston Hughes

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