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Remembering a Tragedy

An early morning jog is as American as apple pie. But it cost Kristin Lodge-Miller her life when a man attacked her in broad daylight on Estes Drive and then shot her several times. Lodge-Miller later died of the gunshot wounds. Touched by Lodge-Miller's death and horrified by the decrease in personal safety, some members of the Chapel Hill community want to set up a permanent memorial in her memory. Since the death, people have made a makeshift memorial, by placing wreaths and flowers near the spot where she was shot. The Orange County Women's Center and the Rape Crisis Center have met to discuss proposals for the memorial. Funds for the memorial would be raised through private funds and donations. The idea for a permanent memorial is a good one. It would serve as a constant reminder of the

summer tragedy to the Chapel Hill community and keep us from forgetting that anyone could be a victim of violent crime. It also is refreshing that town residents have not become numb to crime and violence and still emphasize the value of life. Many residents of big cities such as New York, Washington and Los Angeles have become desensitized to murder and other violent crimes. It is important in a relatively small community such as ours not to forget the victims of violent crimes and to remind ourselves constantly of the need to fight crime. In addition to the permanent memorial, residents also should consider setting up an assistance fund in Kristin Lodge-Miller's name for victims of sexual assaults. The two memorials — a physical one and a monetary fund — would be a fitting reminder to help keep the memory of Lodge-Miller alive.

Tar Heel Quotables

"One of the reasons I find this difficult the idea of a resignation in 1995 is the fact that, in my mind and in a lot of people's minds, this is not an issue of individual forgiveness but a question of public trust."

MARY BUSHNELL

Chapel Hill Carrboro Board of Education member
On her decision not to accept board member LaVonda Burnette's offer to resign effective July 1, 1995

"Questions have been raised as to whether or not I can be an effective member of this board — I can."

LAVONDA BURNETTE

Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education member
On her decision not to resign immediately

"To me, it just doesn't seem like home. We played our last few games here, and we're just getting adjusted, but there's no place like Carmichael."

SYLVIA CRAWLEY, UNC women's basketball player

On playing in the Smith Center following Thursday's 77-75 loss to Virginia

"(She's) having a few media problems."

A representative of Bill Graham Presents, the promoters for the NationsBank U.S. Olympic Festival on Ice on why skater Tonya Harding withdrew from the event. Harding's husband and bodyguard are under investigation in connection with an attack on Harding rival Nancy Kerrigan

"What's the use of pretending we're like a

national body that needs checks and balances when we're just a student body distributing funds. (Student Congress is) not a real government in any sense of the word."

Former Student Congress Rep. DAVID BARNES

On his reasons for leaving Student Congress

"The Tar Heel (cologne) box was easily going to be one of the coolest."

PETER KLAMKA, college cologne entrepreneur

On UNC's refusal to grant him permission to market "Tar Heel Fragrance"

"I think he wants to figure out what percentage of people are for or against a BCC, and what the effects of it would be."

Student Congress Rep. PHILIP CHARLES-PIERRE, Dist. 19

On Dist. 11 Rep. Joey Stansbury's bill to survey UNC students' on their feelings about the BCC

"I'm quite used to it, but this time it was especially disappointing. This time I feel like I have a legitimate beef."

CHRIS NICHOLS, UNC senior

On having his registration canceled

"I was just bored one night and decided to check it out. It's not a bunch of naked women running around in negligees. I don't know what I was expecting. It was OK."

Chapel Hill resident MIKE HARRISON

On the addition of the Playboy Channel to Cablevision of Chapel Hill's lineup

EDITORIAL



'Groin Candy' Always a Lovely Rural Delicacy

As I sat draped across the 1966 pea-green plastic booth of the combination Hardee's/inbreeding research center of Newport, Tenn., something very off-kilter happened. Just as I was about to sink my teeth into a succulent Frisco burger, a polite grandmotherly figure, whom we'd seen scrubbing the soiled men's room floor just seconds before, strode up to me. As if on cue from David Lynch, she lifted her bleach-soaked rubber gloves above her head, thrust her hips toward my face and drawled out, "If you can reach in my pocket, honey, you can have you a peppermint." Trying not to choke on my food, I shyly muttered a "No, thank you" to her offering of groin candy. Not wanting to anger any of her kinfolk, I focused my earnest attention across the street on the hock shop's "Gun and Ammo Blow-Out Sale" so that I wouldn't laugh at this well-intentioned woman who obviously owned a "World's Best Grandma" sweatshirt and could probably bake up a pretty mean peanut brittle. Now, I don't mean to single out the fine community of Newport, whose citizens quite obviously keep several manufacturers of hair spray in business as well as provide intricate puzzles for future generations of geneticists. Seems like just about any time you pull off our nation's highways, you run into one of these Norman Rockwell paintings of the Twilight Zone. Your typical Manson Family Mayberry normally has at least one combination gas station and "Kountry Kitchen" lying within spitting distance of the interstate. Buried behind a row of baseball hats with fake bird droppings and just next to the magazine rack stocked full of the latest copies of "Jugs," there lies the rickety entrances to the "restrooms," places that are so stank that no one in their right mind would ever want to rest there. Maybe bury a mafia hit there, but definitely not rest there. The restroom experience at gas stations is

