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An Insulting Possibility

"The faculty are an essential ingredient to our university, one of the cornerstones of the state's reputation," UNC-system President C.D. Spangler said Monday, and yet in Gov. Jim Hunt's budget proposal, faculty salaries will receive a measly 2 percent increase.

In a budget that proposes "substantial" funding reductions, faculty salaries aren't the only area threatened. A proposed three-year, 30 percent increase in out-of-state tuition and a 3.1 percent in-state increase present cause for concern. An insulting, below-inflation faculty salary increase will bring harmful repercussions.

While the 2 percent increase is a proposal, the UNC-system's General Administration and Board of Governors will not let the N.C. General Assembly push through such legislation without intense lobbying. Unless there is a public outcry, the General Assembly and Gov. Hunt will handicap the progress of this university.

In June, a 2.25 percent increase faculty pay was proposed in the General Assembly. At the time, according to Faculty Council Chairwoman Jane Brown, a pay increase of this size didn't even catch the University up with the inflation

rate. A mere 2 percent increase in salaries is not acceptable as payment for a university employee: faculty or staff. At the faculty level, it is likely that professors will be lured away to other institutions offering competitive salaries. For staff, such a minimal raise is little more than insulting.

If this university hopes to promote a positive image to potential faculty and maintain competitiveness by retaining faculty, then at least an index-linked, 3.5 percent increase is necessary. An increase that is not even in line with the cost of living undermines the reputation the University has strived to create.

D.G. Martin, the UNC system's vice president of public affairs and chief lobbyist, has a hard task ahead that will require support from the faculty, administration and BOG. It is crucial that we, as a University community, present a united front to the General Assembly.

The final budget likely will not be determined until June. Between now and then, it is essential that the faculty of our 16 campus system come together and work with the BOG to ensure that their numbers are not diminished by this time next year by embarrassing pay increases.

RHA Needs Random Diversity Plan

An integral part of everyone's college experience is having the opportunity to meet new and different people while living on campus. Since all freshmen are required to live on campus, they should be getting this exposure and reaping the benefits of a more complete college experience. The Racial Diversity Plan, started several years ago by the Residence Hall Association and the Department of University Housing, is a small step toward ensuring that diversity exists on North Campus and South Campus, but it is far from enough to create a truly diverse living atmosphere on campus.

As things stand now, the South Campus population is predominantly African American. The Racial Diversity Plan gives African Americans living on South Campus the opportunity to move to North Campus or Mid Campus by setting aside rooms in these areas for students who want to move. This program is simply not aggressive enough to address the full range of self-segregation problems on campus. Simply setting rooms aside and hoping people will move into them is not enough. The numbers speak for themselves. The number of African Americans

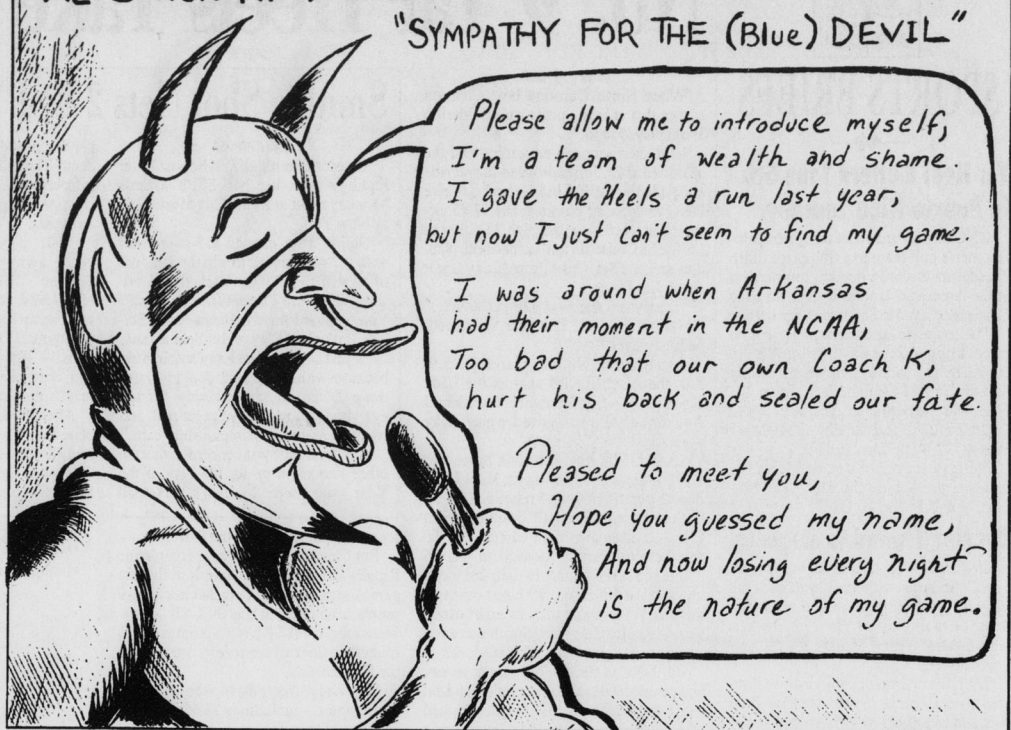
living in residence halls like Lewis and Manly since 1990 has risen only a few percentage points. In Grimes, the percentage of African-American residents has actually dropped since 1990.

