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## Chase 2: Rebels Without a Space

The equal and opposite reaction to an expanding world is contracting space. Not only on a national scale, in terms of cities that seem to get tighter and more cramped as they expand, but even on a local scale here at UNC.

As the University seeks to expand the space and resources available to the ROTC, and to the entire University community in general, more than 20 student groups that are using the upper floor of Chase will be asked to make some sacrifices.

If these groups care at all about the University community, they will patiently work with the University Reservationist's office to find space for all during the year-long transition without the rumored sit-ins and protests.

Chase 2, which is located above Chase dining hall on South Campus, is an important space for student groups to meet for several reasons, primarily because there are few areas that size available elsewhere on campus. Apart from the Carmichael Ballroom and the Great Hall, there are virtually no regularly reservable performance-size rooms.

The area, particularly Chase lounge and Upendo Lounge, provides valuable meeting space for campus groups, and office space for the Air Force branch of the ROTC program.

Nevertheless, the fact is that the plan to use Chase 2 as a headquarters for the entire ROTC program for the next year will benefit everyone in the end.

Once the campus Armory, the current space utilized for part of the ROTC program, is renovated, the whole program can be consolidated there, thus moving the Air Force ROTC out of its current space in Chase 2.

Sacrificing Chase Lounge to the homeless Army and Navy ROTC for a year will, in the end, yield these benefits for the entire student body.

### Expanded Seconds, Please! Service

At the end of the year, when the entire ROTC moves back to the Armory, there will be enough space to expand dining service options. With 60 percent of Seconds, Please! users chomping down at Chase, an expansion is desperately needed.

### More Classroom Space and Expanded Housing Service Space

The use of Chase 2 by the ROTC over the next year is key to clearing out the Carr building for use in consolidating chemistry and biology classes in one building, and expanding available classroom space on campus.

Housing, which is currently located in the Carr building, would be moved to the upper floor of Chase once Air Force ROTC leaves, and expanded, thus opening up the needed space in the Carr Building for classrooms and allowing housing to expand.

### A Consolidated, More Cost-Effective

## Speak Your Mind

This Saturday, students have a chance to give input to some of the most motivated teachers on campus.

With the current controversy about the "intellectual atmosphere" on our campus and the part that student and faculty miscommunication plays in it, students should not miss out on the chance to address the group of professors that are most likely to listen to what they have to say.

The Chapman Faculty Fellows is sponsoring its first biannual conference on teaching at UNC. The faculty fellows all received their positions after students recommended them for their teaching prowess.

They will meet all day Saturday, in a series of panel discussions and question-answer sessions, to discuss teaching as public service.

However, only one student will sit on a panel during the day-long conference. Students should make a point of calling the Institute for the Arts

### ROTC Program

Housing the entire ROTC program together, first in Chase, and then later in the Armory, will save the University time and money, as these programs can now share the same resources.

### Extra Space for the Groups That Are Complaining

With the entire ROTC program out of the way, and no longer in need of classroom space, student group meeting space would be greatly expanded.

In the early stages of the debate over the use of the space, Associate Provost Marilyn Yarbrough said she had no idea that Chase 2, as the area is designated, was used regularly by student groups. It was later found that there was no way she could have known; these groups have run rampant this space for quite some time.

A call to the University Reservationist's office would reveal nothing, as the BSM, according to Yarbrough, simply secured its own key and bypassed the office, often letting other groups in as well.

While groups like Pauper Players, Company Carolina, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and BSM subgroups like the Ebony Readers do make regular reservations for the Chase 2 rooms, the system oftentimes is abused.

These same groups now seem to think they have some sort of traditional claim to the area. According to Yarbrough, "there is no such thing" as a traditional claim.

The fact is that when the ROTC moves in temporarily next year, these groups will not be thrown out, they will simply have one less lounge to make use of, as only Chase lounge will be used for the expansion.

The Upendo Lounge will still be free for student group use.

Student groups must realize that this is not a meanspirited attempt to discriminate against them, but a necessary move on the part of the administration to attack the space problem on campus.

By turning in the "floating key", working with the reservationist's office to reserve space, and planning their scheduling ahead of time so as to take advantage of the "free for all" two week sign-up period at the beginning of each semester, every student group should have the opportunity to reserve ample space for their organization in an organized manner.

Once the ROTC moves in, administrators must also do their part by working with the reservationist's office to help any displaced groups find more meeting space on campus.

If administrators and student group leaders work together in a peaceful, organized way, they will both be able to do what they want, and need, to continue making our university a much better place.

and Humanities at 962-0249 and registering for the conference, which is free and open to the public.

More students in the audience will offset the lack of students on the panels. And students and teachers alike could benefit tremendously from a visible and vocal student presence at the conference.

The goal of Saturday's conference is to further our understanding of teaching in the community.

And if students, who form the foundation of our community, aren't represented at the conference, what will we learn?

It's as simple as picking up the phone to register, and spending half a Saturday in the Union.