even more of an adventure. It usually involves dragging the key and its accompanying two-by-four to the facilities, which were probably last cleaned as part of LBJ's highway beautification program. Of course, the stained cinder-block walls are normally adorned with an "adult pleasure" vending machine, as if the overpowering stench of urine would somehow arouse the friskier side of men. I guess nothing screams "erotic satisfaction" like the sight of half-corroded, disinfecting urinal cakes. But these little side trips are the fun part of the road-trip experience. Sure, Amtrak guarantees at least one surprise derailment every trip out, but they only jackknife their trains into some backwater "Deliverance" creek. Only in the gas-guzzling, ozone-eating comfort of your own automobile can you transform a cross-country excursion into a "Choose Your Own Adventure" trek. Who's to stop you if you want to see North America's second-biggest Styrofoam totem pole, or visit the site where Elvis Presley ate 12 entire barbecued chickens in 1974? That's your essential God-given right. Stepping off the beaten path is as American as Cheez Whiz and the Clapper. And, let's face it, these pit stops into the stagnating gene pools of rustic Americana are a lot more exciting than the actual act of driving. I only found one real thrill on my last jaunt through the mountains on my way into our very own "Old North State" (soon to be the "I-85 North State" to reflect the loads of cash North Carolina bloats into its highways). This trip's



KEVIN KRUSE
PUBLIC EMBARRASSMENT

little morsel of excitement was a game I like to play called "18-Wheel Hit and Run." Apparently, truck drivers have been given amnesty for all speeding violations in the month of January. These bubbas were screaming down the asphalt in "Road Warrior" packs, throwing caution and a good deal of brake fluid to the wind. When I'm going 80 and I get passed on a mountainous curve by a 16-ton oil tanker truck plastered with "Highly Flammable" stickers, I tend to cringe just a tad. Call it the survivor instinct, or maybe just a desire not to perish in a fiery comet from hell. We all have this cute image of the clean-living, God-fearing trucker, as implanted on our medullas from watching one too many reruns of "B.J. and the Bear." I've never seen any of these upstanding young crusaders. The trucks that blow by me on the highway are adorned with mudflaps with sterling silver silhouettes of preening bikini-clad bimbos and driven by men named Waylon, who like to wear "No Fat Chicks" baseball caps and 5-inch belt buckles with the Confederate flag on 'em. Sure, the company makes him post that "How's My Driving?" sticker on his bumper, but the way he's executing those "Smokey and the Bandit" car-crushing turns, you're too busy trying to maintain bladder control to scribble down his truck number. Hell, if I were to do any writing just then, it would be to jot down a quick last will and maybe some perfunctory burial instructions. This is assuming that, after his semi plowed over my Japanese piece of tin, there actually would be enough left of me to bury. If he even noticed my demolition, he'd probably just wheel off the interstate into a Stuckey's to pry my mangled form out of the cab's grill before he stroled in and got himself a pecan roll. Or, if he was lucky, maybe a peppermint. Kevin Kruse is a senior history major from Nashville, Tenn.

major function each year to raise money for a good cause. It's not possible for the press to always see the whole picture, and I wanted to shed light on a very positive and worthy side of Greek life.

Shannon Bishop
FRESHMAN
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Not All Who Once Supported Burnette Want Her to Stay

TO THE EDITOR:
Several articles have been written this week about the LaVonda Burnette issue. In many, supporters of Ms. Burnette mistakenly assume that everyone who voted for her in November continues to support her. I specifically refer to comments by Al McSurely ("Burnette Plans to Stay on Board," Jan. 10) that "She was elected by 4,100 voters, and she made a contract with those voters." At the school board meeting Monday, which I attended, Ms. Burnette's supporters asked the board not to ignore the 4,811 people who voted for her ("Board to Pursue Recall Measure for Burnette," Jan. 11). I voted for LaVonda Burnette in November, but I no longer support her. The issue is integrity, and Ms. Burnette has displayed a lack of it, and in the process, has broken her contract with me. So do not assume that the 4,811 voters who voted for Ms. Burnette in November continue to support her. The number is at most 4,811 minus one.