The RHA and the housing department should take a good look at the existing program and aim toward improving it instead of just letting it hobble along. The ultimate goal of a diversity program such as this one should be to create a better mix of students on both extremes of campus, not just to move African Americans to North Campus.

The Racial Diversity Plan is far from a failure, as shown by its success in residence halls such as Winston, Ruffin and Alexander, but it is only a beginning. If the University is serious about creating a campus community where segregation is absent, then drastic steps must be taken from the beginning. The housing department should be more involved in the randomizing of all residence hall assignments freshman year.

The small measure of success achieved by this program should not lead to complacency but to further desegregation, or randomization. If we can't even live together, how can we get along?

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"SYMPATHY FOR THE (BLUE) DEVIL"

Please allow me to introduce myself, I'm a team of wealth and shame. I gave the Heels a run last year, but now I just can't seem to find my game. I was around when Arkansas had their moment in the NCAA, Too bad that our own Coach K, hurt his back and sealed our fate. Pleased to meet you, Hope you guessed my name, And now losing every night is the nature of my game.

Professor Urges Hall to Clarify Views on Jews, Blacks

Dear Professor Hall: In our previous dealings together as faculty colleagues, I have always seen you as a person of good will and good faith. I was therefore very surprised and saddened to read some of your remarks Jan. 26 about Jews, the slave trade and the Nation of Islam, as reported in The Daily Tar Heel. I would like to think that those remarks do not represent your deeply held convictions; at the very least I think it's necessary to share a different perspective with you and with the campus as a whole.

I have no quarrel with your religious commitments, and I cannot speak to the merits of your tenure case. I leave those matters to your conscience and your department, respectively. As an historian and a colleague, however, I am deeply disturbed by your comments about Jews and black Americans, and feel strongly that someone should set the record straight.

If you were misquoted, I hope you will join me in doing so. If you were not, I do hope you will rethink your suggestions and withdraw them. The fact that your interview appeared on the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz only underscores for me the urgency of rejecting inflammatory half-truths that still contribute so much to anti-Semitism and its long record of horror.

The Atlantic slave trade flourished for about four centuries and eventually brought as many as 12,000,000 men, women and children into brutal enslavement in the Western Hemisphere. Without a doubt, it was one of the greatest crimes in human history, and it happened be-

cause thousands of otherwise ordinary settlers, businessmen, sea captains, colonial administrators, tribal leaders and others thought of it as a profitable business like any other. In the vortex of evil that the slave trade created, virtually no human group in the Atlantic world was untouched by guilt.

Participants in slavery and the slave trade included Protestants, Catholics, Muslims, English, Spaniards, Portuguese, Dutch, Arabs, Native Americans and West Africans themselves. Included within this vast rogues' gallery were a handful of Jews who succumbed to the same temptations as their Christian and Muslim neighbors.

By itself, this fact is meaningless and unsurprising. It would be far more surprising if no Jews had dabbled in this popular activity which had swept up so many others.

Measured beside the involvement of Christians, Muslims and the adherents of traditional West African religions, the involvement of Jews in the slave trade was minuscule. Why then do you or the Nation of Islam feel called upon to "draw attention to Jewish involvement in the slave trade"? Why encourage the false idea that there was something unusually sinister about this historical footnote, unless it would be to inflame ethnic tension between Jews and blacks today?

The same goes for your reference to "how Jewish merchants enrich themselves in black communities." It is no secret that millions of black Americans are economically disadvan-

taged, and there are undoubtedly many figures who enrich themselves at black expense. Some of these may be Jews, but most are corporations which have no religion at all.

In that context, to single out Jewish merchants as if they were uniquely guilty for the economic exploitation of blacks is worse than false; it is defamatory.

There can be no moral apologies for the slave trade. Any historical figure connected to it merits all the condemnation that you or anyone else may bring to bear. But to single out the minor actions of a marginal group while ignoring the barbarities committed by the majority can serve no valid historical purpose. Instead, it fairly raises questions about the good faith of those who do so.

As the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz should remind us all that the crimes of the Holocaust are not yet remote.