The faculty fellows are ready to listen to students; so students should make sure to show up Friday and ask them the hard questions about teaching that need to be asked.



## Di-Phi Society Celebrates 200 Years of Tradition

The chandeliers dimmed late one Monday evening. The sound of harsh filtered breathing echoed throughout the chambers, providing a counterpoint to the challenge issued by Jonathan "Vader" Sauls. President "Skywalker" Terranova picked up the gauntlet and met his nemesis on the battlefield with lightsaber extended. President Terranova emerged from the conflict victorious and exiled the vanquished Senator Sauls to the "Back Bench of the Phi" for the rest of the semester.

This incident is but one of many that have graced the halls of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies since their inception in 1795. The Joint Senate of the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies are modeled after the North Carolina House of Representatives. From these beginnings sprang the title that every member of the societies carries with pride, senator.

The history of the Societies is as illustrious and almost as old as the University itself: Founded in a dorm room on June 3, 1795, the Debating Society pledged to "promote useful knowledge and to cultivate a lasting friendship with each other which shall not be forgotten when they meet in the serious business of life." Scant months after its birth, the Debating Society split into two organizations over ideological differences. These two groups, the Di and the Phi, were extremely competitive and turned nearly everything into a contest. One of the most notable results of these competitions is the largest private portrait collection in the Southeast. These portraits, which still hang in the Societies' chambers and in numerous buildings on campus, portray either honored members or ideological heroes of the societies.

Another famous competition between the societies was the building of private libraries. The result was the accumulation of over ten thousand volumes in each society library. These books were later given as an endowment gift to the University and hence, every bookplate in the University libraries bears the full name of the library: "The Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill endowed by the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies." This tradition of giving books lives on in the societies today. Every senior who graduates from the societies

receives a diploma from his or her society and in return, he or she donates a book to the Joint Senate Library. Selections have ranged from "The Lorax" to "Macbeth."

The societies, or "Di-Phi" are steeped in tradition. For instance, every Halloween at midnight, the Joint Senate convenes at our gravesites in the old cemetery on campus to pay homage to those senators who have come before us.

Two other traditions that form cornerstones in a new senator's education on the societies are the division of the North Carolina into two distinct halves and the "McCorkle Place Ban." These two traditions have enormous effects upon the life of a senator at UNC. The division of North Carolina into two halves, East and West, determines which society a petitioner is allowed to join. All petitioners from the east of Orange County must petition the Phi and those from the west must petition the Di; all petitioners from out-of-state and Orange County are still given the option to choose. Legends state that this system was developed in the 1850s because duels were being fought over which society a freshman with the most potential would join. While the contest for these petitioners is not as deadly as it once was, it allows for the type of inter-societal competition that still defines the societies to this day.

The McCorkle Place Ban also affects senators, but on a more daily basis. Senators are forbidden to set foot on the grass in Silent Sam's section of the quad. President Caldwell is buried there, and in respect to him and for fear of accidentally treading on his grave, traffic is restricted to the brick pathways. Senators are allowed, however, to walk on the grass under one condition... SNOW. Snowball fights are permitted on McCorkle Place.

Other major contributions of the societies range from the creations of the Honor Court to the yearbook. The Di and Phi also instituted student government, the Mangum Medal, which is the oldest chancellor's award, and the White and Blue, the Societies' literary magazine. Perhaps the most recognizable impact of the societies on the University are the school colors, Phil-

anthropic White and Dialectic Blue. The societies have also contributed to the University's esteem by turning out its share of famous alumni. Some of our most famous alumnus senators include Senator James Polk (Di), Thomas Wolfe (Di), Senator Samuel Ervin Jr. (Di), Governor John Morehead (Di), Governor Zebulon Vance (Di), Vice President William King (Phi), General James Pettigrew (Phi), Governor William Umstead (Phi) and Thomas Kenan (Phi).

The meetings of the Joint Senate start with the debate program for the evening. Recent debate topics have been "Resolved: A higher tobacco tax should be levied," "Resolved: The original sketch of a master painter is better than the finished product" and "Resolved: Barney the Dinosaur is a threat to the emotional stability of America's youth." A short session of business and reports of officers and committee heads follows the program. The final and most popular portion of the meeting is "Papers, Petitions, Memorials and Addresses." During this time, senators may present original compositions, speak on a topic that they wish to share with the societies, or read from a treasured work. It is also during this time that petitioning speeches to either society are accepted. Lastly, every senator who has spoken (and sometimes unsuspecting guests who have spoken that evening) is critiqued by the resident expert in oratory: the Joint Senate Critic.

The meeting then adjourns and the senators either congregate in the Philanthropic Chamber or in a Franklin Street establishment of choice to discuss the past week's events or even to continue disagreements over the evening's program. Meetings of the Joint Senate are held every Monday evening that classes are in session at 7:30 in 300 New West Hall (the Dialectic Chamber). All are welcome.