Michelle Wilson Poyart
GRADUATE STUDENT
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University Should Mark Presidents Day and MLK Day

TO THE EDITOR:
Once again the spring semester comes upon us in all its Carolina beauty, only to be marred by an administrative oversight. Jan. 17 marks the day of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birth, an occasion celebrated and observed by a national and University holiday. Feb. 21 is Presidents Day, a national holiday in which the nation observes the birth of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. For some unknown reason, the University fails to recognize this occasion as one of importance — therefore, no holiday. Are we celebrating the fact that Martin Luther King Jr. was a great leader, or are we celebrating the fact that he did great things for the advancement of the black race, or are we celebrating the fact that he was black? There is no doubt in any literate mind that King was an incredible leader in the fight for civil rights and the advancement of the black race in American society. His prophecy of peaceful demonstration and resulting support of the masses led to an end of segregation and a beginning of integration. King dramatically changed the course of the country, providing the pathway for a brighter future for all Americans, especially blacks. But are we to conclude that Washington and Lincoln were not great leaders, effectively justifying the celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s holiday and not Presidents Day? George Washington, a general in the Revolutionary War and first president of the United States, led his country to its freedom from England and held it together in its first years as a nation. His leadership influenced the course of this nation in its metamorphosis from a colony to a country. Abraham Lincoln, 16th president of the United States, reestablished the union and signed the Emancipation Proclamation, illegalizing slavery and freeing blacks from the bondage of servitude. His leadership paved the way for future race equality and held an unstable country together. None can deny that these two men were great leaders for this nation, and are duly recognized with a national holiday that UNC continues to ignore. So, with the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, are we celebrating great leadership, or are we celebrating the fact that the leader did great things for the black race, or are we celebrating the fact that he was black? It seems as though the administration, through its method of appeasement, has chosen the last alternative as its basis for celebration; otherwise, both holidays would be recognized by the University. It is time for the University administration, faculty and student body to place merit upon actions and achievements, which come from the inner self. All of

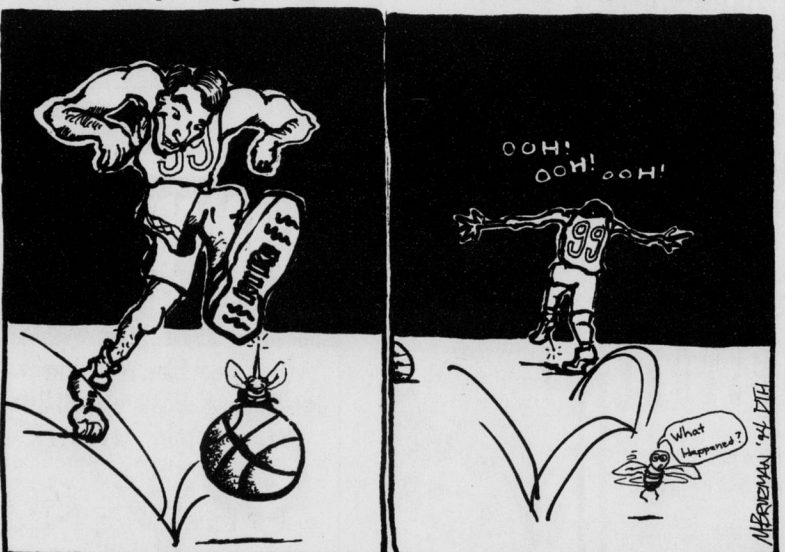
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Shaun Donegan
SENIOR
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Positive Greek Activities Often Go Unnoticed at UNC

TO THE EDITOR:
I am writing because I believe that an important accomplishment in our community is going by unnoticed, and it is one that definitely deserves merit. A unique partnership exists between a fraternity, a sorority and a church here at Chapel Hill. Sigma Nu, Chi Omega and the Chapel of the Cross form the only relationship of this kind in the nation. Together, we have raised over \$60,000 with which we are building a house for Habitat for Humanity. We have worked very hard, and it is discouraging that so often accomplishments of groups within the Greek system go by unnoticed, and I feel that this is an opportunity for the community and student body to see what beneficial things groups within the Greek system do accomplish. We have chosen a site for the house and a family to live in it. The groundbreaking ceremonies were held on Sunday, November 21, and building has officially begun. Ours is not the only positive service work of the Greeks by a long shot. To name a few, Delta Delta Delta sorority has two annual charity bashes that benefit North Carolina cancer patients. Sigma Chi Derby Days is an annual event that involves Sigma Chi fraternity and all of the sororities. It is a week of activities to raise money for children in hospitals within 200 miles of Chapel Hill. Each fraternity and sorority has a



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