Any half-truths or insinuations which might serve to reinforce or perpetuate the venom that created that hellhole should be rejected by everybody, particularly by scholars like you and me, whose profession commits us to a respect for empirical evidence and its fair-minded interpretation.

In that spirit, I earnestly ask you to join with me and other responsible scholars in condemning the miserable canard that African Americans have something special to fear from the activities of Jews today, or something special to resent about the "Jewish involvement in the slave trade."

Harry Watson is a professor of history.

Random Ticket Distribution A Better Plan for All Students

TO THE EDITOR: This letter is in response to the Adam Davis' column of Feb. 9 ("CAA Distribution Too Random: Here's the Davis Plan"). His column indicated that he does not believe that a random ticket distribution is how the CAA should distribute tickets for the basketball games. He believes that camping out shows that someone is a true fan and tickets should still be distributed in this way. I disagree.

I am a graduate student here at Carolina. This means that I pay the same athletic fee as you do. This also means that I am just as entitled to tickets as you are. However, I do not have endless hours to spend camping out so that the CAA and Carolina can show the world how dedicated our students are. I would like to attend the basketball games, as would many other Carolina students who may work full or part-time in addition to our studies. We deserve these tickets just as much as you (and countless others who agree with you). Last year, friends and I were convinced that students were missing classes in order to camp out. That is ludicrous. This university's first mission is to teach, not to have its students attend basketball games.

The distribution you described is used in distributing tickets to concerts, as well. It works quite well. Why should anyone risk sickness, frostbite, etc., for the chance to see a basketball game, concert, etc., that they want to see? You assume that those that camp out are more dedicated than others. This is completely false. They just have more time than others because they are not working, or may not have an exam the next week, or some other reason. This does not mean that they don't enjoy a good basketball game as much as you do.

Next time you criticize the distribution of basketball tickets, Mr. Davis, remember that EVERY OTHER STUDENT, regardless of what they know about Carolina basketball, is just as entitled to a ticket as you, since they pay the same athletic fee as you do.

CAA Botched Distribution of Tickets for Senior Duke Game

TO THE EDITOR: On the day that this letter is being written, we are proud to announce that there will be a new CAA president. We say this because we are fully confident that he will do a better job than his predecessors, who completely boondoggled the distribution of tickets for the Senior Game against Duke.

How do we know this? Because the seats that we received are in the upper stratosphere of the Dean Dome. It defies all logic that people who braved the cold for the last four years camping for tickets would get worse seats — On Senior

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Game Mind You — than those who do not have seniority. It leaves a bitter taste in our mouths to know that OUR last basketball game as undergraduates can be seen from only two miles away. Personally, it is a slap in the face that we got such bad seats, and grant you this, we are not alone. Many seniors got shafted when it came to getting seats for the game. To reiterate, this is senior game, OUR LAST GAME, and we should have been shown the proper courtesy and been given much better seats than those who have not put in their four years of tuition and education.

Considering our desire to have this letter printed, we were not fully able to express our disgust with the current, soon to be former, CAA co-presidents. Thank God for elections.

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Matthew Guma
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Barometer About Coors Took A Closed-Minded Approach

TO THE EDITOR: For every other time that I have written a response to the DTH on something I took offense to, my disagreement has been over the logic behind an idea being presented. Today on the other hand is a different situation. This time my disagreement is on how the DTH personally attacked my world view. By this assertion I refer specifically to the statement in Thursday's BAROMETER that read, "We don't want to hear your Christian testimonial."

Granted I didn't go to see Mr. Coors (the person to whom the quotation was directed) speak Thursday night in the Great Hall, but neither that nor the content of his talk are the issues. The issue also is not the level of biased reporting in the DTH, nor is it the lack of tact that was displayed by this statement. The issue at hand is a matter of approach, and more specifically an approach to learning.

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Casey at the Bank

Things were looking rosy for big Mudville, Inc. that year. They had bought another station and were selling loads of beer. So when the season ended with a strike, "Hey, that's a shame! But this is business," said the owners, "not some sweet and childish game."

When the owners dug their heels in, and the players did the same, A strange and awful hush fell over students of the game. With all the talk of contracts, of bottom line and loss, It could be more than revenue this baseball strike has cost.

Kids are playing soccer, when you tell 'em, "Let's play ball!" They strap on gaudy sneakers and go dribble in some hall. Willy's now a killer whale, and Mickey's just a mouse; DiMaggio, some guy named Joe, who sold coffee house to house.

Oh, somewhere on some future day a dad might take his son To the ballpark for a hot dog (that's eight bucks with the bun). The kid will watch a hero sign a baseball for a fee, And ask his aging father, "Mighty Casey? Who is he?"

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