The meetings can stretch anywhere from two to 10 hours, which conforms to Thomas Wolfe's musings upon the societies: "My God! How they talked!"

Dan Dzara is a junior biology major from Cary and is president of the Phi Society. Kim Hemmer is a freshman English education major from Raleigh and is president pro tempore of the Phi Society.

## Spangler's Actions More Questionable Than His Money

TO THE EDITOR:

Alright, Mr. J. Edgar Williams ("Spangler Article Based Upon 'Hypothetical Ramblings,'" March 31), try this on for size: I'll give you a much better reason to be wary of C. D. Spangler than William Dees' so-called "hypothetical ramblings." My argument comes in two stages — first, an appetizer, then the real beef I have with Mr. Spangler.

Just as a warm-up, I'd like to say that I agree with the gist of the March 22 DTH article ("Balancing Books and Bucks"). The fact that there are no specific instances where Mr. Spangler's business interests have clearly jeopardized his role as administrator, does not change the principle of the thing.

He's the richest man in the state, with well over half a billion dollars at his disposal. Let's just do a quick reality check here. How many small countries would that buy?

Now, is it a sin to be wealthy? Certainly not. And being a graduate student, I can well appreciate the sensibility of being frugal. But what is Mr. Spangler planning to do with his \$615 million? Why, I bet I could squeeze by if I had only a measly \$15 million of that ... What do you think?

This is not to downplay the credit that Mr. Spangler deserves if he is as large a benefactor to the University as I would imagine. Admittedly, I am quite ignorant of exact figures. But knowing, as I do, that money certainly is one of the most important forms of power in the world today, I find it inexcusable for any man of good and clear conscience to amass such an outrageous fortune for himself.

The potential positive change that Mr. Spangler could single-handedly bring about in any one of dozens of problem areas — local, national, & global — is staggering to consider. And no, I doubt seriously if my business skills (or my administrative abilities, for that matter) hold a candle to Mr. Spangler's.

But given his wider experience in financial matters, the wisdom which this has brought to him and the great awareness that Mr. Spangler surely must have of all the world's woes, isn't



## READERS' FORUM

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there a bit more that he could be doing with all his money? And I don't mean corporate buy-outs, either!

And now for the old one-two. The first part of my beef with C. D. Spangler is something a friend was keen to point out to me. Notice the title that precedes Mr. Spangler's name. Yes, it is 'Mr.' rather than 'Dr.' That's because Mr. Spangler has an MBA, if I'm not mistaken, and not a doctorate. Once again, there's nothing shameful about this, in and of itself. And by the same token, the holding of a doctorate does not automatically place one in a higher sphere than ordinary humanity. Nonetheless, I'm sure there are many who would feel more confident along with me, to know that the president of N.C.'s entire 16-branch University system had a Doctorate rather than an MBA. Because when it does come down to substance, I believe that these degrees signify different achievements entirely.

But let's get to the real nitty-gritty, the bone I've been wanting to pick with Mr. Spangler for nearly two years now. For those who are not familiar with UNC-Asheville, I will mention that it is an outstanding liberal arts institution, located in the beautiful Appalachian Mountains of the western part of the state. It is my alma mater, and truly, my stay at UNC-A helped as much to unfold my heart as it did to enrich my

mind.

My years at UNC-A would have been even better, however, had Mr. Spangler not enacted the political power play that ousted Chancellor Samuel Schuman from office in 1993. In a decision and series of events that stirred the whole campus, and struck most of us as unjust and entirely unwarranted, Mr. Spangler asked Chancellor Schuman for his resignation. I mean, out of the clear blue! Of course, insisted would be a more appropriate word here than "asked," but why be picky?

Now what was Mr. Spangler's reason for firing Sam Schuman? Well, Mr. Spangler explains it as a "difference in vision over the future of the university" (this is not an exact quote — just very close).

Those of us who know better realize that we should translate this statement to read something like: "Dr. Schuman is not a woman, and besides, he doesn't agree with my idea to throw open UNC-A's doors to the general public." Anyone who wants to question me on this should instead sit back and watch UNC-A's enrollment steadily climb (soar?) in the next few years. But if you talk to the students, faculty, and staff at UNC-A, I think you'll find that the majority would prefer just the sort of campus that Chancellor Schuman had in mind ... before he was fired.

The current chancellor of UNC-A is a woman. And just so folks don't breathe too much fire at me, I'll add that I'm sure she's doing an exceptional job and is more than adequately qualified for her position.

That's not the issue. She was one of two women out of the three final candidates, however, and man I gotta tell you — that poor third candidate ... He didn't stand a chance!

By the way, UNC-Greensboro just got a new chancellor, and for anyone not in the know, it shouldn't be real hard to guess her gender. I don't think I need to say anything else. You draw your own conclusions.

Oh, there is one more thing: About those metaphors ... I happen to be a vegetarian, just in case anyone was wondering.

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